

Sale & Exchange of Property & BWCAW Subcommittee
Friday, August 27, 2010
10:00 a.m., 300S State Office Building

Minutes

Present: Ron Nargang - Chair, Representative Denise Dittrich, Senator Tom Saxhaug, John Herman, Mark Johnson

Absent: Senator Satveer S. Chaudhary, Superintendent Patty Phillips, Bob Krepps, Grace Keliher

Ron Nargang called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Alternative Revenue Source Variations

Kathy Lewis, DNR, presented a survey done by the State of Oregon entitled: "Policies on Public Recreation Use of Trust Lands" and presented additional information on the State of Utah and State of Colorado leasing programs that lease the trust lands to the state's DNR or DNR equivalent. Ms. Lewis explained that Utah and Colorado compensate the trust fund for the use of trust lands. However, because of budget constraints Utah was unable to make lease payments in FY2010.

Subcommittee discussion and questions followed.

The Subcommittee discussed how a lease in Minnesota would be funded and briefly discussed implementing a fee in Minnesota.

Sale and Exchange of School Trust Lands within the BWCAW

Marty Vadis (DNR) presented on the DNR's progress regarding its review of the federal lands that it is willing to accept in an exchange. Mr. Vadis explained that the DNR had identified approximately 97,000 acres that it would be willing to accept in an exchange. Mr. Vadis explained how the DNR developed and categorized the list of lands that the DNR is willing to accept.

Ron Nargang presented the idea of creating a work group to focus on the exchange of lands.

Dan Roark (DNR) presented different maps depicting why and which lands the DNR is willing to accept in an exchange and the lands that the U.S. Forest Service is willing to exchange.

Subcommittee discussion and questions followed.

The Subcommittee agreed that a work group should be formed to work on the exchange of lands

and agreed that the following organizations and people would be involved:

- 1.) DNR (Chair)
- 2.) USFS
- 3.) Minnesota Forest Industries (Wayne Brandt)
- 4.) Friends of the BWCAW (Betsy Daub)
- 5.) Mining Minnesota (Frank Ongaro)
- 6.) A representative from one of the Counties involved
- 7.) A representative from the education community

Discussion of Future Meeting Topics

The Subcommittee decided the following topic would be addressed at the next meeting:

- 1.) The BWCAW Exchange Work Group's progress.

Next Meeting

No time was discussed for the Subcommittee's next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Ron Nargang, Chair