

## Kootenai Forest Stakeholders Coalition



### Quarterly Board Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2021

6:00 – 8:00 P.M. MT

Hybrid Meeting:

Libby Library Commons / Zoom Virtual

### Participants

#### Board Members Present

Tim Dougherty, Co-Chair

Doug Ferrell, Co-Chair

Allie Maloney, Executive Committee At-Large

Paul McKenzie, Executive Committee At-Large

Mark Peck, Port of Libby

Ed Levert

Shawn Morgan, Thompson River Lumber

Angelo Alderete

Tye Sundt, Weyerhaeuser

Juli Thurston, MSU Sanders County Extension

Dawain Burgess

Mike Petersen

Caroline Mellor, Langdon Group, KFSC

Coordinator/Facilitator

Hannah Anderson, Langdon Group,

Coordination support

#### Members of the Public

Ray Stout

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#### Guests, Advisors and Collaborative Support

Chad Benson, Kootenai National Forest

Supervisor

Phil Hough, Friends of Scotchman's Peak

Jodi

Steve Kimball, Montana DNRC

#### Board Members Not Present

Jerry Wandler

Chas Vincent

Aaron Peterson, Yaak Valley Forest Council

### Meeting Objectives:

- To learn from and share information with the Kootenai National Forest.
- To discuss issues related to grizzly bear management
- To discuss project-level work and upcoming opportunities for KFSC involvement.
- To share KFSC Committee updates and collaborate between committees.

### Meeting Summary

#### Overview

The June 2021 Board meeting served as a productive venue for Board members and KNF Chad Benson to discuss upcoming projects and opportunities for the rest of 2021. Board members discussed upcoming project comment work and plans for community outreach and education. Guest speaker Wayne Kasworm gave an engaging presentation on grizzly bear management.

The meeting was held as a hybrid with members attending in person outside the Libby Library and virtually via Zoom.

### Welcome and Introductions

Facilitator Caroline Mellor reviewed the meeting purpose and agenda. Co-Chairs Doug Ferrell and Tim Dougherty welcomed the Board and guests to the meeting and expressed appreciation for their time.

### Partner Updates

Mark Peck shared about his new position and goals

### Guest Speaker: Grizzly Bear Management

Wayne Kasworm, US Fish and Wildlife Service, provided an engaging presentation and discussion on grizzly bear management, trends and current issues.

### Kootenai National Forest Updates

Chad Benson, Kootenai National Forest (KNF), provided the following updates from the KNF.

Great Americas Outdoor Act (GAOA) - KN

Project Updates –

Shared Stewardship –

Joint Chiefs –

Questions and Discussion:

RAC Funds (Resource Advisory Committee) –

Montana Forest Action Plan – The KNF has put in two to three projects for action plan grants and received positive feedback on one.

Communication – Chad emphasized that he would coordinate with Co-Chairs Doug and Tim as opportunities for KFSC Board involvement arise between the March and June Board meetings.

### Committee Updates

Education and Outreach – Allie Maloney, Committee Chair, reported on recent Committee discussions for the 2021 Committee work plan.

District Subcommittees – Board members reviewed recent project work and discussed upcoming opportunities. Tim shared that the

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Committee Coordination – Coordinator/Facilitator Caroline continued the discussion on committees sharing meeting notes the google drive and sharing out with the larger Board in a monthly newsletter.

Next Steps and Wrap-Up

Steve Kimball, Montana DNRC, noted his observation that the KFSC is clearly committed to the efforts exemplified in the Montana Forest Action Plan. He shared that there will be upcoming funding options for collaboratives in the form of local assistance grants.

Phil Hough, Friends of Scotchman Peaks, shared that is working on a trails system plan. He noted that this not a comprehensive planning process and that they are holding for future funding options.

Facilitator Caroline reviewed the action items. Co-Chairs thanked Board members for an engaging meeting and the flexibility for the hybrid format.

Action items:

Action items	Responsible Party
KFSC Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meeting Summary</li></ul>	Coordinator and Exec Comm’s Allie Maloney (as current website point person)
Newsletters <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meeting Summary to KFSC larger email list</li><li>Committee Updates to Board list</li></ul>	Coordinator to create; with approval and coordination from Executive Committee
Strategic Plan Implementation – Outreach to targeted organizations identified.	Co-Chairs and Coordinator work with those that volunteered to do organizational outreach Angelo, Dwain, Juli and Shawn