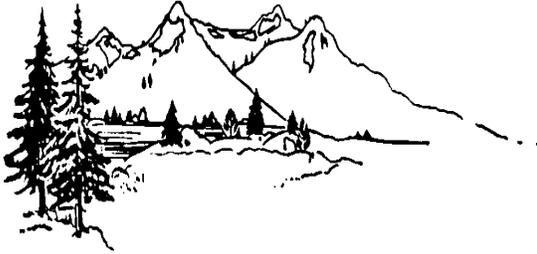


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Minutes – September 25, 2019

Chairman

Commissioner James Lee (At Large)

Vice Chairman

Commissioner Samantha Chilcote (Wildlife)

Trinity County Board of Supervisor District 5

Supervisor John Fenley

Restoration

Vacant

Commissioner Mike Dixon

Recreation

Commissioner Cody Canale – Absent

Commissioner Scott Dias - Absent

Fisheries

Commissioner Kyle De Julio

Vacant

At Large

Commissioner Richard Cole

Vacant

Wildlife

Commissioner Alex Ross - Absent

Vacant

Secretary Tina Duong

This meeting may be audio-recorded.

The TCFG assists in developing Fisheries and Wildlife Policy recommendations for the Board of Supervisors. The TCFG interacts and coordinates with federal, state and local agencies and other organizations involved in fish and wildlife conservation, restoration, enhancement and management programs.

Meeting of the TCFG are held bi-monthly starting in January and are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The meeting location is at the Trinity County library (unless otherwise noted) in Weaverville at 7:00 PM. All meeting agendas will be posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. If you would like back-up to the agenda items please contact Tina Duong at trinityfishandgamecommission@gmail.com.

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7:00 PM

Meeting Called to Order

Public Comment

This time is for information from the public on matters not appearing on this agenda. All comments are limited to three minutes and must pertain to matters within the jurisdiction of this Advisory Commission. When addressing the Advisory Commission please state your name for the record and address the Advisory Commission as a whole, through the Chair. No action or discussion will be conducted on matters not listed on the agenda, however, the Chair may refer the subject matter to the appropriate Commissioner for follow-up or schedule the matter on a subsequent Advisory Commission Agenda.

None

- I. Approved the Minutes from May 8, 2019 and July 10, 2019 as submitted by the Secretary.

Motion: Richard Cole **Second:** John Fenley **Carried**

Yays: Cole, Fenley, Dias, Dixon and Lee

Nays: None

Abstain: DeJulio and Chilcote

Absent: Canale, Dias and Ross

- II. **Evening Program** – See addendum.

- III. **On Going Reports**

- a. Restoration - Discussed various restoration project – There is a big restoration project on the Trinity River on Sky ranch Rd. They are tentatively soliciting for restoration grants starting in November. Commissioner DeJulio said the Watershed Research and Training Center (WRTC) recently received grant funding for Phase 2 of the Heli wood Load Project on the South Fork Trinity River. WRTC will be partnering with the Yurok Tribe doing another wood loading project. The Yurok Tribe and BLM will be doing a restoration project on Indian Valley Creek. Commissioner Chilcote said updates were given in the 5C's Forest Service compound and Little Brown's restoration projects outlined at the last Watershed Council meeting.
- b. Trinity County Big Game Update, Deer Management Plan – Chairman Lee and Commissioner Canale.
Chairman Lee said he hasn't been able to talk to Karen Converse yet. Sporty said he just saw that she took another position. He said that Commissioner Lee needs to talk to Nathan Gravelin. Sporty thinks they have a senior person doing the plans but he's not sure. He will email Chairman Lee contact info. Chairman Lee said he didn't know how to move forward without a deer coordinator. Vice-Chairman Chilcote asked we could take it to the State Fish and Game. Sporty said we should submit something to the Fish and Game Commission and they would ask what do you as Biologist want to do. Commissioner DeJulio recommended that we bring the plan to the Board of Supervisors. Vice-Chairman Chicote said we can petition the State Fish and

Game Chairman Lee said there would be three aspects of the plan. The first aspect would be a later season or an additional season. Commissioner DeJulio said that Fisheries change every season and felt maybe they could do the same with deer hunting. Supervisor Fenley recommended looking at code.

Commissioner DeJulio said they should sell late season tags. Chairman Lee would like to look into antlerless deer hunting. He said that wasn't CDFW's choice it would be the County's choice.

Action Item: Chairman Lee to bring the deer plan back at the next meeting.

- c. Trinity River update – Commissioner DeJulio reported Salmon are spawning. There was an issue with Clear Creek tunnel, it prevented diversion that caused heating in the reservoir. They decided to protect the fish for both temperature and spawning. They had been getting about 25 or more in the Junction City Weir.
- d. Department of Fish & Wildlife Report - Sporty reported they just finished up a fecal DNA study. It helps to sort out the abundance of deer, sex and age of the deer. The pellets were randomly selected out of all six B zones. The whole DNA process is new so they are trying to sort it out. It helps determine The number of deer that use the trail.
- e. NRA Collaboration Committee Report – Commissioner Dixon said we are supposed send someone to the Collaborative NRA. He said he went to one in the spring but there was nothing about Trinity County. He was going to tell Commissioner Chilcote when the next meeting was. Commissioner Chilcote will be monitoring the minutes.
- f. Fisheries Council – Commissioner DeJulio and Cole Commissioner Cole Reported that Senator McGuire was recently appointed to the Fisheries Council. He said he plans to reach out to him and find out more information about the Fisheries Council.
- g. Grant Program – Commissioner Lee said we need to get more information about when the fishing derby is and who the point of contact is. We need to request a flyer. Vice-Chairman Chilcote reported that Ruth Lake changed hands and the new owners don't know who to contact. She said we need to do outreach in that area. Supervisor Fenley said Southern Trinity uses the school paper for advertising.

IV. Old Business

- a. Discuss literature for deer hunters regarding reporting marijuana grown in the National Forest, sub-committee report – Commissioner Cole. Commissioner Cole said he prepared graphics for the flyer and submitted it to Sheriff Saxon who thought it was dark. So he lightened it up. However, he

doesn't feel it will go anywhere and was ok with it being taken off.

Motion to stop any further progression on this item

Motion: Mike Dixon **Second:** Kyle DeJulio

Ayes: DeJulio, Dixon, Cole, Fenley, Chilcote and Lee

Nays: None

Absent: Canale, Dias and Ross

- b. Discussed the letter of support for Justin Alvarez, Hoopa Valley Tribe regarding Brown Trout Management Project – Commissioner DeJulio.

Commissioner DeJulio reported that the Board of Supervisor's approved the letter and forwarded it to the State Fish and Game Commission. He said they didn't take any action on it at the meeting but they are discussing it now.

Action Item: Ok to remove from the next agenda.

V. New Business

- a. Discuss forming a Correspondence Ad Hoc Committee. – Chairman Lee

Commissioner Cole said we discussed an ad hoc committee at our last non meeting and the idea was to speed up the correspondence process. Chairman Lee said it would be the Chair and Commissioner Cole. It would be something we already voted on. Commissioner Cole's role would be writing up the letter and the Chairman's role would be to approve the letter. Vice-Chairman Chilcote said she would like to be a part of the ad hoc as the Vice-Chairman.

Motion to form an ad hoc subcommittee to make correspondence more efficient and that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Cole are assigned to the ad hoc.

Motion: Kyle DeJulio **Second:** Richard Cole

Ayes: DeJulio, Cole, Dixon, Fenley, Chilcote and Lee

Nays: None

Absent: Canale, Dias and Ross

- b. Discuss Antlerless Deer Hunts. – Chairman Lee

Chairman Lee said California is the only state that has a significant deer population but doesn't allow antlerless deer hunting. Sporty said there are some counties in California that have antlerless deer hunting. Supervisor Fenley said the Board has requested it before from the Fish and Wildlife and

they only ended up only getting three or four tags. Sporty said in 2014 Mendocino County did a study that said not to do an antlerless hunt because of predation. If deer population goes down so does the lion population. In this study they had collared deer and collared lion. 72% of the time if a bear found the deer the lion wouldn't come back and would go kill another deer. You would need to drop as many buck as doe to balance out the population.

Motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Jr. Hunt be switched to either sex. (J4 or J21)

Motion: Kyle DeJulio **Second:** Richard Cole

Ayes: DeJulio, Cole, Dixon, Fenley, Chilcote and Lee

Nays: None

Absent: Canale, Dias and Ross

- c. Discussed the use of the Travel Expense per the Trinity County Fish and Game By-Laws.

Per the bylaws the primary and alternate members may be reimbursed travel costs at the County mileage rate for participation in regular Commission meetings and for other transportation and travel costs at County rates when directed by the Commission to represent the County at State-wide hearing on fish and wildlife matters. Commissioner Lee to reach out to Commissioner Canale about his absences and will discuss with him if getting reimbursement will keep him on the Commission.

- d. Discussed including the Pledge of Allegiance on the agenda. - Commissioner Dixon - Withdrawn
- e. Discussed updating the Bylaws. – Chairman Lee

Chairman Lee will send out an annotated draft with the changes he made.

Motion to table V.e.

Motion: James Lee **Second:** Richard Cole

Ayes: Lee, Cole, DeJulio, Dixon, Fenley and Chilcote

Nays: None

Absent: Canale, Dias and Ross

- f. Discussed the possibility of wasting disease in dead deer found in the creek at the top of Brady Ranch Rd. – Commissioner Cole - Withdrawn

- g. Discussed the denial of the Board of Supervisors request to extend the duration of the Steelhead fishery directly below Lewiston Dam. – Kyle DeJulio

Commissioner DeJulio reported we didn't make the recommendation but Supervisor Groves brought it to the Board of Supervisors. He felt we should find more supporting evidence and submit something to the Board of Supervisors. He said he would like to lobby for a barbless artificial take. Vice-Chairman Chilcote recommended offering both barbless artificial take and leave. Commissioner DeJulio will work with Supervisor Groves and bring it back if needed.

- h. Approved the 2019/2020 Budget.

Motion: Samantha Chilcote **Second:** Mike Dixon

Ayes: Chilcote, Dixon, Cole, DeJulio, Fenley, Chilcote and Lee

Nays: None

Absent: Canale, Dias and Ross

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Letter from Lewiston Lion's Club

VI. Staff Reports

- **Financial Report** – Budget Balance as of August 31, 2019: \$21,516.29.
- **Fines and Fees** - Court Distribution for April 2019 - \$52.98, May 2019 - \$88.81 and June 2019 - \$117.98 for a cumulative total of \$3,062.18 for fiscal Year 2018/2019.

Supervisor Fenley recommended to Chairman Lee to have a consent calendar on the agenda.

VII. Approval of Claims

- Approved the Secretary Fees for July 10, 2019 meeting and September 25, 2019: \$300

Motion: Richard Cole **Second:** Kyle DeJulio

Ayes: Cole, DeJulio, Dixon, Fenley, Chilcote and Lee

Nays: None

Absent: Canale, Dias and Ross

- Approved the Post Office Box Rent reimbursement to Tina Duong, \$56.00

Motion: Richard Cole **Second:** Kyle DeJulio

Ayes: Cole, DeJulio, Dixon, Fenley, Chilcote and Lee

Nays: None

Absent: Canale, Dias and Ross

- Authorized the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary to sign all future claims for the Post Office Box Rent.

Motion: Richard Cole **Second:** Kyle DeJulio

Ayes: Cole, DeJulio, Dixon, Fenley, Chilcote and Lee

Nays: None

Absent: Canale, Dias and Ross

Adjournment

Next Meeting

November 13, 2019

Addendum

- A. Received a presentation from District Ranger Joe Smailes with the US Forest Service regarding the priorities of the Shasta Trinity National Forest.

District Ranger Joe Smailes reported that the Middle Fire was about 1,300 acres with about 98% wilderness and 2% around the Canyon Creek trailhead. Commissioner Cole asked if they were using the Middle Fire as a tool. District Ranger Smailes said it was his job to keep the integrity of the wilderness as wilderness and they don't want to trample on that. He said even though we have fires and we have to go in with equipment sometimes but they try not to. He said this was a particular fire that started with lightning and it didn't do a whole lot for a couple days than a week ago it blew up. There was a slump over on the ridge at Stewarts Fork area that caused a lot of concerns. The fire did a lot of good. They had a containment strategy. It was too dangerous and too steep and didn't warrant putting fire fighters next to the fire. Two firefighters that were hurt at the beginning of the fire. They implemented a containment strategy and the end result is they have 1,350 acres that were basically and under burn. A lot of brush was burned up. He said the results were very acceptable. Commissioner Cole said it was a natural control burn. District Ranger Smailes said it did far more good than harm. He said if you knew what fire should look like 98% of us would agree that it was a good burn. Supervisor Fenley said that even though it wasn't planned if that is how they operate in the wilderness? District Ranger Smailes said yes that is the way they managed it. Supervisor Fenley asked if they could do that outside the wilderness to? District Ranger Smailes said they could do that outside the wilderness too if it warranted it. He said that it was a full suppression activity, they had multiple resources there. It was very expensive but

they take situations like this very seriously. They hit the fire pretty good. They are demobilizing right now but will remain engaged until the fire is out. They are down to a type 4 organization. The fire should be out by the end of October or November. He talked about how the Carr/Delta Fire was an anomaly in 2018. They had a lot of fire. They did apply a road maintenance CE to repair the roads in the Carr/Delta footprint. The fire killed trees along the road so they designed a timber sale - fire salvage sale. He was happy to report that they sold the timber sale last week. He said they don't usually have much success with timber salvage on the Weaverville side but they were able to catch it in time. He said the timber companies saw value in it. He said they were going to get that volume off and that was a big deal to them. Chairman Lee asked how long they have to take the burned timber. District Ranger Smailes said one year. Commissioner Cole asked if that included the 299. District Ranger Smailes said no that was Park Service. He said BLM also had success with selling their fire salvage. He said that was a big deal to him.

He discussed the integrated vegetation management. He said about two-to-three months ago he discussed it with the Board of Supervisors. They have a 19,000 acre Trinity Alps prescribed fire project on the west side of the wilderness that was impacted by the Megram fire. He said there was a tremendous amount of fuel on the ground and they want to clean that up. He said this was in part because they put firefighters back in there about 10-11 years ago to fall a whole bunch of trees because they thought they need the fire line. However, the fire never reached the fire line, so the trees never burned. He said there are miles upon miles of downed trees which are a fire hazard and they would like to mitigate that. So they want to put a prescribed fire in the wilderness so they could clean it up and to also cleanup the other understory. He said it was a big project, it's an EA and they hope to implement the project late next year in 2020. Commissioner DeJulio said he hunts that area and wanted to know if it would be during hunting season? District Ranger Smailes said it could be because of when the burn window is. He said depending on the access issues they we're looking at late November or early December. He said it also depends on weather so it could be October as well.

District Ranger Smailes said they will be advertising the prescribed fire plan for this year. He said they have a pretty ambitious plan to work with their burn plans in this area. One of the top projects of the Forest Service in this area is the Weaverville Community Service Fuels Maintenance Treatment Project. It's about a 5,000 acre project. They plan to go in and burn. They don't plan on doing any commercial removal but they may do some mastication and end treatment ahead of the burn. He said these are old fire scars, old fuel breaks that have not been maintained in the last six-to-nine years. They feel if they don't maintain them within the next three-to-four years that we are going to lose them or it would be really expensive to go back to treat the area. He said Trinity County has a great growth potential with good dunning site 2 and 3 which is good soil. If we have the rainfall we will have those fuel breaks as much as we need them functional, timber growth comes in and it renders it inoperable for a functional fuel break. They want to go in and maintain those established fuel breaks in the next three-to-five years. He said it was a pretty

ambitious project but it's in and around Weaverville; most of it is north of 299. They started an IDT, which is a team of specialists to catalyze the effects of what they are doing. He thinks they have a lot of support doing this. He already reported it to the Board so they are familiar with it or have heard about it. They hope to have a decision on this project. He said it's a categorical exclusion. He will be the signature on the decision memo and they hope to have this implemented by March of 2020 if weather allows. Chairman Lee said the acres sound big with 29,000 acres in the Alps and 5,000 around town. He said on a map it's a postage stamp. He asked if they were planning to start small and get big. District Ranger Smailes said it is and that within Region 5 there has been a directive to the Forest Supervisors down to the District Rangers to pick up the pace and scaling. He said they were coming out with hard numbers that will be their goal for the years coming forward. He said they were looking at ramping up fuels and acreage treated and timber volume, incrementally between now and 2024. Hopefully, by 2024 we will be at that level we should be at. He said our fires are outpacing our treatments which is a staggering defeat. He said if you look at last year's fires, the Carr fire was 244,000 acres and the Delta fire was 64,000 acres. If you have a 5,000 acre treatment, even if you do that in one year and you have a 200,000 acre fire; there's a disparity going on. For us to get ahead of the curve and to be proactive; you can't control the temperature or the wind but you can control the vegetation treatment on the ground. Their goal is to get ahead of the game. After the 2018 fires were so bad the question was posed to them, "Whatever they do, what does it mean to the town of Paradise or to Weaverville". He said they have some nice projects but there is some serious need to think outside the box, changing business practices, the way we think in planning projects. He said we would hear a lot about it. He said his report card is fuels acreage treated, timber volume and harvesting. Chairman Lee asked in the lines with Commissioner Cole's comment about how the Middle Fire was being treated as a prescribed burn. He said he saw an area that was on BLM's land in the Carr Fire area near Jennings Gulch but it's a ridge above it. He said it was a flat ridge pretty expansive. He said a few years ago BLM did a Stewardship project and they thinned it and it was looking good but I was thinking this place needs a fire. He said he was up there recently and the Carr fire did roll through there but he couldn't tell if it was back fire; just the way the green patches were left or if the Carr Fire did roll into it but it didn't go past it. He thought it may have functioned as sort of an incomplete fuel break at the time of the fire. He was wondering if the firefighters when developing their strategies, are they looking for these areas that have been treated, going in and igniting them as a backfire. He thinks it would have to be a policy thing, as soon as the fires start the planners have to look at all these treatment and what are we going to do with them. District Ranger Smailes said absolutely, that fuel breaks are soft acres or they could be hard acres, it really plays into firefighter safety but it plays in to strategy and fire planning. The key fuel breaks that they establish are super critical. Should a fire start, the idea is the fire rolls into the fuel break, it could be a head fire or a ground fire, 40-50 foot flame lengths. The idea of these fuel breaks is to drop the flame length down to 3-5 feet and roll through. He said sometimes they do that and when they get out of the fuel break they could raise again or maybe they'll stay down. He thinks strategically they have

to be smart because fuel breaks are expensive. They take great pride in knowing where those critical areas are. We are engaged in a multi-agency fuel break initiative, working with the industrial private land owners, Sierra Pacific, Trinity River Lumber Companies, whoever else might be in the mix, even non-industrial, timberland owners, they work with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). They are identifying those strategic fuel breaks all across Trinity County. They established one priority that is called the Oregon fuel break; It's going to be a part of the Weaverville Community Forest Fuels Maintenance Project. They have identified that fuel break with Sierra Pacific at the north end and east of Oregon Mountain Sierra Pacific picks it up, then they go into the nonindustrial with the NRCS. They will work with them to make those connections with the private landowners. They will then go back up over the 299 back to the com sites where they pick up Sierra Pacific again and some other private landowners. They plan to go all the way down to Douglas City. He said this is an example of this cooperative landscape approach to say what can we meet with you. If you are Trinity River Lumber Company or Sierra Pacific we are asking you where can we meet together instead of missing each other in the fuel break planning were going to connect because connection is real important. They've been working on this for about three and half to four months. He said after 2018 some people said enough is enough; we need to do something different. Unfortunately sometimes takes tragedy and loss of property value for us to do this but he's happy to say were doing this. Going back to pace of scale yes, we are actively engaged in how to do this. Our specialists, his NEpa team combined with the Hayfork District and the folks at Tom Hall are working frantically to see how we can do this because they are tapped out. They don't have a lot of room to take on new projects but they still have to. In order for them to be successful and increase their pace and scale they are looking at third party non-government organizations sister agencies to help us out to really look at this as a collaborative effort. They need help with planning. He said they are not very good at planning but they are good at implementing. They are looking at pulling these groups in to help them get through planning these projects. Chairman Lee asked, "How does the main stem Trinity fit into the whole plan as far as the fire break or control line or prescribed fires?" District Ranger Smailes said he would have to look at what our professional fire planners have on targets. He said he would think all of our resource protection measures that they have in the Forest Service is really about reducing sediment in the tributaries that lead to the stim. He said they don't really have a whole lot of activities close to that corridor because it a Corridor. He said it is called a scenic river; they are very careful with what projects they have there. They have some opportunities to come into the river. He said going back to fire suppression and dip. They've identified certain parts of the river that have deemo. They identified alternate sites of the river to dip water into even if it costs more to get there. They are very careful with fire suppression in those areas. Chairman Lee asked if they use the open areas of the Trinity River as a fire break. District Ranger Smailes said they would use it as a management action point (MAP). He said a map is a critical geographically feature that they know has a chance in slowing down or even being a barrier to the advancement of a fire. He said that is a hard management action point to utilize. He said the ridge east of the Canyon Creek Trailhead in the Middle Fire was a MAP and the idea was to keep the

fire within that ridge should it go over east which it did that Sunday. If it triggered another MAP the question is where are we going to contain that fire should it go over which it did. They have a lot of projects but they like ideas.

Commissioner DeJulio said it was good to hear about prescribed fire and managing fire. He said from a hunter's perspective a fire is a hunter's target, one to five years post fire. There is a lot of land without fire being present is a less useable for animals and hunters. He said what he was really interested in is if there is actual discussion about land conversions. He said it was his understanding that mid-century there was a lot of land conversions from oak woodlands to habitats to timberlands. He wanted to know if some of that land that was converted, isn't the most productive timberland and may not be serving a purpose should be converted back. Is that part of the overall fire plan converting some areas that may not be? Working back into what they would have been naturally? Once fire gets in an area or fire gets into an area, it has to come back in a short time. Is there any way The efficiency of acreage treated that work in the current interval so treatments are expected and part of the initial action. District Ranger Smailes said absolutely. He said the Weaverville Community Forest Fuels Maintenance Project idea is to go back and apply frequent fire. He said it could be four or five years to see what the reaction of the vegetation is. He said ideally you want frequent fire. He said he thinks the concept is understood, if you avoid that frequent interval, what you're going to get is a vegetation buildup. Should a fire come in your going to get unacceptable results and its game over. The idea of frequent fire is a target. They struggle with burning they don't have a lot of burn days. He said thirty years ago there used to be a pitch in the Forest Service to get out the oaks and put ponderosa pines on the landscape. Ponderosa pine was a big money maker so they did that. He said look at the plantations around here. Now he feels there is too much pines in his opinion. He said he likes the diversity of oak. He said that is one their desired conditions in this landscape. He said then again if there is an area that supports a strong mix of conifer growth that's their intent too.

Vice-Chairman Chilcote asked if there was any projects coming up for the watershed and fisheries. District Ranger Smailes said he understands this is a big fisheries area. He said it's a big ticket item especially with sensitivity and the threaten of endangered species. He said they are working with Emilo Fleets with Fisheries and they plan to have a meeting with Bill Brock in the next two weeks as to what this fisheries program is going to look like. He said he was ready to start hiring staff especially a GS9. He said Bill Brock is retiring at the end of the year. He's hoping he can put people in place hopefully by the end of the calendar year to start reestablishing relationships. He said with the loss of retirees there was a little bit of a gap. They are really looking forward to working with different agencies. He said fisheries is a critical area. District Ranger said we have to get ahead of these fires somehow. Chairman Lee asked if there was a lead that manages all the agencies, he was wondering how that works. District Ranger Smailes said it depends on what the project is. He said if its firebreaks it would be the Forest Service Supervisor. Forest Service takes the lead and BLM comes in behind them. Commissioner Cole asked

if SAFE was one of the groups and if they use herbicides in any of the fire prevention methods. District Ranger Smailes said SAFE is aware of the project but They haven't participated yet because they just started this. He said they have had discussions with the Trinity County Collaborative. He also said they do not use herbicides. He said Sierra Pacific use herbicides but the Forest Service does not. Commissioner Cole said he noticed that he hasn't talked about global warming or climate change and was wondering if the Forest Service is not allowed to talk about that. District Ranger Smailes said he can talk about it and they have to prepare for it. He said the fire sizes are an example of global warming and climate change. He said things are changing and we don't know the impact of that yet. Commissioner Cole said we are doing things at a rate a lot slower than we should be. He wants to know if there is anything we can as a Commission or the County to help them get more resources. District Ranger said if we are going to pick up the pace and scale with landscape activities, we are going to need help with these organizations. Their budget is tight and they need more money resources to pay third parties to do this work. He said there is a lot of grant money flowing through the system. They will need help with this. Commissioner Cole asked if it would be helpful to address their case with the local, state and federal officials? District Ranger Smailes said it would be. Commissioner Cole said what he is envisioning is that we go to the Board of Supervisors and say here is the forest service plan to try to mitigate the fire risk. They need more resources and more funding. He would like to submit a letter with a summary of their plan to the Congressman. District Ranger Smailes said that it would be helpful. Commissioner Cole asked if there was a summary of their plan. District Ranger Smailes said he could send it to him. Supervisor Fenley asked Commissioner Cole if he has went to the Trinity County collaborative. He said he thinks it would be good for Commissioner Cole to attend it. Something like this would have to come from the Trinity County Collaborative.

District Ranger Smailes said that they will also be starting a project in Burnt Ranch. They will be putting a lot of resources into that. They will be looking at fuel breaks, plantations, etc. Commissioner DeJulio asked if there will be changes to smoke regulations like Oregon recently changed. District Ranger Smailes said he is not pPrivy to that but he would hope it is.