Olympic National Forest Resource Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Mason Counties Title II Projects

September 18, 2023 – 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or until all tasks are accomplished

Meeting location:

Field Arts & Events Hall 210 West Front Street Port Angeles, WA 98362

Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) members in attendance:

Group A: Eric Nagle, Michael Spears, Julie Anne Metzger, Phil Wolff Group B: Matthew Steward, Mara Zimmerman, Jill Silver, Paul Pickett

Group C: Jill Warne, Julie Ann Koehinger, Nicole Rasmussen

Jennifer Garcia, Cori Rendon – meeting facilitators

Sandy Gibbons – note taker.

Cori Rendon – behind the scenes Zoom coordinator.

Designated Federal Official – Susan Beall

8:30-9:15 Welcome, Introductions, RAC Business

- Welcome & Introductions
- RAC Roles
- A quorum was present.
- Discussion of who were past chairs: Jill Silverman, Nicole Rassmussen, Mitzi Schindele (not present)
- Nicole Rassmussen. as Chair nominated- by Eric Nagel, passed.
- Jill Silverman. as Co-chair nominated- by Nicole Rassmussen, passed.
- Review of meeting etiquette.
- General process questions:

Question: What is the overall process on how the Forest Service receives and disperses the funds?

Answer: The Secure Rural Schools Act are supplemented monies (not appropriated funds) and are available by county. Binder pg. 3 for reference. The funds have not been spent for three years due to Covid.

Nicole Rasmussen- request to keep the funds within the counties originated from because the funds were derived from the counties.



8:54-1:00 Presentations

8:54 Jeff Chapman, Back Country Horsemen, Port Angeles Presentation, Title II: Trailheads Facilities Repair Hood Canal Road

Summary- Past work included other Title II projects- lower Quilcene Trail- replaced roof outhouse, gravel on roads.

Worked with Forest Service personnel and utilized the recently completed Recreation Study for the proposed projects in this presentation.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- Duckabush Trailhead- address dumping at trailheads, remove abandoned trailers.
- Dungeness Forks Campground- fixing the concrete outhouse (needs a stand pipe)
- Sleepy Hollow Extension Trail- replace broken trailheads,
- Upper and Lower big Quilcene Trail- trail work to include rock gabions, sign (large project)
- Mildred Lakes Trailhead- replace roofing on toilet.
- Hama Hama Campground- replace roof on kiosk.
- Lebar and Brown Campgrounds- replace w/metal roofs on toilets.
- 35 posts for high lines- replace posts that are broke.
- \$18,000 Mason Co; \$16,000 Jefferson, \$8,000

Question: Is any amount of funding acceptable- what is the smallest amount that you can accept?

Answer (Jeff Chapman): Yes, the amounts are scalable and the lowest amount for Jefferson County is \$5,000.

Question: If NEPA is not completed, then is it ready for RAC?

Answer (Susan Beall): Recommend working on the NEPA and submit for next year.

Question: What is the organization's capacity to complete the work?

Answer (Jeff Chapman): We would use other organizations' labor and it may be a push because we have another grant that is paying for trail work.

Comment (Phil Wolf): Hinges can sag, appreciate that the CXT's can be rehabbed. Good presentation.

Answer (Jef	f Chapman): Thank	you we	have 70	sites that	need work.
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Reminder (Nicole Rasmussen): 50% of funds need to be spent on watershed restoration.

Dan not in attendance- proceed to Cheryl.

0915-Cheryl Barlett, Restoration Through Invasive Plant Prevention and Control in Grays Harbor and West Jefferson Counties WA

Summary- Continue ongoing invasive plant prevention and control efforts on the Olympic National Forest focusing on Grays Harbor and West Jefferson Counties. Wholistic, NEPA ready, permanent staff, seasonal crews, part of large and active restoration community on the Oly peninsula. There are multiple partners who greatly increase our capacity to accomplish work; treat multiple priority weed species and survey and monitory for new invasive arrivals.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- Survey and monitoring of likely areas of invasive species (rock sources- focus)
- Planting and seeding of native species (disturbed areas)
- Hire seasonal employees
- Minimum of 800 acres, 75 acres seeded
- \$139,800 3-year project, minimum of 800 acres

Question: What is the lowest amount required for rock surveys?

Answer (Cheryl): Minimum needed for survey would be \$5000

Question: Has there been any weed control during the lack of RAC funding?

Answer (Cheryl): Yes, there has been alternate other funding sources- remainder of title II from 2020, RME foundation, other FS funding. Continuous work over the last 15 years. the funding from previous years' RAC funds, the funding is spent over multiple years

Question: May the funding be spent over multiple years?

Answer (Cori): Yes. This year's RAC is an unusual case because we have not spent three years of funding due to COVID,

Question: Would this fall under the watershed restoration?



Answer: Yes.

Question: What are the rock sources? Is there way to certify the rock sources are weed free for upcoming work?

Answer (Cheryl): Yes. We try to be proactive with our surveys for off-site rock sources.

Question: Is there a specific earmarks for specific project types? Are there different types of requirements that need to be met?

Answer (Nicole): Yes.

Answer (Cheryl): Rock sources can fall into multiple categories.

09:34 Dan Hall, LEO, Clean up OLY!

Summary- Improve public's experience, engage w/the public, why we are here, remove harmful debris so flora and fauna may flourish. The main focus is to remove as much as possible of abandoned vehicles, and trash. Collect as much trash as possible.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- Remove as much as possible of abandoned vehicles, and trash.
- Collect as much trash as possible.
- Contract with local towing companies.
- Buy a dump trailer with a winch and sharps containers for field staff.
- Costs would also come from transfer station fees, towing and scrap fees, and sharps disposal fees.
- \$30,000 total cost

Question: Who are the field staff?

Answer (Dan): The Forest Staff such as Recreation or Biologists.

Question: Would Hazardous Waste increase cost of disposal?

Answer (Dan): Yes.

Question: Can you use the State WA RV fund? Is that an option? Look into that.

Answer (Dan): Not aware of the fund.



Question: Specific list of sites; and are they prioritized?

Answer (Dan): Yes.

Question: Scrap yards take the steel- will the scrap yards take the steel from this project?

Answer (Dan): Yes, and that will decrease the overall costs.

Comment: Jill Silver- regarding the dumped RV's, the state fees is not enough.

Question: What is your ideal budget?

Answer (Dan): This would be the seed money.

Question: Is this one year of vehicle disposal?

Answer (Dan): This is a prioritized list and not necessarily a one-year project.

9:48 Hannah Pauly, Northwest Youth Group, Olympic National Forest Youth and Young Adult Engagement and Work Program.

Summary- This is a combined presentation for the Olympic Nation Forest Youth and Young Engagement Work Program. There has been increased recreation participation from public creating significant wear and tear on infrastructure. The challenges of maintaining recreating opportunities may be alleviated by these projects.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- Proposal is scalable. The minimum amount of time for both groups would be two weeks.
- Requesting \$79,571.99 for youth work groups.
- Requesting \$83,650.00 for young adult backcountry work groups.
- Not only ecosystem and recreation benefit but, the benefits for young people are tangible such as developing a work ethic, future conservation employment, and an experience in nature for youth.

Question: Where are the projects located?

Answer (Hannah): The Forest Service projects will be on the Canal Side of the Forest (Jefferson County).

Comment (Paul): Forest Service, please allocate by county.

Answer (Cori): We don't know at this time how much per county.

Question: Is this project's work only to occur in Jefferson Co?

Answer (Hannah): The work locations are split between multiple counties.

Question: May the adult group work on the other locations?

Answer (Hannah): The adult group focuses on back country.

Question: Are the projects identified by FS personnel?

Answer (Cori): Yes.

10:15 Christina St. John, Olympic Cooperative Noxious Weeds Control Jefferson & Clallam Counties

Summary-Obviously, weeds don't stay in one place. What are weeds? Non-native plants, completely changing the ecosystem. Invasive species are a significant cost \$1.4 billion. We are local, flexible, deep knowledge of where the infestations are, educate the public, collaborating with Forest Service staffs for over 20 years. The high priority areas are set by Forest Service staff (Cheryl Barlett).

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- Stop the spread, coordinate efforts, and reestablish native species.
- Rock source inspection and weed free certification program for private and public pits.
- Reestablish native plants where treatment has occurred.
- Work w/community groups: BCHM. Need to have assistance from other local groups. Work w/landowners; good at
- \$31,000 for 3 yrs= \$93,000 for Jefferson and \$93,000 for Clallam Counties.
- Goal to protect natural resources.

Question: What does treatment entail?

Answer (Christina): Manual and chemical treatments. Detailed reports are available.

Question: Is the use of fires feasible?

Answer (Christina): No.

Question: How do you prioritize projects?

Answer (Christina): We work with Cheryl Barlett to comprise lists and target species for Jefferson and



Callam Counties. The priority list is available in the report.

Question: Do you work with the Park Service?

Answer (Christina): Yes, and the Park Service has their own crew. We continue to communicate with the Park Service.

Question: Jefferson County can you speak about the nexus?

Answer (Christina): We have Jefferson County roads that move into Callam County.

Answer (Christina): Regarding Jefferson County- the Forest Service and Callam County take on the Jefferson County portion because the county does not have capacity. Additionally, this work is part of a large overall effort.

Question: What is budget at the county?

Answer (Christina): The base funding is through a portion of an assessment-\$80K. Also, funding is secured through the roads department (\$20K) and the USDA (\$30K). This is all part of integrated program.

10:30 Jill Silver, Thomas O'Keefe, Olympic Forest Collaborative, Oly NF Stewardship Sale Monitoring and Community Outreach

Summary- Olympic Forest Collaborative Monitoring Plan- projects proposed by the Forest, and the collaborative creates the work; the receipts go into restoration projects.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- There is need for a monitoring project because the Olympic National Forest FS- does not have an ongoing monitoring program. The Forest is conducting small monitoring. This project is based on resilient forestry goals and incorporates local colleges.
- Tasks by students: monitoring plots for pre-harvest, collect monitoring data, field lab workshop, reporting and presentations.
- Cost \$73,200.00, \$93K can phase, applying to Department of WA for additional funding; and will continue to search for funding.

Question: Will this work be done in all four counties?

Answer (Jill S.): Yes

Question: What side of Jefferson will the focus?



Answer (Jill S.): West.

Question: Are there control areas?

Answer (Jill S.): Yes.

Question: Collecting a lot of information- is there a plan on how to use the information?

Answer (Jill S.): There is a plan for adaptive feedback. The monitoring report is available in the binder.

Question: Will the Kiosks need additional funding?

Question: Is monitoring is focused on forest structure? Is carbon monitoring and hydrology part of the monitoring?

Answer (Jill S.): The thinning is not occurring in wetland areas per the protocols. We don't work on hydrology.

Question: Question is it all or nothing?

Answer (Jill S.): No.

Question: Why is this not part of the regular part of Forest Service thinning process.

10:54 Doug Bladek, Road Maintenance and Sediment Reduction Project- Olympic National Forest

Summary: The funding the Forest Service normally receives is funneled into high priority roads. This project will focus on secondary roads. The roads are in poor condition and heavily potholed. The focus will be to protect resources by focusing on specific areas and fixing the roads.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

See summary.

Question: How do the projects feed into the watershed restoration?

Answer: The maintenance of roads is creating less erosion.

Question: Is there a plan? What are the priorities?



Answer: We try to overlay needs- multi-resource priorities. Triage.

Question: Would the funding of the projects be based by county?

Answer: Yes, the funds would on the county its was designated to.

Question: What is your annual total road budget?

Answer: It is difficult to put a number on the total road budget. We received about \$6M to be spent within the next year or after. Additionally, we are working with partnership organizations.

Question: The Forest Health projects go to culvert projects. Will any of this money go into culvert projects?

Answer: Yes.

11:08 Alison Center, Understory Thinning

Summary- The Forest Service has been performing an informal monitoring and found hemlock carpets in many areas. Olympic National Forest needs non-commercial thinning in many areas.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- 400 acres located in Clallam County the area of Mary Clark and Cooper Ranch roads.
- The goal is to move to late successional stage.
- The understory thinning of some of the hemlocks; enhancing the habitat for species and fauna.
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation may match funding.
- NEPA is complete, service contract, and scalable.
- \$98K is requested and any amount is accepted.

Question: The hemlock carpet is occurring in other areas. What is the cost of thinning the hemlock per acre?

Answer: Not sure the per acre because density rates will vary.

Question: Why this location as opposed to other locations?

Answer: This area was chosen because of the benefit to the area in combination with other funding.

Question: What is the prescription for the bigger timber?



Answer: To grow into old growth habitat.

Question: Do you leave the hemlocks?

Answer: Leave them.

Question: Would this create fire hazard?

Answer: No, the fire risk is mitigated through piling and the small trees break down faster.

11:20 Betsy Howell, Washington Conservation Corps

Summary- The Washington Conservation Corps is part of the thirty-year partnership with Washington Department of Ecology. Over 200 young people have completed the program.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- Past projects have been completed in all four counties and were a variety of types.
- Young people gain the following skills: experience in herbicide, power tools, field skills, maps, GPS, tree planting, and restoration techniques.
- Young people receive education stipends and are eligible for public lands corps hiring authority.
- Costs \$199,134 breakdown by county and available in the packet.

Question: Does this project receive funding from other sources, too?

Question: Is there a project list?

Answer (Betsy): There are about twelve project leads that have different projects for the groups. Yes, we will include the project list next time.

Answer (Betsy): There is a minimum amount required detailed within in the packet.

11:32 Janie Romesberg and Jay Tarife, Washington Trails Association: Improving and Maintaining Trails in the Olympic National Forest

Summary- Largest nonprofit trail maintenance group. Robust communication teams, trail maintenance, trail



planning, advocating of outdoor education (State and Federal), coalition building, and create networking opportunities for people to get into the trail/outdoor recreation employment. Work is completed all year round. This past year completed 69 trips, 11,700 total hours worked, 795 total participants.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- Locations of work include the following: Dosewallips, Duckabush, Lena Lake, Skokomish, Dungeness,
 Dry Creek, Mildred Lakes, Mt. Walker, Mt. Townsend, Notch Pass, Upper Big Quilcene, Lakeshore,
 Tunnel Creek, and others.
- Funding allows the organization to hire a crew leader for the Olympic National Forest (specific to the Oly).
- Funding supports staff and training of the crew leaders. The crew leaders work with recshed managers.
- Expect to complete about 20,000 hrs. of trail maintenance.

Question: Which one is Callam County? Is the \$8K for outreach?

Answer (WTA): Mt. Buehler is a possible area. The \$8K will be for work.

12:00 Liz Cusanelli, Clallam County Corrections Crew (CCC)

• Summary- The CCC has been working with the Forest Service since 2018. The agreement has been successful, and it expired this spring. Liz would like to renew the agreement, spend the remainder of the balance, and fully fund the new agreement. The balance is due to Covid. During 2023 the crew worked a total of 214 hours and completed garbage removal, illegal dumpsite removal. Additionally, bucked and cleared downed trees in Klahowya Campground. This crew works w/Rec and other areas, too.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- Would like to continue the great work and continue to support Forest health in Clallam County.
- One of the only groups to remove large dumpsites from the Forest within Clallam County.

Question: Are the inmates paid?

Answer (Liz): No. The funds go towards the crew deputy. The inmates apply to become part of the crew.

Question: How are the projects selected?

Answer (Liz): We have a plan within the agreement that outlines which projects are completed.

Question: Is the use of the funds to pay the crew lead? Please explain.



Answer (Liz): The person is part of the county and the person's time supervising the crew is covered by the agreement.

Question: How do you decide what they do and when?

Answer (Liz): I have a list of projects. She emails requests for work to Forest Staff colleagues. The request is for project ideas.

Question: Is there a certificate for participants?

Answer (Liz): Not sure of the benefits. Liz will follow-up.

Question: Do you work w/Daniel?

Answer: She coordinates with Daniel.

12:13 OPAC, Dan Boeholt, Restore Vegetative Conditions for Wildlife and Public Access

Summary- Formed Olympic Public Access Coalition because of access to areas. Unclassified roads were rehabilitated. Request funding to remove large woody debris, level ditching, and reseed disturbed areas.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- Request funding to remove large woody debris, level ditching, and reseed disturbed areas.
- Areas of asphalt need to be removed.
- Scalable.

Question: What is the classification of each of the roads?

Answer (Dan): Unclassified.

Question: Does the FS support this project?

Answer (Susan Beall): The FS does not have a position on this project.

Question: Does the NEPA cover it?

Answer: The Environmental Assessment includes tank tracks, placing material on the roads. The asphalt is not within the project scope.

Comment: The Big Stew had areas of similar asphalt.



Question: Is the goal to have inaccessible roads?

Answer (Dan): Yes, and the thinning plan requires reseeding.

Question: Who is wild Olympia?

Answer (Dan): The group is the national sponsor.

Comment (Cheryl): Please send the Forest Service the locations of the roads for weed survey and restoration.

12:31 Liz Cusanelli, Quinault Trails System Maintenance

Summary: Recreation area hotspot with a reported 84,000 visitors to the area via the National Park Service. The Trails in the area are in dire need of maintenance.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- Needs: installing and replacing handrails, signs, revitalizing structures on the trail, Observation Deck on the Rainforest Trail, and installation of social trails barriers.
- Funding would be used to purchase of materials, supplies, and payment of work crews.
- Will foster sustainable trail use.

Question: What structures need to be replaced?

Answer (Liz): Handrails and observation decks.

Question: What about the observation railing?

Answer (Liz): Yes, it would be included.

Question: What labor will you be using?

Answer (Liz): Washington Conservation Corpsa crew to do trail maintenance. Volunteers include the Back Country Horsemen. Liz has consulted Pete Irbin and would host an annual trail volunteer meeting; this work would be proposed.

Question: What county?

Answer (Liz): Grays Harbor County.

12:39 Brent Freeman, Lena Lake Composting Toilet Removal

Summary: Removal of a nonfunctioning compost toilet and fire rings from the back country area, Lena Lakes Campground. The successful removal of the toilet and fire rings would allow the transition of the campground to dispersed campground classification. Hazard tree removal would no longer be required.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- Removal of the vaults (full) and building by flight.
- The vaults would be flown to Hama Hama and would be trucked to waste facilities.
- Remove and fly out the fire pits.

Question: How much longer before the CE is completed?

Answer (Brent): Next year would be the implementation.

Comment (Jill S.): Signage about education on waste dispersal would be helpful.

Question: What is the plan to educate the public?

Answer (Brent): To remove the developed rings.

Question: Is the bathroom locked?

Answer (Brent): Yes.

Question: How are you removing the Fire Rings?

Answer (Brent): At the same time as the other items to reduce flight costs.

12:47 Kela Hall, Mason County Hood Canal Ranger District Cooperative Noxious Weed Control

Summary- Continued Weed Management project. Invasives interferes with timberland and forest regeneration, reduces fishing opportunities, are destructive to trails and roads, and displaces native species. Some invasives are toxic or harmful to humans and livestock. The project is a continuation of a successful partnership with the Olympic National Park, Clallam County Weed Board, WA State Department of Transportation, WA DNR, Green Diamond, and private property owners.

Project goals, objectives, summary of funds:

- Surveys and controls invasives via chemical, manual means
- Rock Source Inspections- give recommendations
- Early detection and rapid response
- Community education and outreach regarding noxious weeds of Mason County Workshops
- Funding requested: \$41,600 for three years

Question: How is your wild basil eradication going?

Answer (Kela): Keeping it isolated and addressing identified areas.

Question: Are you eradicating later in the season?

Answer (Kela): Catching it before it regerminates.

Question: What is wild basil? And what does it do?

Answer (Kela): It's in the mint family. Spreads like wildfire. Needs chemical control.

Comment: Hama Hama quarry is a staging grounds and has a likelihood of spreading of seeds.

Question: The plant with a yellow flower- what is it?

Answer (Kela): Lesser seleden- an ornamental species spread in Mason.

2:00 PM Public Comments- (3 min each person)

Ed Bowen, affected citizen.

- RAC is an independent body.
- Supports RAC process and the Clean-up Oly project.
- Great proposal regarding the Clallam Correction Crew.
- Concerned that the Clallam Weed Crew is biased to Eastern, SRAC does not require a match.
- Bridge, 3030 removed in 1997. Requests the RAC to use funds to replace the bridge. There are nine harvest units that may be accessed from the proposed bridge.
- Additional request, create your own proposal to build a Forest Road Use Plan. Last one was published in 1968.
- Requested follow-up reports on RAC funding.

Dan Boeholt, OPAC.



- The Environmental Assessment is available via Susan as a hard copy.
- OPAC did not receive the proposal request. Put in the project.

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2:30 Group General Discussion

- Bathroom Facility Projects are watershed projects.
- Each County may determine the distribution of Title 1, Title 2, Title 3.
- The state treasury sends the counties a form to determine how much each Title amount is.
- There needs to be follow-up on each of the projects, the Forest Service sends the information to the County Commissioners.

2:45 Chairperson Directed Instructions:

- Large group voted to proceed as subgroups. Passed.
- Any remaining money can be allocated to specific counties.
- Subgroups divided and discussed allocation of fund by county.
 - 1. Grays Harbor County-Jill W., Jill S.
 - 2. Clallam County-Paul P., Julie K., Julie M., Matthew S.
 - 3. Jefferson County- Eric N., Mara Z., Michael S.
 - 4. Mason County- Phil W., Nicole R.

3:30 Return for Full RAC Discussion

Chairperson directed that each subgroup present their results.

**See spreadsheet.

Clallam County

- BCHM-8K
- Cleanup Oly \$7500- watershed
- NYC \$64,572-watershed
- OFC Monitoring- \$30,000





- Clallum Co Weeds- 30K
- Road request- 90K- watershed
- Understory thinning- 0K
- WCCC- 56166- watershed
- WTA- 8K
- CCC- 22,713 watershed
- Remaining funds- CCC

Grays Harbor

• Clean-up Oly- \$7500 watershed

- Cheryl Barlett Invasives \$20,400 watershed
- Olympic Forest Collaborative- \$20K watershed
- Road maintenance- \$32,842 watershed
- WCCC- \$23,000.28 watershed, I, R
- WTA- \$4000
- Quinault- \$30,000
- OPAC- \$9K- should go towards road maintenance.

Jefferson

- BCHM-\$16,000- if need NEPA return \$5000 watershed
- CYO- \$10,381 watershed
- Invasive plants \$21200 watershed
- NYW Jefferson Co \$66,428 Adult
- OFC
- Road Maintenance 41K watershed
- WWWC \$45954
- Lena Lake- \$55,000 watershed
- WTA- \$48,000
- Excess funds go towards NYC Young Adult fully funded; second fall back goes to the roads maintenance project.
- Looking at the Clallam and Jefferson County Weed Control Funding- \$93K for each county

Mason

• BCHM-9K



- Clean up Oly 4619 watershed
- Youth 15K watershed
- OFC 0
- Road maintenance- 35K watershed
- WCC- 20K
- WTA 0
- Additional funds- clean up Oly

Suggested changes

Matthew- change the Jefferson Clean Up Oly to \$7500, reduce the amount of the Youth Fund. Completed.

Jill- Young tree thinning- proposed transfer of \$10K from OFC to Thinning in Clallam County

Discussion:

- Clarification: the NWYC is an agreement and is not a contract.
- We may make the recommendation to the NWYC to perform the work of tree thinning.
- Discussion- thinning can still be supported to RMEF.
- \$10K from OFC to thinning in Clallam County- withdrawn the recommendation.

Comment: Please explain why the Forest Service does not provide funding for young tree thinning.

Committee Vote: passed to give all the recommendations to the Forest Service DFO.

General questions/requests.

- Where are the results of the other projects for follow-up? RAC would like to see the monitoring reports and hear about the outcomes from previous projects.
- Please provide a briefing or a newsletter on existing projects and past projects.
- Please explain why the Forest Service does not provide funding for young tree thinning.
- Does the RAC meet once a year? Yes. The timing of this meeting may be adjusted.
- Take field tours of past or upcoming projects.

Final Remarks (Susan Beall, DFO): Thank you for your engagement and recommendations. She has



enjoyed having the RAC as a functioning group. Additional reminders:

- Save receipts for travel may get refunds.
- Everyone's term expires at the same time. Anyone may apply to the RAC at any time.
- There are no empty seats currently. However, we may build our portfolio of applicants. The term limit is three terms.

Chairperson-"Great job team. Job well done."

Next steps:

Forest Service will draft the RAC recommendation letter

Recommended to DFO and Chairperson

Share w/RAC and public

Administrative Side

Then Implementation will occur (summer?)

Field Trips with the RAC members

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 PM

Chair-person Signature:

X Nicole Rasmussen

Date_10/1/2023

Nicole Rasmussen