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MINUTES LOG

Work Group for Senate Joint Resolution 15
Public Land Management Study

April 28, 2014

Room 152, State Capitol Building
Helena, Montana

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIA PHONE CONFERENCE

SEN. JENNIFER FIELDER
SEN. BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT

REP. ED LIESER
REP. KERRY WHITE

STAFF PRESENT IN HELENA

JOE KOLMAN, Legislative Environmental Analyst
HELEN THIGPEN, Staff Attorney
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AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST

Agenda, [Attachment 1](#).
Visitors' list, [Attachment 2](#).

COMMITTEE ACTION

- The work group will reconvene at the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) meeting on May 14 and 15.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

00:00:01 Sen. Fielder called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. The secretary called the roll, [Attachment 3](#).

00:00:26 Sen. Fielder

00:00:49 Joe Kolman, Legislative Environmental Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

AGENDA

UPDATE BY MINERAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

00:01:18 Kevin Chamberlain, Mineral County Extension Agent, via phone

00:02:27 Josef Kuchera, Mineral County Resource Advisory Group, via phone

00:04:03 Mr. Chamberlain

Committee questions and discussion

00:04:28 Rep. Lieser

00:04:48 Mr. Kuchera

00:04:53 Mr. Chamberlain

00:05:03 Rep. Lieser

00:05:10 Mr. Chamberlain

00:05:17 Mr. Kuchera

00:05:29 Rep. Lieser

00:05:34 Sen. Fielder

00:05:42 Sen. Hamlett

00:06:21 Sen. Fielder

00:06:27 Sen. Hamlett

00:07:07 Mr. Chamberlain

00:07:51 Sen. Fielder

00:08:03 Sen. Hamlett

00:08:23 Rep. Lieser

00:09:37 Sen. Fielder

00:11:26 Mr. Chamberlain

00:12:16 Mr. Kuchera
00:12:45 Sen. Fielder
00:13:02 Laurie Johnston, Mineral County Commissioner, via phone
00:13:16 Sen. Fielder
00:13:20 Ms. Johnston
00:13:39 Rep. Lieser
00:13:54 Mr. Chamberlain
00:13:59 Rep. Lieser
00:14:04 Mr. Chamberlain
00:14:59 Duane Simons, Mineral County Commissioner, via phone
00:15:21 Sen. Fielder

UPDATE ON FOREST RESTORATION LANDSCAPE NOMINATIONS

00:15:51 Bob Harrington, Administrator, Forestry Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), [Exhibit 1](#).

Committee questions and discussion

00:24:14 Rep. White
00:24:52 Mr. Harrington
00:27:53 Rep. White
00:28:56 Mr. Harrington
00:30:22 Rep. White
00:30:40 Mr. Harrington
00:30:47 Rep. White
00:31:02 Mr. Harrington
00:31:51 Rep. White
00:33:43 Mr. Harrington
00:36:40 Rep. White
00:37:22 Mr. Harrington
00:37:48 Rep. Lieser
00:38:22 Mr. Harrington
00:39:50 Rep. Lieser
00:40:13 Mr. Harrington
00:40:42 Rep. Lieser
00:40:59 Mr. Harrington
00:41:36 Rep. Lieser
00:42:11 Mr. Harrington
00:42:30 Rep. Lieser
00:42:37 Christine Dawe, Acting Director, Renewable Resource Management, USDA Forest Service (USFS), Region 1.
00:44:09 Rep. Lieser
00:44:27 Ms. Dawe
00:44:48 Sen. Fielder
00:45:54 Mr. Harrington
00:46:24 Sen. Fielder
00:46:45 Mr. Harrington

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00:48:40 Sen. Fielder
00:48:53 Mr. Harrington
00:49:34 Sen. Fielder
00:49:47 Mr. Harrington
00:51:35 Sen. Hamlett
00:52:00 Mr. Harrington
00:52:12 Sen. Hamlett
00:52:27 Mr. Harrington
00:54:05 Sen. Fielder
00:54:21 Mr. Harrington
00:55:42 Sen. Fielder
00:55:59 Mr. Harrington
00:57:08 Sen. Fielder
00:57:42 Sen. Hamlett
00:57:54 Mr. Harrington
00:58:27 Rep. White
00:59:55 Ms. Dawe
01:01:46 Rep. White
01:02:02 Ms. Dawe
01:02:12 Sen. Fielder
01:02:36 Ms. Dawe
01:03:31 Sen. Fielder
01:03:52 Ms. Dawe
01:04:44 Sen. Fielder
01:04:54 Ms. Dawe
01:05:24 Sen. Fielder
01:05:37 Ms. Dawe
01:06:19 Sen. Fielder
01:06:32 Ms. Dawe
01:06:50 Sen. Fielder
01:07:18 Ms. Dawe
01:08:14 Sen. Fielder
01:08:25 Ms. Dawe
01:09:35 Rep. White
01:10:07 Ms. Dawe

UPDATE ON MONTANA-USFS STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT

01:11:32 Mr. Harrington, [Exhibit 2](#).

Committee questions and discussion

01:13:14 Rep. Lieser
01:13:41 Mr. Harrington
01:14:02 Rep. Lieser
01:14:08 Mr. Harrington

01:14:13 Rep. Lieser
01:14:15 Mr. Harrington
01:14:19 Rep. Lieser
01:14:35 Mr. Harrington
01:14:45 Sen. Fielder
01:15:10 Mr. Harrington
01:15:51 Rep. White
01:16:32 Mr. Harrington
01:17:01 Sen. Fielder
01:17:17 Mr. Harrington
01:17:50 Rep. White
01:18:08 Mr. Harrington
01:19:09 Rep. White
01:19:29 Mr. Harrington
01:20:21 Sen. Fielder
01:20:34 Mr. Harrington
01:22:19 Sen. Fielder
01:23:05 Mr. Harrington
01:23:53 Rep. White
01:25:30 Mr. Harrington
01:27:58 Rep. White
01:28:54 Mr. Harrington
01:28:58 Rep. Lieser
01:29:35 Mr. Harrington
01:29:59 Rep. Lieser
01:30:06 Sen. Fielder
01:30:12 Mr. Harrington
01:30:19 Sen. Fielder

SJ15 DISCUSSION

Work group suggestions and discussion

01:30:38 Mr. Kolman
01:30:46 Sen. Fielder
01:31:20 Rep. Lieser
01:33:48 Sen. Hamlett
01:34:41 Rep. Lieser
01:35:02 Rep. White
01:36:44 Sen. Fielder
01:37:28 Rep. Lieser
01:38:24 Sen. Fielder
01:39:20 Rep. Lieser
01:40:22 Sen. Fielder
01:40:39 Rep. Lieser
01:40:56 Sen. Fielder
01:41:19 Mr. Chamberlain
01:41:58 Sen. Fielder

01:42:31 Mr. Simons
01:42:44 Sen. Hamlett
01:43:53 Sen. Fielder
01:44:45 Rep. White
01:45:40 Sen. Hamlett
01:47:05 Sen. Fielder
01:47:47 Rep. Lieser
01:48:17 Sen. Fielder

Public comment None

Schedule next meeting

01:49:16 Sen. Fielder
01:49:39 Mr. Kolman
01:49:55 Sen. Fielder

01:50:01 Sen. Fielder adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

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