

SPECIAL MEETING BLM UPDATE WITH KURT PAVLAT

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PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE § 74-204 (2)

The Bonner County Board of Commissioners will meet with Kurt Pavlat for a BLM update on Tuesday the 5th day of March, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. at the Bonner County Administration Building, 1500 Highway 2, Suite 338, Sandpoint, Idaho.

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AGENDA

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Call to Order

Discussion Regarding:

- I. Lands
 - A. Total BLM managed public lands in Bonner County – approx. 11,975 acres
 - B. Approximately 99,000 acres of BLM managed public land in the five northern counties of ID that comprise the Coeur d’Alene Field Office
 - C. Numerous ROW grants authorized across public lands
 - D. No land tenure changes expected
- II. Vegetation Management Projects
 - A. Gamlin Lake - Timber sale/fuels reduction project in implementation phase. 2MMBF, possibly winter logging, 2 year contract. TS contract will be offered and awarded this FY. Shaded fuel break contract awarded to Summit Forestry. Slash and hand-pile. May begin after July 15th.
 - B. Staff does visit various parcels periodically (i.e. Huckleberry Mt., Long Mt., Little Sand Creek, Gold Mt., etc.)
 - C. Will continue to work with USFS on a fuels reduction project in the Little Sand Creek Watershed
- III. Riparian/Stream Restoration
 - A. Clark Fork Delta Restoration
 - 1. Addresses erosion/loss of vegetation issues on the islands
 - 2. Will look to improve health of the native plant communities
 - 3. Additional work will continue now that add’l funding has been secured (IDFG has lead)
- IV. Recreation
 - A. Engaged in the County Trail Mix collaborative effort
 - B. Watershed Crest Trail in our plans with Trail Mix
- V. Budget
 - A. Permanent full-time and Seasonal staff (15 PFT/CSL employees, up to 5 Seasonal employees)
 - B. Static to declining budgets over time
 - C. BLM appropriated \$1.4B in FY19. Brings back into U.S. Treasury approximately \$4-5B (oil and gas leases, sand/gravel sales, grazing/timber receipts, ROW grant rental, etc.)
- VI. BLM Resource Advisory Council (RAC)
 - A. County Commissioners make great members
 - B. Suzanne Endsley our PAO and POC for the RAC
 - C. Concept being re-visted

VII. Administration, Departmental and Bureau Priorities

- A. More emphasis on multiple use, energy development and access for hunting, fishing and recreational activities
- B. More emphasis on partnerships/collaboration with local stake holders
- C. “Be a good neighbor” and support traditional uses on public lands
- D. Improved efficiencies to get more work done on the ground in an expeditious manner
- E. David Bernhardt is Acting Sec. of the Interior. Ryan Zinke resigned.
- F. Still no appointed Director. Brian Steed, Dep. Dir. For Policy and Plans is performing the duties of the Director

VIII. Questions

Adjourn

Duly noticed this 1st day of March, 2019, at 9:00 A.M. by Claire May