



COMMUNITIES FOR HEALTHY FORESTS

Mission: To realize the prompt restoration and recovery of the conifer forest in the aftermath of fire and other catastrophic events ensuring the presence and vitality of forest lands for future generations.

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Another coalition supports CHF

We welcome The Black Hills Regional Multiple Use Coalition, representing about 10,000 folks. They have notified CHF that they support our mission of restoration of forests after catastrophic events. The South Dakota Coalition includes the following groups: American Assoc. of Paleontological Suppliers, Association of National Grasslands, Black Hills (BH) Area Conservation Districts, BH Badlands and Lakes Assoc of SD, BHCDC, B H Fly Fishers, BH Forest Resource Assn., BH 4Wheelers, BH Homebuilders, BHRC&D, BH Snowmobile Club, BHWIT, Dakota Territory Cruisers, Fall River County Commissioners, Keep South Dakota Green, Lawrence County Commissioners, Off-Road Riders Assn, Pioneer Co-op Grazing Dist., Rapid City Econ. Dev. Partnership, SD Farm Bureau, SD Grasslands Coalition, SD Stockgrowers., Trail Riders, Spearfish Pistol and Gun Club, West Dakota Water Dev. Dist. Western Dakota Gem and Mineral Society, Western SD Fur Harvesters, Wyoming Farm Bureau, and WY. Stockgrowers Assn. We thank them for their contribution.

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Communities for Healthy Forests has completed an energetic strategic planning session and is now working on specific organizational goals as well as re-energizing the committee structure. The following committees have met and made these recommendations to the Board, Feb. 13: Education and Marketing, chaired by Lee Paterson and Paul Zegers, will merge; this committee will include materials about the positive effect restoration of forests has on climate change (i.e. reducing global warming); biomass; and bio fuels; Fundraising has recommended Javier and Sue actively pursue several grant opportunities and ask board members to contribute; Organizational Development, chaired by Ron Doan, asked for election of officers, and seeking new board members with diverse interests that are not represented right now; Federal Issues, chaired by Bruce Klein, will continue to work toward administrative rule changes.

December 12, 2006 members of CHF Board and staff met with Governor Ted Kulongoski. Previously he had been informed about the CHF mission and had viewed the DVD. This meeting was proposed to bring the Governor up to date with new developments with CHF. Sue talked about the polling results, Lee talked about restoration and global warming; Jeannie talked about worker and community impact of managing our federal forests properly, and Norm talked about our need to form partnerships. The Governor talked about a poll recently done that showed the top priority of Oregonians was concern over dependence on foreign fossil fuels. He suggested that development of cellulose bio-fuels was an important forest issue as well as biomass. When the Governor was presented with his website statements he said he had publicly talked in favor of restoration. The Governor said that our best liaison with his office would be his staff person handling sustainability issues, David Van't Hof.

The 110th Congress with a shift to a Democratic majority has caused CHF to examine new strategies for communication about forest restoration. CHF will continue to work toward the same mission, but include climate change in the education. The new congress will receive materials on the positive effect restoration will have on reducing carbons that cause global warming. Live trees take in carbons and dead trees, (killed by insect infestations, blow-down or fire) in the process of decaying give off carbons. Therefore, rapid forest restoration can play a part in reducing carbon emissions into the atmosphere. With one half of the state forested, Oregon has an opportunity to made significant contributions to the carbon equation.

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