

## Public Lands Committee

January 28, 2021 | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Zoom Meeting

### MEETING MINUTES

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#### Call to Order

Chair Wayne Butts called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

#### Approval of the September 2020 Minutes (Action Item):

*Idaho County Commissioner Skip Brandt moved to approve the Public Lands September 2020 meeting minutes. Twin Falls County Commissioner Jack Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### Forest Service Update | *Andy Brunelle, Forest Service*

There is a new regional forester for the intermountain region: Mary Farnsworth. SRS payments are to be expected late February to early March. These are the last of the two authorized payments from the prior 2-year authorization. The Central Idaho RAC appointments were made.

#### Forest Service Livestock Grazing Directives | *Eric Davis, Forest Service*

Proposed directives have been published in the federal register for sixty days. The public comments period ends on February 16<sup>th</sup>, or possibly March 18<sup>th</sup>, depending on a potential extension approval. There will be a webinar on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12pm Standard Time. The directives have not been updated in 30 years, so updating and modernizing the directives were a priority. Allowing grandchildren to operate off the permit was a big part of helping with succession planning.

#### Process for Obtaining Cooperating Agency Status | *Cindy Riegel, Teton County Commissioner*

Teton County obtained cooperating agency status on a project in Wyoming and learned a lot through the process. Proposals for expansions are happening at a lot of ski resorts, including Grand Targhee, where there is some private land in Teton County, WY. What is being proposed is an increase in accommodations, an additional seven chair lifts, an expansion of commercial property at the base as well as other items. Everyone that goes to Grand Targhee goes through Teton County, Idaho. All of the traffic impacts will be in Teton County, Idaho. Teton was alerted through the scoping process and sent a letter with concerns and asked to be recognized as a cooperating agency and was granted that through the Forest Service. *The County Governments and the USDA Forest Service: A Guidebook for Working Together* was a major resource to helping the county get a seat at the table.

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**No Net Loss of Private Land (Action Item) | *Wayne Butts, Custer County Commissioner***

No net loss of private lands is a few years old. Commissioner Butts took the idea to DC and found out there was a similar bill voted down in the late 60's. The idea is to protect counties from being bought out by the federal government. The Public Lands Committee voted to move forward with it a few years ago. The percentage was decreased to 75%, and the "state" wording was removed. It was suggested that the percentage be reduced further to 70%.

*Idaho County Commissioner Skip Brandt moved to support No Net Loss of Private Land at 70%. Washington County Commissioner Kirk Chandler seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**Fire Phone Service for Homeowners | *Jack Johnson, Twin Falls County Commissioner***

Internet and cell service is not strong in rural areas making it extremely challenging to communicate in traditional methods with rural residents regarding fire evacuations. The idea is to create an 800 number for residents to receive fire updates. There is no proposed legislation at the moment.

**PILT HCR008 (Action Item) | *Timothy Hibbard, IAC***

The bill has not yet been introduced. The legislative committee has seen a draft. The bill proposes the study committee on federalism evaluate the use of a pilot program to determine the impact of a tax equivalency PILT formula in place of the current formula.

The meeting was adjourned.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

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**Members Present:**

Chair: Wayne Butts, Commissioner  
Chair: Jeff Connolly, Commissioner  
Adams: Mike Paradis, Commissioner  
Blaine: Dick Fosbury, Commissioner  
Blaine: Jacob Greenberg, Commissioner  
Boundary: Sue Larson, Commissioner  
Clark: Greg Shenton, Commissioner  
Clearwater: Rick Winkel, Commissioner  
Custer: Steve Smith, Commissioner  
Elmore: Josh Dison, Assessor  
Fremont: Jordon Stoddard, Commissioner  
Fremont: Scott Kamachi, Commissioner  
Gooding: Rob Buhler, Commissioner  
Idaho: Skip Brandt, Commissioner

Jefferson: Scott Hancock, Commissioner  
Latah: Tom Lamar, Commissioner  
Lemhi: Jenny Rosin, Assessor  
Lincoln: Rebecca Wood, Commissioner  
Lincoln: Ann Youts, Treasurer  
Oneida: Bill Lewis, Commissioner  
Oneida: Lon Colton, Clerk  
Shoshone: Jerry White, Assessor  
Teton: Cindy Riegel, Commissioner  
Teton: Beverly Palm, Treasurer  
Teton: Bob Heneage, Commissioner  
Twin Falls: Jack Johnson, Commissioner  
Washington: Kirk Chandler, Commissioner  
Washington: Lydon Haines, Commissioner