

Custer-Gallatin National Forest Working Group (CGWG)
Meeting MINUTES; Wednesday, May 8, 2019 (1:00PM)
Courthouse Community Room, Bozeman, Montana

Time	Topic	Lead	Outcomes
1:00 PM	Opening and introductions; Agenda discussion, Meeting materials:	Prinkki / Atwood	Welcome, introductions, agenda reviewed
Attending:	Jim Hart (Chairing) Jeff Schmidt Joe Skinner Hilary Eisen Darcie Warden	Kerry White Barb Cestero RJ Klotz Earl Atwood Jackie Walden (proxy)	Mary Erickson Craig Campbell Vince Camillo (Tester) Don Bachman Virginia Kelly Colin Cooney Richard Lyon Nancy Schultz
1:05	Consent Agenda: Minutes, Financial report/disbursements	Prinkki / Atwood	Vote on consent agenda items; Discuss CGWG budget and funds
Consent agenda items including prior minutes and current financial report dated 5/1/2019 were approved. (Skinner/Warden)			
1:10	Membership seats/applications; Resignation	Prinkki / Atwood	MSU Extension; Dominique Woodham, Gallatin County Natural Resource Extension Agent
Membership succession for representation and participation from the University System was approved. Members accepted the nomination of Dominique Woodham to succeed Dan Clark. Dominique could not attend this meeting, will officially welcome her at the next CGWG event. Skinner/Schmidt			
1:12	North Bridger Farm Bill	Eisen/CGWG committee/ FS	Status
Sale is still planned for this Fiscal Year. No litigation as yet (<3,000 acres)			
1:15	Smith Shields	Forest Service/ CGWG Committee	Status
Project has been awarded and is moving ahead, most of which will be completed this season (<3,000 acres). Somewhat smaller than North Bridger project.			
1:20	North Hebgen Project	CGWG Committee/ Forest Service	Status
Two sales have been awarded. Litigation has work suspended.			
1:50	CGNF Forest Plan Revision	Virginia Kelly; Mariah Lueschen	Forest Plan Revision updates and report on Public Meetings
Mary Erickson, Forest Supervisor, referred to Draft EIS statement which was released in March. Comment period on the draft will close on June 6, 2019. Public meetings were held in several locations in April. Comments are beginning to come in now, many so far are form letters with the same comments (high numbers don't add weight, as they are looking for unique comments.) Comments will be factored in			

‘standing’ for the objection process. Regional Forester will be the objection resolution officer for this process.			
2:45	Forest Plan Revision	Prinkki	Review and discuss draft comments from subcommittee
Members discussed the subcommittees draft comments (Schmidt, Klotz, Cestero, Caldwell, Walden). A small number of revisions were identified and it was agreed the final version would be released by the committee for final CGWG approval by late May.			
3:00	LGFA Grant Application	Prinkki/Atwood	Obtain approval to submit grant for funding assistance
The draft application for recently announced LGFA grant was reviewed and approved for submission. CGWG Commissioner members may need to arrange County support letters as the grant is being finalized. Schmidt/Eisen			
3:00	Next meeting		
Due to the due date for submission of Draft EIS comments, members agreed the next meeting should be scheduled earlier than the typical date, if needed, to obtain the final vote. Jim Hart will work with Prinkki on scheduling and process. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm			