

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2009
TO: NAFSR MEMBERS
FROM: DARREL L. KENOPS, CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NAFSR 2009-2010 WORK PLAN & ACTIVITIES UPDATE

WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS ON OUR AGREED UPON NAFSR WORK PLAN PROJECTS WHILE ALSO RESPONDING TO LATE BREAKING DEVELOPMENTS NEEDING OUR ATTENTION.

1. OUR NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT ACT **FOREST PLANNING REGULATIONS COMMITTEE** LEAD BY **RON STEWART AND STEVE EUBANKS** WITH HELP FROM **DICK PFILF** IS UNDERWAY AND IS RECEIVING NAFSR MEMBER COMMENTS UNTIL FEBUARY 4TH SO WE CAN RESPOND TO THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE NOTICE OF INTENT BY THE DEADLINE OF FEBUARY 16TH. WE WILL BE COMPARING NOTES WITH PARTNERS LIKE THE **SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS, ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION AND OTHERS** AS WE MOVE TOWARDS A NAFSR POSITION & RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. BOARD CHAIR **JIM GOLDEN AND RICH STEM** ARE CO-CHAIRING OUR "**REFORESTATION BACKLOG**" ISSUE. STAY TUNED. THEY ARE JUST BEGINNING THEIR WORK ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

3. BOARD CHAIR **JIM GOLDEN** HAS ASSEMBLED A NAFSR "**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**" WHICH WILL SEEK TO IMPROVE OUR NAFSR OPERATING STRUCTURE & PROCEDURES, INCREASE CAPABILITY AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES VITAL TO KEEPING UP WITH THE ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES BEFORE US.

BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION AS WELL AS A STRATEGY THAT WILL RESULT IN INCREASING OUR MEMBERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP REACH. JIM WILL SEND OUT A PROJECT KICK OFF NOTE IN LATE SOON.

4. **THANK YOU** BOARD MEMBER **TOM HAMILTON** FOR COMPLETING A NAFSR PAPER TITLED "**ECONOMIC USE OF WOODY BIOMASS FROM THE NATIONAL FORESTS**" WHICH MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THIS NAFSR PAPER IN LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNTIES WITH KEY COMMUNITY LEADERS AND INTERESTED CITIZENS AS THE DIALGOUE CONTINUES ON THE IMPORTANT ROLE NATIONAL FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS CAN PLAY IN RENEWABLE ENERGY STRATEGY, POLICY AND LEGISLATION UNDER CONSIDERATION. **YOU SHOULD SOON RECEIVE TOM'S PAPER.**

5. **GEORGE LEONARD** IS WORKING TO PREPARE OUR **NAFSR FISCAL YEAR 2011 U.S. FOREST SERVICE PROPOSED BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTARY.**

6. **AL WEST, CHAIR OF OUR FIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** IS WORKING WITH **MIKE ROGERS & DOUG LEISZ & REGIONAL FORESTER RANDY MOORE** AND OTHERS ON ISSUES SURROUNDING THE 2009 STATION WILDFIRE, IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

WHILE BOARD MEMBER **JOHN MARKER** SENT A LETTER TO THE ROGUE-RIVER-SYSKIYOU NF'S LEADERS, DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THEIR FIRE USE PROPOSAL, RECOMMENDING THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATE, NOT AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL DISCLOSURE APPROACH FOR SUCH AN IMPACTFUL DECISION ON WIDESPREAD FIRE USE IN THESE NATIONAL FORESTS.

7. **DALE BOSWORTH & I** WORKED WITH **NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION LEADERS** TO BEGIN WORK TO RESPOND TO ARIZONA NAFSR MEMBER **JOHN NELSON & HIS 'FRIENDS OF NORTHERN ARIZONA FORESTS** ON AN **ASPEN RESORATION** PROJECT PROPOSAL SEEKING NFF/NAFSR SHARED GRANT FUNDING. THE REVIEW PROCESS HAS NOT STARTED AS OF THIS UPDATE.

8. BOARD MEMBER **BOB AVERILL** BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION A RECENT **PROPOSED CONCESSION CAMPGROUND POLICY** TO WHICH SOME OF OUR MEMBERS SENT IN THEIR COMMENTS. **JOHN COMBES** WILL FORWARD THOSE MEMBER COMMENTS RECEIVED TO THE CHIEF'S OFFICE BEFORE THE FEBRUARY 3, 2010 DEADLINE.

9. THE UPCOMING NAFSR "LOOKOUT NEWSLETTER" WILL DETAIL THE RECENT **RURAL VOICES FOR CONSERVATION COALITION ANNUAL POLICY CONFERENCE** IN OREGON. LOOKOUT NEWSLETTER EDITOR **JOHN MARKER AND I** NETWORKED WITH ATTENDEE'S ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

ROBERT E. DOUGLAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL FOREST COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS COALITION MAY SEEK OUR PARTNERSHIP AS THEY WORK ON REAUTHORIZATION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS LEGISLATION.

10. I HAVE ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH **JACK BLACKWELL, ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION** AND WE'LL WORK TOGETHER ON ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES WHICH ARISE. IN A DISCUSSION WITH **STEVE MEALEY, CHAIR-ELECT, AMERICAN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PARTNERS**, WHO REPRESENT ABOUT 6 MILLION OUTDOORS ADVOCATES, WE ARE WELCOMED TO PRESENT NAFSR FOR PARTNERSHIP AT THEIR AUGUST, 2010 ANNUAL MEETING. LAST YEAR THE PUBLIC LANDS FOUNDATION (BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RETIREES) PETITIONED AND WERE ACCEPTED AS PARTNERS.

11. **JACK LAVIN AND I** ARE WORKING WITH **PRESIDENT HENRI BISSON & PUBLIC LANDS FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP** TO PREPARE A JOINT LETTER OF CONCERN ON **U.S. SENATE BILL # 1579 (RESTORE OUR AMERICAN MUSTANGS ACT)**. USING THE EXPERIENCE OF FIELD GOING PROFESSIONAL WHO ARE AND OVER HAVE FOR YEARS IMPLEMENTED THE WILD AND FREE RANGING HOSE & BURRO ACT WE ARE RECOMMENDING THE ALTERNATIVE OF BRINGING TOGETHER S 1579 ADVOCATES WITH PROFESSIONALS TO REALLY FOCUS IN ON WHAT DOES AND CAN WORK SO WE CAN SUSTAIN HEALTHY RANGELANDS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS.

12. MEMBER **HANK DEUTSCH** HAS VOLUNTEERED TO PREPARE OUR "**SECOND NAFSR ESSAY**" ON THE FOUNDATION OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE BASED IN STATUTE AND ITS MEANING TO US TODAY. HE IS WORKING WITH LOOKOUT EDITOR **JOHN MARKER** WHO AUTHORED OUR FIRST NAFSR ESSAY.

FUTURE FILE: IN TERMS OF WHAT'S AHEAD, YOU'LL NOTICE I'VE NOT DISCUSSED NAFSR 2009-2010 WHICH STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MOVE THESE PROJECTS FORWARD. SO LET ANY OR ALL OF YOUR NAFSR LEADERSHIP KNOW OF YOUR SPECIFIC INTEREST AND SIGN UP TO HELP US MAKE NAFSR AN EVEN MORE VITAL AND RESPECTED ORGANIZATION.

TOM THOMPSON, COLORADO HAS SIGNALLED THAT THERE AREA RETIREES ARE READY TO HOST THE 2012 U.S. FOREST SERVICE NATIONAL REUNION. THANKS TO YOU TOM AND OUT COLORADO COLLEAGUES FOR STEPPING UP.

RECENTLY **USDA SECRETARY VILSAK HAS ANNOUNCED FOCUSED BARK BEETLE FUNDING TO THE MOST AFFECTED NATIONAL FORESTS AREAS**. THERE IS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST ALSO IN RELATED LEGISLATION WHICH COULD FACILITY A MORE TIMELY START TO FINISH PROCESS SO NEED WORK GETS DONE ON TIME. STAY TUNED.

IN CLOSING WE HAVE ADDED NEW MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY AT THE 2009 NATIONAL USFS REUNION AND 2009 SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS NATIONAL CONVENTION. I AGAIN WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO HELPED US AT THESE TWO EVENT AND THOSE CONTINUING SIGN UP MEMBER IN THEIR LOCAL NETWORKS SO WE CAN MEET OUR 2010 MEMBERSHIP GOAL. KEEP AT IT.

SECRETARY TREASURER JOHN COMBES, WEBMASTER KEN WHITE AND LOOKOUT NEWSLETTER EDITOR JOHN MARKER CONTINUE TO LEAD OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP US IN TOUCH, INFORMED AND

WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR 2009-2010 GOALS. BEST REGARDS!! DARREL