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MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 22, 2018
LOCATION: FWP Region 2 office (3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula)
TIME: 6-9:30 p.m.

In Attendance

Members: John Allendorf, Jane Bennett, Louie Bouma, Steve Clevidence, Dan Conn, Marc Cooke, Laurie Johnston, Denley Loge, Tracy Manley, Jim Olson, Kylie Paul, Gregory Price, Thomas Puchlerz, Carey Schmidt, Joanne Weimer

Staff: Randy Arnold, Chet Crowser, Vivaca Crowser, Deb Espinoza, Pat Saffel, Dori Schiele & Mike Thompson

Welcome & introductions:

Vivaca Crowser extended a welcome to everyone. Five CAC member terms are due to expire; Steve Clevidence, Dan Conn, Ross Keogh, Kylie Paul, and Carey Schmidt. Vivaca will be sending them an application and will also be recruiting for new members June 1 – June 30, 2018.

Enforcement news

Joe Jaquith gave an update on the impact of PR funding and how this has changed the way enforcement is operating. Joe Jaquith showed the new Warden district that has been put in place for our new hire, it will be the Drummond District.

Wildlife update/shoulder seasons

Mike Thompson explained the new license 002-00, he stated it is not good on Nature Conservancy, Stimpson or Weyerhauser; only on private land, and that the reasoning behind this was to allow FWP to take a step back and encourage land owners to build relationships with hunters. We are also hoping to eliminate the need for game damage hunts.

Vivaca Crowser - Brand

Vivaca presented the new FWP Brand Book to each of the CAC members. She had a slide show with some of the photos in this book and the video. Talked on how FWP impacts all who live and visit MT and the need to market FWP's work and tell our story more broadly. Tag lines that easily identify us as FWP are being released and more information and marketing campaigns will follow.

State Parks projects & updates

Chet Crowser invited all to the Milltown State Park grand opening June 23.

Fisheries update – Pat Saffel

Pat gave a presentation on work with Trout Unlimited; they have created a fish-tracking website for Rock Creek that allows people to sponsor a tagged fish and follow this fish on its journey.

CAC

We asked CAC members to evaluate us and give us feedback on how we are doing regarding working with them on the CAC. Expectations being met? How can we improve?

Ideas were as follows:

- One member stated they would like more opportunities for input prior to decisions being made as opposed to hearing about these after the fact.
- Request for more time during the meetings for CAC members to have an opportunity to bring forward topics for discussion. As our group is large this poses a problem because of time constraints; brought up the idea of making a note to continue that topic at the start of the next meeting, or to form sub-committees to discuss important topics outside of the CAC meeting.
- Would like more time for discussion as a group and less presentations.
- Response by another member - Presentations are helpful for the retelling of accurate information to the general public.
- Balance discussions with presentations for information gathering.
- Response was to keep in mind it is not a platform to talk about your philosophy, but more an opportunity to share these ideas for a reason and to educate each other and remain respectful and open-minded.
- When recruiting new members, we should communicate the importance of attending meetings. Look at our policy to see if it is written in that members cannot miss so many meetings.
- Complemented R2 for their dedication and obvious pride in what we do.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm