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Work Group for Senate Joint Resolution 15
Public Land Management Study

January 2, 2014

Room 172, Capitol Building
Helena, Montana

Please note: These minutes provide abbreviated information about committee discussion, public testimony, action taken, and other activities. To the left of each section in these minutes is a time designation indicating the approximate amount of time in hours, minutes, and seconds that has elapsed since the start of the meeting. This time designation may be used to locate the referenced discussion on the audio or video recording of this meeting.

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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

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AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

- Scheduled the next work group meetings for January 23 and February 6.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

00:00:23 Sen. Fielder called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. The secretary called the roll, [Attachment 3](#).

AGENDA

00:00:58 Rep. Lieser
00:03:31 Sen. Fielder
00:04:35 Rep. Lieser
00:05:05 Rep. White
00:06:56 Sen. Fielder
00:07:40 Rep. Lieser
00:07:48 Sen. Fielder opened discussion on the study matrix, column B, unfavorable timber management, [Exhibit 1](#).
00:09:16 Rep. Lieser
00:11:56 Sen. Fielder
00:12:03 Rep. Lieser
00:13:04 Rep. White
00:13:36 Rep. Lieser
00:15:49 Sen. Fielder
00:16:36 Rep. Lieser
00:16:52 Sen. Fielder
00:17:28 Rep. Lieser
00:17:40 Sen. Fielder
00:19:09 Rep. Lieser
00:20:41 Sen. Fielder
00:22:23 Rep. White
00:26:00 Sen. Fielder
00:26:08 Rep. White
00:28:04 Sen. Fielder
00:28:24 Rep. Lieser
00:32:28 Sen. Fielder
00:32:56 Mr. John Hagengruber, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Northern Region
00:33:32 Sen. Fielder
00:33:55 Mr. Hagengruber, USFS
00:34:41 Sen. Fielder
00:34:46 Mr. Hagengruber
00:35:09 Rep. White

00:37:28 Mr. Hagengruber
00:38:12 Rep. Lieser
00:41:23 Sen. Fielder
00:41:46 Rep. Lieser
00:43:21 Sen. Fielder
00:43:35 Rep. Lieser
00:45:16 Sen. Fielder
00:45:33 Sen. Hamlett
00:45:55 Sen. Fielder
00:52:42 Rep. Lieser
00:52:59 Sen. Hamlett
00:56:00 Rep. Lieser
00:57:28 Sen. Fielder
00:58:50 Sen. Fielder opened discussion on adverse impacts of the Endangered Species Act.
00:59:01 Rep. Lieser
00:59:36 Rep. White
01:03:05 Rep. Lieser
01:03:13 Sen. Fielder
01:03:55 Rep. Lieser
01:04:04 Sen. Fielder
01:05:12 Rep. White
01:07:38 Sen. Fielder
01:09:01 Sen. Hamlett
01:09:21 Rep. White
01:10:22 Sen. Hamlett
01:10:52 Rep. White
01:11:27 Sen. Fielder
01:12:15 Rep. Lieser
01:12:47 Sen. Fielder
01:14:22 Rep. White
01:14:32 Sen. Fielder opened discussion on non-essential classification.
01:16:37 Rep. White
01:16:42 Rep. Lieser
01:17:29 Sen. Fielder
01:19:44 Rep. White
01:20:41 Sen. Fielder opened discussion on unsustainable economics.
01:21:39 Rep. Lieser
01:22:27 Sen. Hamlett
01:23:34 Rep. White
01:24:12 Sen. Hamlett
01:25:31 Rep. White
01:26:30 Sen. Hamlett
01:26:49 Sen. Fielder
01:28:20 Sen. Fielder opened discussion on public involvement.
01:29:56 Rep. Lieser
01:31:27 Mr. Hagengruber
01:33:50 Rep. Lieser
01:34:34 Mr. Hagengruber

01:35:48 Rep. Lieser
01:35:58 Mr. Hagengruber
01:36:20 Sen. Fielder
01:38:28 Rep. White
01:41:07 Sen. Fielder
01:41:15 Sen. Hamlett
01:42:44 Sen. Fielder
01:43:21 Sen. Hamlett
01:43:32 Sen. Fielder
01:44:24 Sen. Hamlett
01:44:44 Rep. White
01:45:19 Sen. Fielder
01:47:18 Rep. White
01:47:30 Mr. Kolman
01:47:35 Sen. Fielder

Public comment

01:47:56 Mr. Hagengruber

Questions and further discussion

01:51:33 Sen. Fielder
01:52:07 Sen. Hamlett

01:52:26 Sen. Fielder scheduled the next work group meetings for January 23 and February 6.

01:53:35 Sen. Fielder adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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