

MFC
February 11, 2020
Missoula

Attendance: Gordy Sanders – *Pyramid Mountain Lumber*, Bruce Rowland – *Stimson*, Jared Richardson – *Weyerhaeuser*, Skyler Hoefler – *Idaho Forest Group*, Bryan Lorengo/Coleen Michael/Tim McEntire – *MLA*, Cameron Wohlschlegel – *FH Stoltze Land & Lumber*, Zach Bashoor – *Pyramid Mountain Lumber*, Roger Ziesak – *MT DNRC*

SIC Administrator: Julia Altemus

Chairman’s Welcome and Anti-Trust Statement: Gordy Sanders

November 12, 2019 Notes: Approved as presented

SFI Standard Revision Update, WA. SIC Community Grant Support and SFI News: Gordy reminded the council of the previous decision regarding logger training and small landowner education. Gordy reminded Gordy Mouw that the MFC wants to be involved early in any changes that may be suggested. Gordy M sent Gordy S information that sub-committees have already been identified and established. Jared is on a logger training subcommittee. Jared shared that some of the topics include: reforestation, FSC/Forest Service Certification, forests of exceptional conservation value, safety, etc. Forest management may focus on T&E and forests of exceptional conservation value. Gordy S said that the comment period opens in May. The meeting is June 2 in Boise, ID. Gordy S suggested keeping Roger in the loop. SFI already set the external review panel. Gordy S provided a copy of the letter to Doug Kennedy, Forest Certification Program Manager, in support of the Washington SIC – SFI Community Grant application. Conversation was given to how to better present the work of the MFC and better catalog what everyone is doing throughout the year that is SFI oriented and get them to Julia so she can add the information to the annual report.

Educational Brochure: Paul and Lorin have not had an opportunity to meet with Janina to finish the brochure. Jared wants to know if they need help? Gordy will follow-up with Paul to see what we can do to help get the brochure done. Bruce is going to touch base with Janina.

Spring 2020 Training Program/Operator Simulator: Tim provided a copy of the ALP Classes for 2020 and the First Aid/Fire Schedule:

Advanced SFI: April 17 - Lubrecht, April 24 – Kalispell

Forest Stewardship Workshop: April 14 – 16 Lubrecht

SMZ/BMP: May 4 – Libby, May 5 – Kalispell, May 6 – Missoula, May 7 – Bozeman

New Technology for Handling Steeper Slopes: March 20 – Missoula

Summit Attachments-Grapple Yarding and Winch Assist

Ponsee – CTL winch assisted

Titan Machinery – Tigercat

IFG – Contractor and Forester, Possible IDL

Weeds and Tree Diseases: March 27 – Missoula

Amy Gannon

Focus on Tussock Moth

Spraying contractor to speak about timing for agency contracts

Managing for Wildlife: April 28 – Kalispell

RMEF – Mark Lambrecht

National Wild Turkey Federation – David Nikonow

Fish Wildlife & Parks – Kenny Breidinger fish biologist

Wild Wings Recovery – Beth Watne

First Aid/Fire Schedule: March 17 – Hamilton, March 18-19 –

Missoula, March 24-26 – Kalispell, April 7 – Plains, April 8-9 – Libby,

April 14 – Lewistown, April 15 – Belgrade, April 16-17 – Deer Lodge,

April 22 – Kalispell, April 23 – Seeley Lake

Bryan said MLA will offer a simulator class in April or May in eastern MT.

Julia will add a link under the MFC section on the MWPA website to link the 2020 training classes to the MLA website. MLA will add MFC info to the bottom of the training schedule.

Project Learning Tree/SFI: No one was available for this update, but Jared said the National Tree Farm meeting is the end of February in Baltimore. Jared and Holly McKenzie will be attending. Angela Wells is now in charge of all Tree Farm membership across the country and the National Tree Farm Standards are under revision. Montana Tree Farm

annual meeting will be in the Helena area in October and possibly a tour of Marks Lumber.

MFC Financial Report: Coleen provided the 2019 – 2020 Projected Income report. Roseburg had indicated they would be joining and providing financial support, but Coleen heard recently that they were not quite ready to join. Projected cash commitment is \$22,500, and in-kind commitment is 29,250. Gordy will reach out to PCA and Clearwater Paper.

Member and Partner Updates: **MLA** - new website and staff and are working out well. Simulator is going to the ILC this year. April 1 – 3 in Spokane. Working with FVCC and running classes through the simulator and pulling the training program together. First Aid training will be starting soon. Jason and Bryan did the first classes last week. The first workshops for Emerging Leaders are in Helena. Funding for the program is from Colorado State and have identified about 20 people that they want to help develop their skills as emerging leaders within the logging sector. Three workshops, for 2 days. Will focus on state policy and Montana State Fund, Anaconda will be bringing in the Job Corps and working on developing soft skills. **Weyerhaeuser** – external corporate audit in March and a fiber sourcing audit in August. Land sale is still on track to close 2nd quarter. Not sure if Southern Pine is SFI. Dues in 2021 to MFC will be reduced by half. New major capital project in the mill that should be completed by 4th quarter 2020. **MWPA** Julia reported on the work of the interim committees and said the issue of concern for MFC is the future of the Montana Natural Heritage Program. This issue is in the education sub-committee of the Legislative Finance Committee. **Pyramid** Zach said he and Skyler just got back from DC through the REAL Montana program. Zach is also involved in the Conservation Corp. Jared suggested this is a good opportunity to educate the Corp on BMPs. Gordy provided the staffing update. Surveillance audit in October. Owners made a major investment in the mill that is working out well. **DNRC** Roger – one takeover, and 2 SMZ investigations. Should be settled by the next MFC meeting. Starting the process for the 2020 BMP/SMZ Field Reviews. Will look to meet in early June with the teams and perform the audits from mid-June through mid-August. Even though Gary Franks retired from the DNRC, he will still be a team leader. Looking for a team leader in the Northwest. Bryan

suggested reaching out to the collaborative groups and county and state elected officials to see if someone would be interested in participating. Also should give a summary of the report to the collaborative groups. Jared will make a pitch to get Tree Farm participation. 2019 Logging on non-industrial private lands that had an HRA, 64mmbf. Down considerably from 2018. Roger will have FS and other jurisdictions by the end of April. The Cut by County report only reports sawlog volume. He will start to add the non-saw volume on the bottom of the report. **Stoltze** Cameron just got back from Foresters Forum in CDA and now working on spring contractor meeting and getting ready for break-up. **Stimson** Bruce had an external surveillance audit in 2019. Will have audits on the Oregon westside lands. **IFG** Skyler will have chain of custody fiber sourcing audits in early summer. St Regis is still shut down to retool in order to be able to be more efficient in the mill and handling residuals. Work should be completed by the end of April first of May. Met with Jim Hubbard, Doug Crandall, Christine Dawe, Alan Rowley through the REAL MT program. IFG wants to get tethered logging going in Montana.

Next Meeting: June 23 Discussion was given to get Gordy Mouw, Jason Metnick or Nadine Block VP of Governmental Affairs for SFI to the meeting. Julia will contact Nadine. A phone is always available upon request, but call-in capability will be provided for future meetings.