

Monday, October 4, 2010

The regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Commissioners was called to order on Monday, October 4, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the regular place of meeting at the Courthouse, Winnemucca, Nevada. Those present were Chairman Chuck Giordano, Commissioners Garley Amos Jr., Dan Cassinelli (arrived at 9:02 a.m.), Tom Fransway and Mike Bell, Deputy District Attorney Angie Elquist, Administrator Bill Deist and Clerk of the Board Tami Rae Spero.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ON CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 REGULAR MEETING AND THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 REGULAR MEETING.:

The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed with Chairman Giordano and Commissioners Amos, Fransway and Bell voting aye and Commissioner Cassinelli being absent:

To approve minutes of September 7, 2010.

The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed with Chairman Giordano and Commissioners Amos, Fransway and Bell voting aye and Commissioner Cassinelli being absent:

To approve the minutes of September 20, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Giordano asked for public comments. None were offered.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were presented under the consent agenda by Administrator Deist for the Board's review/action:

1. Ratification of Chairman's signature on Amendment to the contract with Nevada Department of Transportation for the Jungo Road Project: A copy of a letter and the amendment were attached for the Board's review; the amendment increased the ARRA money for the project; to keep things moving the Chairman had previously signed the amendment.

Commissioner Fransway asked that a letter be sent to NDOT thanking them for their assistance and cooperation; the Board concurred. The following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

To approve the consent agenda as presented.

SOLID WASTE MATTERS: Administrator Deist stated that he had nothing on this item.

PUBLIC LANDS PLANNING MATTERS & FORMULATION OF COUNTY POSITION ON BLM, FOREST SERVICE AND THE FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PROPOSED

ACTIONS: Administrator Deist stated that he had nothing on this item.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS: Administrator Deist noted that the annual Nevada Association of Counties meeting was upcoming and reminded the Commission about registration dates; he indicated that following discussion at the last meeting he had contacted Assemblyman Goicoechea to express the Commission's desires with relation to an amendment to SB 6 related to the physicals for volunteer firemen and the Assemblyman had indicated he would submit the requested amendment. Administrator Deist noted that a copy of a reply from the District Attorney's office related to ATV issues had been provided to the Board for review; he stated that a meeting had occurred with Brian Walters regarding the landfill well project and that he will be submitting a proposal for the Board's review and that he is continuing to attempt to obtain information regarding other wells in the area. Upcoming meetings and dates of importance were noted. Chairman Giordano asked that the ATV issue be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS REGARDING OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

THEY SERVE ON: No reports offered.

QUARTERLY INSPECTION OF THE ADULT DETENTION FACILITY - COMMISSIONER

AMOS: It was noted that Commissioner Amos would be conducting the inspection in the afternoon.

CLAIMS FOR EXPENDITURES OF COUNTY FUNDS: The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To approve the claims for expenditures of County funds.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN UGALDE TO THE QUINN RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PER NRS 548:283: A copy of a letter signed by the Janice Fallert, District Secretary for the Quinn River Conservation District requesting that the Commission re-appoint John Ugalde to the Board of Supervisors was provided to the Commission for review. Administrator Deist referred the Board to the letter of request and recommended that the appointment be made as requested. The following motion was made by Commissioner Cassinelli and passed unanimously:

To appoint John Ugalde to the Quinn River Conservation District Board.

CONFIRMATION OF AIRPORT BOARD'S ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2010 ADOPTING

REVISED WINNEMUCCA AIRPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS: A copy of the proposed Winnemucca Municipal Airport Rules and Regulations for the Management, Operation and Use of the Airport Property and Facilities for September 2010 were provided to the Board for review. City Manager Steve West and Airport Board Chairman Leon Franklin appeared before the Board. Commissioner Fransway

disclosed that he is an aircraft owner and a lease holder at the Winnemucca Airport. Manager West gave a brief overview of the document and the process for creating the document including the adoption of the document by the Airport Board on September 13, 2010. Mr. Franklin offered comment on the changes made in the document. Chairman Giordano asked for questions from the Commissioners. Commissioner Fransway stated that he could not support the document as written as there are items contained in the document the he believes are contrary to the promotion of the airport, that are intrusive and that increase the City's liability; he noted that if the items are being included in accordance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Regulations it is not mentioned in the document and it needs to be and suggested that a joint meeting be held with the Airport Board to review the document. Discussion ensued regarding items included in the document. Manager West commented that these rules and regulations in this format have been adopted by numerous airports across the country and that the regulations do not supercede any FAA regulations; he continued stating that one of the things this document seeks to do is protect the City and County from liability and commented on the amount of time the Airport Board spent discussing the document prior to approval. Commissioner Fransway commented on additional items in the document. Commissioner Bell asked if legal counsel had reviewed the document. Manager West stated that the City Attorney had reviewed the document and that it had been ratified by the City Council at their last meeting. Commissioner Fransway commented on the need to make the public aware that these changes are occurring and the implications of the changes; he offered comment on the need of the Board to discuss their concerns with the Airport Board at a public meeting. Heather McCoy, a pilot with planes and hangers at the airport, offered comment on her concerns regarding the proposed rules and regulations; she encouraged the Commission to delay action on the proposed rules and regulations and to hold a joint meeting with the Airport Board and City Council to determine what the vision is for the airport. Commissioner Cassinelli stated he did not mind looking at it but he encouraged pilots to attend the Airport Board meetings as that is where it is suppose to be done, not at a Commission meeting. Commissioner Bell stated that it seemed in order to meet regarding the issue. Chairman Giordano suggested that it would be a three way meeting. Commissioner Cassinelli asked who would take the lead on airport issues, the City or the County. Manager West stated that the City takes the lead. Commissioner Fransway offered a suggestion for a sign to be posted at the airport and agreed with Commissioner Bell on the need to meet. Manager West stated that could be done. Chairman Giordano stated that a vote was not required, that the City would take the lead and set everything up. Manager West stated he would work with the County Administrator on determining a date that would work for everybody. Discussion occurred regarding comments to the Airport Board prior to the meeting; Commissioner Fransway

commented that would be an additional restriction, that comments should just be made at the meeting. Commissioner Cassinelli suggested that plenty of time be scheduled for the meeting.

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTATION REGARDING OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR A CONFERENCE IN MASSACHUSETTS OCTOBER 28-30, 2010 PER COUNTY TRAVEL

POLICY: District Judge Richard A. Wagner and Assistant Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Craig Tippins appeared before the Board. Chairman Giordano commented on the County's Travel Policy with regards to providing information to the Commission as to what is going on in the different departments. Judge Wagner commented on an issue with travel vouchers for the Juvenile Department and a discussion he had with the Chairman regarding separation of powers and that once a budget for the Department was approved additional approval was not required; he stated that he would be happy to provide information to the Commission about the activities but they are not here to obtain permission. Chairman Giordano agreed that this was for informational purposes only. Judge Wagner stated that the vouchers had been held up and he wanted to make sure that did not happen again. Judge Wagner discussed the conference that would be attended by Juvenile staff with regards to Guardian Ad Litem specialized training; he discussed the use of Guardian Ad Litem locally. Officer Tippins commented on the fact that this training is specialized and the need for ongoing training for staff to maintain their peace officer status. Discussion occurred regarding that training occurs annually, the need for travel of Guardian Ad Litem out of state on occasion, the number of Guardian Ad Litem, the benefits of the program and the Department's awareness of budget issues. Chairman Giordano and Commissioner Fransway thanked the Judge for appearing before the Commission and providing the information.

POSSIBLY JOINING COALITION OF GOVERNMENTS WITH PAYMENT LIMITED TO THE

RUBY PIPELINE APPEAL: A copy of an e-mail offering the opportunity for the Commission to join the Coalition of Governments by paying the minimum requirement of \$1,000.00 with the membership being limited to the Ruby Pipeline appeal only was provided to the Board for review. Administrator Deist explained that the Coalition of Governments was a Wyoming organization and the appeal was being brought by Lincoln County, Wyoming. Chairman Giordano explained that this issue had been discussed in Salt Lake City at the meeting he had attended regarding the Ruby Pipeline project and he felt it best to bring it the Board for a decision. Discussion occurred regarding the purpose of the appeal, the potential that the appeal could delay or stop the project and that the appeal came out of the decision by El Paso Gas to negotiate with Western Watershed. Commissioner Fransway commented on the benefit of this pipeline project for Humboldt County, the Country and the west and offered comment on his belief that Humboldt County should

not become involved with this appeal. Chairman Giordano commented on his feeling that there are very few Counties that are willing to go along with the appeal and his concerns regarding additional costs if the matter proceeds. John Falen offered his comments regarding the Commission being on the right track and questioning what the County would hope to gain by joining the coalition and the risk of jeopardizing the gaining of tax dollars in the community; he also commented on the agreement made with WWP and how the Public Lands Council has dealt with the issue. Commissioner Bell stated that the County should not be a part of anything that could delay or stop the project. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

That Humboldt County decline joining the Coalition of Governments relative to the Ruby Pipeline Project appeal.

SET TO PUBLIC HEARING THE GENERAL FEE ORDINANCE: The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

To set to public hearing the general fee ordinance.

PLANNING MATTERS: Betty Lawrence, Senior Planning Technician for the Planning Department, appeared before the Board.

LP-10-06 - A final approval of division of land into large parcel map submitted by Desert Mountain Surveying as agent for Blue Sky Acquisitions, LLC to divide property located approximately 6.5 miles southwest of Valmy, Section 9, T33N, R42E, M.D.B. & M. into 15 lots; APN #007-451-09: Provided to the Board for review was a copy of the Planning Department memorandum and staff report recommending approval, a copy of maps of the area and a copy of the Regional Planning Commission meeting minutes for July 8, 2010 at which the division was approved. John Milton III, of Desert Mountain Surveying appeared before the Board. Mrs. Lawrence reviewed the application including jurats required and recommended approval. Mr. Milton addressed the Board regarding the request. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Amos and passed unanimously:

To approve the division of land into large parcel map submitted by Desert Mountain Surveying for Blue Sky Acquisitions, LLC, section 9, T33N, R42E into fifteen lots, Assessor's parcel 007-451-09.

ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY: A copy of the proposed proclamation was provided to the Board for review. Joann Casalez the Director for the Winnemucca Domestic Violence Shelter appeared before the Board. Commissioner Amos read the proposed proclamation. Mrs. Casalez

spoke in support of approving the proclamation and invited the Commission to view the renovated house being used by the group and to attend the vigil on October 9th. The following motion was made by Commissioner Bell and passed unanimously:

To adopt this resolution declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Humboldt County.

(Proclamation No. 10-04-10)

REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY REGARDING COUNSEL FOR THE COMMISSION AND POSSIBLE SELECTION OF COUNSEL:

Deputy District Attorney Angie Elquist appeared before the Board and offered a report from District Attorney Russell Smith. Deputy District Attorney Elquist stated that District Attorney Smith had spoken to John Doyle and he had indicated that he could cover the County Commission meetings for the same price as Kent Maher so District Attorney Smith said that if he was unable to attend a meeting due to Court it would either be Mr. Doyle or Mr. Maher that would appear. Commissioner Fransway and Commissioner Bell confirmed that it would be one or the other; Deputy District Attorney Elquist stated yes. Chairman Giordano clarified that this would be until January 1; Deputy District Attorney Elquist stated that was the understanding. The following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway:

In the absence of legal counsel from the District Attorney's Office the Commission approves the District Attorney offering counsel to either Mr. Kent Maher or Mr. John Doyle until December 31 of the this year.

After discussion the Chairman called the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION BY MIKE STREMLER, CHAIRMAN PERSHING COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY CREATING A SIMILAR COMMITTEE:

Mike Stremler, Chairman Pershing County Natural Resources Advisory Committee appeared before the Board. Mr. Stremler explained what the purpose of the committee is in Pershing County including the Natural Resources Plan set to be adopted in Pershing County, the coordination with the BLM on a government to government basis, the difference between coordinate and cooperate, the reason to have a Natural Resources Plan within a County, who makes up the committee, his work in reviewing and acting on the BLM's Resource Management Plan (RMP) and comments related to the RMP. Administrator Deist commented on the comments made and submitted by the Commissioners regarding the RMP and the County's involvement in the development of the plan. Mr. Stremler continued his comments regarding the RMP. Floyd Rathbun offered comment on the coordination to resolve

inconsistencies with the RMP and SB40 plans and issues with property rights and water rights in other counties. Mr. Stremler continued discussing lack of consideration regarding water rights within the RMP and stated his position advocating that Humboldt County put a committee together noting that it would not cost the County anything to put the committee together but that better information would be provided through the committee to the Commission. Mr. Rathbun offered comment regarding the Martin Basin EIS and the County's issues not being addressed in it and the importance of being a coordinating agency rather than a cooperating agency. Commissioner Bell asked if the committee makes recommendations to the County Commission. Mr. Stremler stated yes and indicated that he would like to see a commissioner on the committee and commented on Humboldt County's losses as to property value for ranches and to cattle. Mr. Rathbun commented on how the committee functions. Chairman Giordano asked Gene Seiditz Winnemucca Field Office Manager for the BLM who was present in the audience if he had any comments; he stated no. Chairman Giordano asked for public comment. John Milton spoke in opposition to the Commission forming the committee and detailed his reasons including the great working relationship between the County and the BLM and the Forest Service and that it is the job of the County Commission and staff to deal with these issues and the duty of the Commission to serve as the resource advisory committee. Ron Cerri, local rancher and President of the Cattlemen's Association commented that he did not see the committee as being an adversary of the BLM and discussed the proposed make up of the committee and the assistance that could be provided to the Commission by the committee. Bob Schweigert spoke in support of having a resource advisory committee to help the Commission be proactive on dealing with federal agencies; he commented on the BLM's draft RMP and no alternative being included to increase grazing. Tom Cassinelli, local rancher, spoke in support of the formation of the committee. No further public comment offered. Chairman Giordano suggested that no decision be made at this time so the Commissioners could consider the information presented. Commissioner Bell concurred. Commissioner Fransway disagreed and stated a decision should be made today; he commented that Humboldt County is one of the most proactive counties, with membership and involvement in the Western Interstate Region of the National Association of Counties and Public Lands of Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties including his sponsorship of a resolution for that Committee which is now part of the platform for the Association, that the County has always welcomed and promoted the input from ranchers, miners, recreationists and wildlife people so he believes that this elected body should be the advisory committee. Chairman Giordano commented how any comments from the public are welcomed by this Commission. Mr. Stremler asked which Commissioner had read the RMP and made comments; he discussed the comment period and what must occur to have standing.

Commissioner Cassinelli stated that the Commission needs to do these things not a committee. Administrator Deist stated that the comments were brought forward at the last Commission meeting and they had been developed in a coordinated effort with the County's Extension Agent. After discussion the following motion was made by Commissioner Fransway and passed with Chairman Giordano and Commissioners Cassinelli, Fransway and Bell voting aye and Commissioner Amos voting nay:

That due to the proactiveness of Humboldt County in the past and the present that we continue to seek involvement from all of the stakeholders on the public lands and natural resources but we decline to have a non-elected appointed body to act as an advisory group.

ADOPTION OF A POSITION RELATED TO SMOKED BEAR PRESENTATION CAMPAIGN PRESENTED AT THE LAST (9-20-10) MEETING:

Administrator Deist commented that he had discussed this issue with Brad Schultz, Cooperative Extension Agent, and that why they fully recognize that there is a fire issue and that those issues need to be dealt with, all options for dealing with the issue need to be looked at not just the one identified in the Smoked Bear campaign, there needs to be flexibility to adopt whatever is needed and it is fully realized that grazing is one of the tools. Commissioner Cassinelli asked if the Smoked Bear campaign is adopted does that limit it to just that option. Administrator Deist stated the campaign deals with putting more cows and sheep on the range. Commissioner Cassinelli noted that the County could suggest that whether Smoked Bear is adopted or not. Administrator Deist concurred as that is one of the tools available. Commissioner Amos stated that he did not mind what the Administrator has suggested for the resolution but would like it to be pretty active on the Smoked Bear policy as that is one of the main tools for fighting fires and he would like to see that something is included like that, though he realizes it is not the only tool; he discussed the number of acres burned prior to 1980 as opposed to after and noted there is a good point on that tool for fire suppression. Chairman Giordano concurred with Commissioner Amos that it is a good tool but noted that there are other methods so he questioned if the Commission wanted to lock into one thing or be a little broader on the decision. Commissioner Fransway stated his agreement with the Chairman and noted that once again what is being discussed is success ratio and how this County has decided to do it over the long term; he noted decisions made by the Commission with relation to such issues as the Wildfire Support Group and being politically involved; he noted his agreement with the campaign in concept but commented that it should be Elko County's concept and questioned whether Humboldt County should be involved. Administrator Deist commented how well the Commission has done over the years with actions that they have supported and the flexibility they have supported without identifying a specific management tool. After discussion the following motion was made

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by Commissioner Fransway and passed unanimously:

That the Commission supports the appropriate use of all management tools for fuels and fire and the selection of the best subset of tools for each management situation under consideration.

ROAD MATTERS: Road Superintendent Ben Garrett appeared before the Board.

REPORT OF PENDING ROAD DEPARTMENT PROJECTS: Superintendent Garrett updated the Board on ongoing grading in the County, the Jungo Road Cooperative Agreement with Hycroft, the status of the Jungo Road Project and the plan by Ruby Pipeline to apply mag chloride from Eden Valley Road to Dutch Flat Road.

MISCELLANEOUS ROAD RELATED MATTERS: Discussion occurred regarding the Shelton Lane fencing project.

REPORT FROM THE WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGARDING WOLF ISSUES:

Giovanni Giordano and Tom Cassinelli of the Humboldt County Game Board appeared before the Board. Mr. Giordano commented on the wolf program in Humboldt County and read the minutes of the Nevada State Game Board regarding actions being considered for the wolf in the State. Mr. Cassinelli commented on the meeting and the plan to delist the wolf in Nevada and California as identified native wolf habitat; he questioned identifying Nevada as a historical range for the wolf. Discussion occurred regarding the wolf following the elk into the State, natural wolves versus hybrid wolves and the claim that Nevada is native wolf habitat. Chairman Giordano suggested that the Game Board develop language for presentation at the State level and bring it back to the Commission for discussion and possible support; he commented that he did not think the Commission can be the lead in this, that it is up to the Game Board. Discussion occurred regarding proving that wolves were never native to the area.

Chairman Giordano recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

REPORT BY JIM JEFFRESS REGARDING THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION BY THE PINE

FOREST WORKING GROUP AND THE PROCESS FROM THIS POINT ON: *(No legal counsel was present for the afternoon portion of the meeting)* A copy of the Meeting Report from the September 21, 2010 Pine Forest WSA Working Group Final Recommendations Meeting was provided to the Board for review (see attached). Jim Jeffress, Backcountry Lands Coordinator Sportsmen's Conservation Project Trout Unlimited, appeared before the Board on behalf of the WSA Working Group. Mr. Jeffress reviewed the eight issues identified for the Blue Lakes WSA and the recommendations and the four issues identified for the Alder Creek WSA and the recommendations; he noted a public meeting that would occur at the Convention

Center on October 12, 2010 to allow for additional input from the public and that the matter would be back before the County Commission on October 18, 2010 for consideration unless significant issues are identified at the public meeting. Discussion occurred regarding what actions the County Commission can take at the meeting on the 18th, the process for implementing the recommendations, the need to work with the Legislative staff to create a bill and what groups and individuals were involved in the project. The Commission thanked Mr. Jeffress for his work on the project.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Giordano adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

ATTESTED: *J. Spew* Clerk APPROVED: *A. Giordano* Chairman

MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONERS
FROM: ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: September 28, 2010
SUBJECT: CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Approval of the consent agenda is requested pursuant to the following staff recommendations:

1. Ratification of Chairman's signature on Amendment to the Contract with NDOT for the Jungo Road Project: Attached are the letter and the amendment to this contract. The amendment increases the ARRA money for the project. To keep things moving we had the Chairman sign the amendment early.

Recommendation: That the Commission ratify the Chairman's signature.

MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM: COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

DATE: September 28, 2010

SUBJECT: OTHER INFORMATION AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. NACO Annual Meeting: Early bird registration ends on October 15th. If you plan on attending this meeting please let us know so we can meet the deadline. Also if you want us to book your rooms that need to be done by October 23rd.
2. Amendment to SB 6: Following your last meeting I spoke to Assemblyman Goicoechea and told him of your desires based on the discussion at the meeting. He will be in Carson and will submit this amendment.
3. ATV issue: A while back Roberta Rothwell was at your meeting to discuss ATV and the problems she was having in her area. We asked that the District Attorney's Office look at our options. Attached is the reply from that office.
4. Landfill well: We met with Brian Walters regarding this project and provided him with information related to the area. He will be submitting a proposal for your review. We will continue to attempt to get information on other wells in the area.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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| 1. October 6, 2010 | Management Team |
| 2. October 7, 2010 | Multi County Coalition Meeting (tentative) |
| 3. October 12, 2010 | Special Commission Meeting related to Pine Forest |
| 4. October 18, 2010 | Commission |
| 5. October 18, 2010 | Landfill Committee |

Meeting Report
September 21, 2010
Pine Forest WSA Working Group
Final Recommendations Meeting

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Twenty working group members met this past Tuesday, September 21. The objective of the meeting was to review, revisit and finalize the draft recommendations in association with the twelve issues identified within the Blue Lakes and Alder Creek WSA's during the August 31 meeting. The template below is the outline report from the August 31st meeting and indicates progress on each issue and those that needed additional work. The modifications to the issues and **final recommendations from this meeting are in bold font**. Any modifications or additional rationale involved in reaching a modified decision will be in colored font. The working group made positive headway with some compromise by all participants. Yet a solid set of recommendations was developed with unified group consensus. All the issues discussed were outlined in the e-mail support material sent out on August 27th and will serve as a template to identify the issues carried forward from this point. For those areas involving either increases or decreases in acreage for wilderness, topographical maps were finalized and presented to the Winnemucca BLM Field Office the morning of September 22. *The BLM office is preparing a map to depict the old WSA boundaries and the new modifications as recommended by the working group.* As such time that the map is completed, I will forward to everyone. It is our hope to have a draft map with all the new information by later this coming week (9/27--).

Blue Lakes WSA Issues:

1. *South fork of Big Creek land exchange:*

- Issue: Alder Creek Ranch would like to exchange 720 acres in the south fork of Big Creek, bordering the current WSA boundary, for BLM lands adjoining Alder Creek Ranch. Another 880 acres of private lands north of Big Creek ranch in association with mule deer winter range has been offered in the proposed exchange with the BLM.
- Level of Consensus: The group agreed the issue should move forward.
- With that recommendation, more information will be gathered as to exact acres involved in the exchange and what lands are being sought by Alder Creek ranch.
- **Recommendation: More forward with this recommendation.**

2. *Upper Leonard Creek land exchange:*

- Issue: Leonard Creek Ranch would like to exchange approximately 660 acres of land in upper Leonard Creek, bordering the current WSA boundary, for BLM lands further down the drainage toward the base ranch.
- Level of Consensus: The group agreed the issue should move forward.
- With that recommendation, more information will be gathered as to exact acres involved in the exchange and what lands are being sought by Alder Creek ranch.
- **Recommendation: More forward with this recommendation.**

3. *Inclusion of the Snow Creek drainage into any special land or wilderness area designation*

- Issue: A proposal has come forward to include the Snow Creek drainage south to Sage Hen creek inside any wilderness designation. The lands are not part of the WSA. If included, it would expand the WSA by 2500+ acres. The east boundary would continue down the Leonard Creek Road to Sage Hen Creek and follow the drainage up to the southwest corner of the current WSA.
- Level of Consensus: Some reluctance to move forward with this issue was rooted in any expansion of wilderness acreage in the area, cleaning up some mining claim information and a “wait and see” approach until all the issues have been acted on.
- With that recommendation, more information will be gathered relative to the mining claims and their level of activity as well as impacts from wilderness designation to the area.
- The mining claims above T43N have been abandoned with the primary reason being limited and protracted access to those claims around private lands.

Attempts to obtain information from

Cantex Mining Company (British Columbia) about their claims into the area south of T43N did not result in any information as to the exact location and status of those filings. After

considerable dialog, the group recommended to clean up the current boundary by lowering the boundary to the T43N township line. That action would reduce the size of the initial

recommendations by approximately half the acreage, but would help define the south boundary. That action would also involve a smaller acreage land exchange with the Montero family (down to approximately 30 acres).

- **Recommendations: Drop the current boundary so all the south boundary follows T43N to the frontage road from an area just north of Cappallo Camp to Chicken Creek.**

4. *OHV incursion into WSA via a closed road through the upper portion of Snow Creek.*
- *Issue:* OHV access into this portion of the WSA has been steadily growing in both number of unauthorized vehicles and ingress distance into the WSA.
- Traditionally, a road was built into a small cabin (McCully Camp) with a short jeep/OHV trail moving past that point up Snow Creek. Close the unauthorized road at either the Rodeo Flat juncture or past Snow Creek.
- *Level of Consensus:* After considerable discussion, a recommendation was made to put barriers and signs at both locations. After people realize they cannot get past Snow Creek, the Rodeo Flat access point will diminish accordingly. Also, the group had full consensus on moving the Rodeo Flat road, below the Snow Creek junction, off the meadow to the east in the sagebrush (approximately 40-50 yards).
 - **Recommendations: A recommendation was made to put barriers and signs at both the Rodeo flat and Snow Creek locations. Also, the group had full consensus on moving the Rodeo Flat road, below the Snow Creek junction, off the meadow to the east in the sagebrush (approximately 40-50 yards).**
5. *Enlarging the open portion of the Blue Lakes trailhead.*
- The Blue Lake trailhead needs to be enlarged to accommodate more parking, larger turn around area, encompass the restroom facility and two campsites slightly removed from the current withdrawal area.
 - *Level of Consensus:* The group agreed, but to expressed a desire review two options with better topographical map analysis. Option 1: Enclose all the areas in question within an expanded “bulb.” Option 2: Enlarge the parking area and “cherry stem” the access to both camping sites.
 - Topographical options will be developed and presented at the next meeting.
- Antidotal suggestion brought forth: Have volunteers work to remove old Blue Lakes road scar north of Blue Lakes.
- **Recommendations: Enlarge the parking area and “cherry stem” both camp sites.**
6. *Eliminate the limited access incursions on the old Blue Lake road (off Theodore Basin).*
- *Issue:* Some occasional incursion past this gate at the north end of the WSA. How to manage to permanently close access?
 - *Level of Consensus:* The group met full consensus on making recommendations to remove the current gate entirely and potentially build a new fence barrier (possibly “buck and rail” for the segment most exposed to OHV access).

- **Recommendation: Remove the gate and post in front of a new fence or barrier.**
7. *Adjust the extreme north end boundary southwest of Adams Mine. Retain the current boundary or adopt the BLM recommendations to move the boundary slightly south to the ridgeline. Also, how to deal with unauthorized vehicle travel on a small road out of Theodore Basin, through the WSA, to the ridge south of Adams Mine.*
- Issue: See above
 - Level of Consensus: The group met full consensus on maintaining the current WSA boundary. Also, maintain the road out of Theodore Basin as closed (potential volunteer project among a number of groups).
 - **Recommendation: Use the current WSA line as the permanent north wilderness boundary.**
8. *Close the road separating Alder Creek and Blue Lakes WSA's (Cove Creek to Little Onion reservoir)*
- Issue: Retain current access.
 - Level of Consensus: Consensus was not met with one of the primary groups. Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA) took a strong position on closing the road. The positives and negatives of each position were discussed in length with no mitigation or compromise reached on this issue.
 - The issue will be held over for the next meeting to give people time to think about the points brought forth by BHA). At that time, consensus may well be reached or the issue moves forward to the Humboldt County Commission with the complete set of recommendations.
 - Considerable discussion centered on this issue with one group advocating for this road to be closed. However, in order to move forward with full consensus and assurances the route would be managed to avoid excessive erosion or exploratory roads off this route, full consensus was attained.
 - **Recommendations: The road is to remain open with additional management recommendations to reduce erosion and eliminate any new spur roads off the primary access.**

Alder Creek WSA Issues:

1. *Continuous incursions into Little Onion reservoir Basin (camping, vehicles and OHV's).*
- Issue: Uncontrolled camping and access within Little Onion basin, inside the WSA.
 - Level of Consensus: Complete agreement in carving a large portion of this basin and reservoir out of WSA. However, everyone was in

consensus that management options need to be imposed that will keep vehicles off the wet meadows. Regardless of land status.

- With that recommendation, topographical maps will be prepared with some boundary examples for the group to review at the next meeting.
- The boundaries provided were high enough to the east to include all campsites with the west boundary basically following the north road to Little Onion Reservoir, below the dam and up the south drainage to the road. It was suggested a minimum of 100 ft. be available below the dam for maintenance or reconstruction.
- **Recommendations: Go with group recommendations to remove the area described above from any wilderness designation (maps are being developed).**

2. *Unregulated access up the bottom of Alder Creek from the north boundary stream crossing.*

- Issue: Access beyond the current stem road into lower Alder Creek basin.
- Level of Consensus: Complete agreement in retaining the entire area within the WSA and closing the road at the Alder Creek crossing above the campsite.
- Note: In our haste to complete all the issues, we were moving fast and forgot to discuss the lower country in this basin and vulnerability to wildfire and needs for restoration or seeding efforts. This will be revisited at the next meeting.
- Fire rehabilitation within the lower elevation reaches of Alder Creek and limitations of those activities was discussed in length. Group consensus called for the lower elevation sites, with potential to be rehabilitated after any fires, to be removed from wilderness designation.
- **Recommendations: Remove those lands below 6000 ft. in the Alder Creek drainage from wilderness designation. Secondly, close the access road up the bottom of that drainage in order to protect that intact habitat from fire.**

3. *Camping and access onto the flat bench and meadow north of Knott Creek Reservoir (base of steep road/ hill into Knott Creek).*

- Issue: Use inside the current WSA.
- Level of Consensus: Complete agreement to carve out the western portion or dry meadow type for expanded camping use. Possibly build a permanent barrier across the meadow to control use beyond area delineated.
- With that recommendation, topographical maps will be prepared with some boundary examples for the group to review at the next meeting.
- **Recommendations: Remove that area identified on the topographical maps to be excluded from wilderness designation (maps are being developed).**

4. *Realignment of boundary along the east side of Knott Creek Reservoir to allow for more camping, access and negate the current problem of unauthorized activity inside this portion of the WSA.*

- Issue: Current roads and camp sites are within the WSA.
- Level of Consensus: Complete agreement to realign the current boundary east to the rock face and avoid future conflicts with access and camping.
- With that recommendation, topographical maps will be prepared with some boundary examples for the group to review at the next meeting.
- **Recommendations: Remove those areas identified on the topographical maps to be excluded from wilderness designation (maps being developed).**