



**COLORADO BARK BEETLE COOPERATIVE**  
**Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**10AM – 2PM Thursday, October 3, 2013**  
**Colorado Mtn. College**  
**107 Denison Placer Rd., Breckenridge, CO**

**List of Attendees:**

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**Following are the actions/expected actions arising from the October 3, 2013 meeting:**

- *July 2013 meeting minutes were approved*
- *Sloan will follow up with Tony Cheng on the CFRI mapping project*
- *Sloan will re-convene the Vision WG and look into a facilitator for the visioning process*
- *Abbie will RSVP for the CBBC members who will be attending the Forest Summit meeting at the end of October*
- *Abbie will develop 2014 budget spreadsheet for NWCCOG*

**The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM. All were welcomed and introductions made.**

- The minutes of the July 2013 Steering Committee meeting were approved by all.
- Sloan Shoemaker is back from his extended leave – all welcomed him back.
- NWCCOG is requesting a 2014 budget from the CBBC. Suggestions to be included were \$2500 for CFRI, \$2000 for fall summit meeting to kick off the mapping/social values project, \$1000 for communications

projects on top of regular operating expenses. This will be formalized at the January meeting. Abbie will develop the budget spreadsheet for NWCCOG.

### **CBBC Steering Committee Field Trip**

Sloan thanked Brad Piehl for setting up the locations and travel arrangements for the CBBC field trip on Oct. 2. The government shutdown caused last minute problems, resulting in a change of locations and schedule. The field trip was excellent. There was a lot of good discussion at the sites that were visited related to the treatments that had been done there. Even though it was a diverse group, it was easier to come to agreement “out there” than in a meeting. Many questions came up about specific treatments and the USFS presence would have been very helpful. The sites that the group travelled to were:

1. The County Commons in Frisco (by the bike path behind the Hospital/Medical Office building) – the site looks very healthy, has lots of diverse regeneration and is a good fuel break. It doesn’t appear that the forest prior to treatment was very dense.
2. The Highlands (east side of Hwy 9 north of Breckenridge) – treatments were done adjacent to a private subdivision with high-end homes. There was a dense lodgepole stand above the treatment site and several large homes located below. Regen at this point appears to heavily favor LPP.
3. Peak 7 – (west side of Hwy 9 north of Breckenridge) - 37 acres were treated in an area just to the southeast of a densely populated subdivision and close to the Breckenridge Ski Area. New aspen growth was seen and there is still a heavy load of coarse woody debris/fuel on the ground.

Many questions were raised during the visit:

- What is the plan for these areas? Left open, replanted with other species, varied by age class, what does USFS policy require?
- What are the maintenance plans for the treated areas?
- Is the USFS looking for quantity of acres to cut or quality?

There was agreement that one of the “jobs” of the CBBC would be to help the USFS determine where treatments should really occur. Some of the possible criteria could include projects with other public/private partners who are ready to do the work (collaboration), elaboration of success stories and what success really looks like, etc. Again, it will be important for the CBBC to help highlight priority areas of concern.

There was also a great deal of discussion about “restocking” policies and why we would want to be regenerating lodgepole pine. Another question was do restocking standards apply to timber sale areas? We should be managing for sustainable forests. Does current policy allow for this?

### **Follow-up from July Presentation of the “Lodgepole Project” by Steve DeWitt**

Eagle County photographer Steve DeWitt attended the July CBBC meeting and presented photos and a concept for his “Lodgepole Project”. He expressed an interest in working cooperatively with the CBBC, using our logo and possibly the CBBC’s message. It seemed that Steve’s message might be more about moving the climate change message forward. This isn’t the focus of the CBBC. Finalization of the CBBC’s vision statement might be helpful for sharing CBBC talking points with Steve. Bruce Ward will communicate this information to Steve and ask if he would want to adopt our message if using our name/logo.

**Forest Summit Meeting in Delta on October 28 & 29**

After the sunseting of the Forest Health Advisory Council, collaboratives from around the state wanted to continue forward, resulting in the “Collaborative of Collaboratives” The main issues that this group identified were resources (especially funding) and a lack of understanding at the state level of the importance of the collaboratives in ID’ing and resolving forest health issues.

All of these collaborative groups have been invited to Delta on October 28 & 29 for the annual meeting. The following CBBC members will attend and represent the CBBC – Ron Turley, Rich Edwards (there for both the CBBC and CSFS), Sloan Shoemaker, Howard Hallman, Brad Piehl, and Bruce Ward. Abbie will let the event organizers know who will be attending. Sloan will represent specific issues for the CBBC that were discussed such as funding, technical support, technical issues (website, conferencing solutions, sharing maps, etc.).

**2014 CBBC Members &Officers**

Brad Piehl is now the Forest Health Task Force representative  
Howard Hallman (Greenland Reserve) is now the Non-Profit representative

Yearly elections were held for 2014 in-coming officers with the following results:

**CBBC Steering Committee**

Chair – Sloan Shoemaker  
Vice Chair – Brad Piehl  
Secretary – Howard Hallman

**CBBC 501c3 BOD (remains the same)**

President – Rob Davis  
Treasurer – Don Kennedy  
Secretary – John Rich

**CFRI Project**

CFRI has been working on modeling that shows post-bark beetle forest structure and composition in CO. This will be the base map for overlaying the social values matrix and matching up the USFS work. The desired end result is to ID priority projects/areas and determine what regeneration will look like.

The CSFS contributed \$2500 (2013) to the current mapping project. Rich is waiting to receive an invoice from Tony on this.

A CFRI representative will attend the January CBBC meeting to update the group on where the project is and will be going. The CBBC discussed possibly finding some funding to CFRI to accomplish work specifically for the CBBC area. This could be \$50,000 - \$60,000. Liz Mullen will help identify potential grant sources for future CFRI work. Sloan will touch base with Tony on plans, timelines, job description, etc. for this.

### **Working Group and Other Reports**

Wood Utilization WG – This group tries to inform all on events around the state, new technology, and set up field trips to look at utilization-oriented operations. Rich Edwards reported that the group holds a conference call on the last Thursday of every month from 9-10AM. All are invited to participate.

The COWood commercials are continuing for 2 more weeks on Channel 9. After that, they can be viewed through a link on the CSFS website.

Bruce Ward is trying to build on the Wood Utilization Recognition event to reinforce the utilization of wood products is an important tool in achieving forest management objectives. He is working on a documentary to increase public awareness around this issue.

Vision WG – Sloan will re-convene the Vision WG now that he is back. There was discussion of hiring a facilitator to guide the group through the process of developing a vision and mission. Rich Edwards has the contact info for someone from CSU Extension who would do this for free.

Forest Health Task Force – Howard Hallman reported that the FHTF has completed its Summit County homeowners' educational series. They will begin to do their stakeholders' series next.

CSFS – Mike Lester, new State Forester for the CSFS, attended the meeting. He introduced himself, explained his background, etc.

There is a link to DORA and the wildfire insurance and forest health task force report on the CSFS website. There is also a water quality (best management practices) report on the website. The state/private grant process was just completed.

WAPA – Completed EIS with USFS for work on transmission lines in CO. There are 5000 miles of line in CO.

**The next CBBC Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2014, 10AM – 2PM at CMC in Breckenridge.**

**Please note: There will be a special meeting for Steering Committee members only on January 16, 1-5pm, working with a facilitator to finalize a CBBC Future Forest Vision.**