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Aug. 14-16, 2024

Libby, Mont.

Agenda times are approximate

Field trip stops are limited to council members and confirmed guests. Guests must be confirmed by July 12 by contacting Jolanda Songer, council secretary, at (406)444-0502 or jolanda.songer@legmt.gov. Guests must provide their own transportation.

Wed., Aug. 14

8 a.m. Call to order, roll call (Ponderosa Room, Libby City Hall, 952 E. Spruce)

- Chairman Gunderson

8:05 a.m. Meeting overview

- Jason Mohr, legislative environmental analyst

8:15 a.m. Shared Master Stewardship Agreement/Good Neighbor Authority

- Lincoln Co.
- USFS
- DNRC (*tentative*)
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

9:15 a.m. Adaptive management: Improving Grizzly bear habitat

- Hecla
- USFWS
- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion

9:50 a.m. Overview of field trip sites

- Bruce Vincent, Environomics

10 a.m. Recess; travel to and tour Hecla reclamation site/adaptive management forest research site (Troy, Mont.)

Noon Lunch for council members

1 p.m. Travel to Pine Flats Shared Stewardship forestry site (Libby)

2 p.m. Tour of Pine Flats site

3 p.m. Return to Libby City Hall

Thurs., Aug. 15

8 a.m. Call to order, reconvene (Ponderosa Room, Libby City Hall, 952 E. Spruce)
• Chairman Gunderson

8:05 a.m. Status of Libby Asbestos Site Superfund cleanup, Operating Unit 3
• W.R. Grace: Current site status
• USFS: Management of forested areas adjacent to OU3
• Lincoln Co. Asbestos Response Program
• Libby Asbestos Superfund Oversight Committee
• Public comment
• Committee questions, discussion

9 a.m. Recess; travel to OU3

Noon Lunch for council members at Rainy Creek cabin

1 p.m. Travel to Libby Dam

3 p.m. Return to Libby

6 p.m. Dinner (TBA)

Fri., Aug. 16

- 8 a.m. Travel to Hecla Montanore office (meet at Libby City Hall, 952 E. Spruce)
- 8:45 a.m. Tour proposed Montanore mine site (Noxon)
- 11 a.m. Return to Libby City Hall
- 12:05 Call to order, reconvene (Ponderosa Room, Libby City Hall, 952 E. Spruce)
- Chairman Gunderson
- 12:10 p.m. Administrative rule review
- Jason Mohr, committee staff
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, action
- 12:30 p.m. Lake Koocanusa Selenium, HJ37 (2021) and Triennial water quality review
- Committee staff
 - DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, action
- 1 p.m. Aquatic Invasive Species in NW Montana
- FWP
 - Montana Invasive Species Council
 - Western Montana Conservation Commission
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, action
- 1:30 p.m. Fire season update
- USFS or DNRC
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, action
- 2 p.m. Directors' reports
- ~~FWP~~
 - DNRC
 - DEQ
 - Public comment
 - Committee questions, discussion, action
- 3 p.m. Public comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the EQC
- 3:15 p.m. Administrative matters
- Directions to staff
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- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Note:

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