

Minutes from Meeting of NPS & Wilsonia Advisory Team
April 29, 2014
National Forest Service Office, Hwy 180 Squaw Valley, CA

Present: Ned Kelleher from SEKI, Dick Moss, Neal Mixter, Dutch Scholten, Scott Edgerly and Gus Collin. Present by phone were Christine Smith, SEKI and Drew Sorensen. Susan Doyle was unable to attend.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was discussed at length. In discussing the "where as" portion of the MOA, Christine Smith indicated the NPS would require that several Acts would need to be referenced. It was felt that the Mission Statements from both the NPS and Wilsonia should be referenced.

A question about if Wilsonia is within the authorized Park boundary or not was unable to be answered. The need to determine what laws apply to Wilsonia was asked. Ned indicated that CFR36 listed the specific areas in which the NPS has jurisdiction over Wilsonia. A difference of opinion between the NPS and the team will need to be investigated and resolved.

It was asked if the MOA had to be passed by the NPS Solicitor. Christine indicated the MOA may or may not need to be approved by the Solicitor, depending on the language or complexity. However, it's most likely that the action items requiring expenditures would need to be sent to the Solicitor for approval.

The action items may be an appendix to the MOA. The Wilsonia Team presented their Team Issues, in three groups by priority. It was decided that these issues will be referred to as action items. The items on the list were generally agreed upon, but may require some word revision. This list of prioritized action items, to be addressed in the MOA, is attached to these minutes.

The writing of the draft MOA will be done by Christine Smith and Dick Moss. They hope to have a first draft by May 23 for the Team members to take to their respective boards for their initial review.

Dick Moss presented the first draft of the PowerPoint presentation for the June 7th meeting with the NPS and Wilsonia. Dick, Christine and Drew Sorensen will continue to work on the information to be included.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 29 at 3:30 at the office of Provost and Pritchard in Visalia.

Submitted by:
Gus Collin and Neal Mixter