

**HELENA OPEN LANDS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**NOTES**

**April 10, 2012**

Room 326, City-County Building  
5:30 P.M.

Chair Mary Arnold called the meeting to order. A quorum was present: Mary Arnold, Melissa Broch, Jane Kollmeyer, Lois Olson, Scott Mincemoyer (HCC), Brad Langsather, Greta Dige

**MINUTES**

The March 13 2012, minutes were approved as amended to strike the last sentence at the bottom of the first page and on the second page under 'Weed Committee' to indicate Greta reported she was setting the target for the 2012 season and that the weed committee is scheduling a meeting soon.

**ACTION**

Approve 2012 work plan: **Melissa moved and Scott seconded a motion to approve the Helena Open Lands Advisory Committee 2012 work plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORTS**

**Parks and Recreation Natural Resource Coordinator:**

Social trail update - Committee members reported their progress on their portions of the inventory. Extensive discussion on some of the illegal trail discoveries followed. There was consensus to visit trails at the June meeting.

South Hills fuel reduction 2009 update: Brad reported work seems to be progressing well, and people seem to be accepting of it. The plan is to wrap up about mid-May. The next project will be the RAC grant at the McKelvey property after the Gravity Guild bike race May 19. The NCCC arrives May 23. Brad will be holding chainsaw training June 4-5. After trail obliteration work will start on the Zedrick project. There will not be any chipping during the summer because the chips attract bugs; timber will be hand piled. Two baskets were vandalized at the golf course; the folfers replaced the two tees. Vandals also cut down two trees. Folfers are asking to get a parking lot and trash cans.

Adopt a Trail - Greta asked for members to look over the trail documents she emailed and send her any corrections. Seven people are signed up for adoptions.

2012 Open lands weed program - Greta does not have a grant so there will not be as much spraying this year. She will be doing 30 acres around the Mount Helena parking lot and 86 acres on the

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west side of the Donaldson property. There are about 100 insect release sites, and they seem to be working well.

**REPORTS**

**Weeds:** none

**Trails:** none

**Cultural Resources:**

**Wildlife:** Subcommittee meets April 19 at 5 in room 426.

**Forestry:** none

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** none

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** May 15, 2012

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

Carol Kirkland  
Recorder