

Agenda

December 5, 2018

Lincoln County Services Office
111 Copper Ridge Road

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

- Welcome – Laura Doth
- Review of Previous Meeting/Notes
- Discussion of Hale Lake Area
 - Timeline
 - Challenges
- Mapping Exercise – what activities/uses fit where?
- Are we missing anything?
- Next Meeting Date

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3 PM. In attendance were Laura Doth, Clark Taylor, JP Kenmore, Stephan Carter, Leroy Cockrell, Nick Smokovich, Omar Barnes, Robert Barber, Mike Buechter, Rodney Griego, Jodie Canfield, Andrew Ellis and Spencer Baldwin.

After introductions, the group reviewed the previous meeting notes.

Clark Taylor suggested that as we are planning for trails and roads, we might look at a ¼ mile buffer from private land boundaries.

The question was asked if there is a chance of Right of Way access through private property. Clark said that may be a possibility. Some of the property owners do have some concerns...they just don't know what to expect.

Robert Barber suggested that before we start adding roads, we look at what roads could be closed. We don't want to overload the system or have a surge in the number of roads. One of our primary goals is to protect the natural resources.

A broad ranging discussion followed. Topics included:

- The need for improved camp sites.
- The need for a place where vehicles (like jeeps) can be used on the Lincoln NF.
- The need to provide context with the whole forest.
- Emergency considerations, and access to emergency situations.
- Recognition of the large hunting area in the project area. How do hunters access it and use it along with other forest users.
- User roads that have been closed...do we leave them that way? It was felt that we need to really look at the road system and offer a refinement to the number and uses of the roads within the plan.
- Water was a topic of great discussion. It needs to be addressed, especially for lease holders and recreational users.
- Where do people want to get to? How do we make that happen?
- Habitat improvement – we need to make a place the elk want to go.

Jodie informed the group that part of the plan will include internal analysis of issues like erosion, water, etc. The FS Recreation staff has to look at all of the variables and their implications for their program of work.

The group also discussed that there is a need to figure out ways that the community can take ownership of the recreational area. They can volunteer time and effort. This type of relationship can transform what the visitors get out of their experience.

Recommendations included requiring UTV users to get a registration tag – perhaps through a local business or approved service center. While there, they can be educated on the do's and don'ts of using the area.

Jodie Canfield gave a brief overview of the timeline she is hoping to be able to follow with this project. The potential completion dates are included in the attached handout. The ultimate goal is to have a final decision by September 30. The group discussed a “hands on” approach versus a “conceptual” approach. She feels the group is very capable of being hands on and helping to develop a specific plan that will then be fine-tuned by the Forest Service staff.

One of Jodie’s goals is to get the public involved early in the whole process. In the past, participation has been fairly low profile. This has been seen as not involving the local public. She would like to change that.

The group then broke into groups to discuss options on where to put trails, campsites, etc. They were encouraged to actually write and draw on the maps. Several members took the maps home so they could take time to really review the sites and make thoughtful recommendations.

Laura will send out a pdf file of the map of the area so that everyone can begin to capture what their desires are. Everyone is encouraged to get these back to her by Friday, January 11. She will forward them on to Andrew who will try and put them on a comprehensive map for the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23 at 3 PM. We will meet in the Lincoln County Emergency Services Office again.

Respectfully submitted.

Laura Doth

Subject: Hale Lake Timeline

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- Scoping the purpose and need: mid-Jan
- Interdisciplinary Team meeting NEPA – February
- Public comments in by mid – Feb
- Final proposed action scoping – March 15
- Public comments in by mid-April
- Collaborative Group review of comments
- IDT review of comments
- Complete Draft EA – June 1
- Public and Group field day – June
- Public comments in on draft EA – July
- Final EA and Decision Notice – August
- 45 day Objection Period
- If none – sign final Decision by Sept. 30



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