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## MINUTES LOG

Work Group for Senate Joint Resolution 15  
Public Land Management Study

June 26, 2014

Room 335, State Capitol Building  
Helena, Montana

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. JENNIFER FIELDER  
SEN. BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT

REP. ED LIESER  
REP. KERRY WHITE

### STAFF PRESENT

JOE KOLMAN, Legislative Environmental Analyst  
NADINE SPENCER, Secretary

## **AGENDA & VISITORS' LIST**

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

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

- The SJ 15 work group moved to forward the bill establishing a subcommittee of the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) to address federal land management (LCFED1) to the EQC for discussion.
- The SJ 15 work group moved to forward the bill establishing an act appropriating money to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) to address federal land issues (LCFED2) to the EQC for discussion.
- The SJ 15 work group moved to send the corrected amended draft report to the EQC for consideration.

## **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

00:00:01 Sen. Fielder called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. The secretary called the roll, [Attachment 3](#).

00:00:24 Sen. Fielder  
00:00:53 Sen. Hamlett  
00:01:14 Sen. Fielder

## **AGENDA**

### **DEVELOPMENT OF LEGISLATION, FINDINGS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AND DRAFT REPORT**

00:01:37 Sen. Fielder opened discussion on the bill draft, establishing a subcommittee of EQC, to continue the study of federal land management, [Exhibit 1](#).

00:02:13 Rep. Lieser  
00:04:29 Sen. Hamlett  
00:04:49 Sen. Fielder  
00:04:56 Sen. Hamlett  
00:05:12 Sen. Fielder  
00:07:47 Sen. Hamlett  
00:08:24 Joe Kolman, Legislative Environmental Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:10:05 Sen. Hamlett  
00:10:15 Mr. Kolman  
00:10:29 Sen. Hamlett  
00:10:36 Mr. Kolman  
00:10:49 Rep. White  
00:16:30 Rep. Lieser

00:19:58 Rep. White  
00:21:18 Rep. Lieser  
00:23:16 Rep. White  
00:25:31 Rep. Lieser  
00:27:54 Sen. Hamlett  
00:35:16 Mr. Kolman  
00:35:48 Sen. Hamlett  
00:37:05 Sen. Fielder  
00:40:20 Sen. Hamlett  
00:42:22 Sen. Fielder  
00:43:02 Sen. Hamlett  
00:43:25 Sen. Fielder  
00:43:40 Rep. Lieser  
  
00:44:56 **Motion:** Sen. Hamlett moved to forward the bill establishing a subcommittee of the EQC to address federal land management (LCFED1) to the EQC for discussion.

**Discussion:**

00:45:17 Rep. Lieser  
00:45:24 Rep. White  
  
00:46:57 **Vote:** The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
  
00:47:07 Sen. Fielder opened the discussion on the bill draft appropriating money to the DNRC to address federal land issues, [Exhibit 2](#).  
00:47:28 Mr. Kolman  
00:50:27 Rep. White  
00:50:56 Mr. Kolman  
00:51:19 Rep. White  
00:51:34 Mr. Kolman  
00:51:44 Rep. White  
00:52:17 Sen. Fielder  
00:52:40 Mr. Kolman  
00:53:14 Sen. Fielder  
00:53:32 Rep. Lieser  
00:54:05 Sen. Fielder  
00:54:31 Mr. Kolman  
00:54:43 Sen. Fielder  
  
00:54:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hamlett moved to forward the bill establishing an act appropriating money to the DNRC to address federal land issues (LCFED2) to the EQC for discussion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
  
00:55:19 Sen. Fielder opened the discussion on the working draft from Rep. White, [Exhibit 3](#).  
00:56:04 Rep. White

00:59:25 Sen. Fielder  
01:03:14 Rep. White  
01:04:10 Sen. Fielder  
01:04:22 Rep. White  
01:04:34 Sen. Fielder  
01:05:20 Rep. White  
01:05:35 Sen. Fielder  
01:05:44 Mr. Kolman  
01:06:10 Sen. Fielder  
01:06:38 Rep. Lieser  
01:07:02 Sen. Fielder  
01:07:12 Rep. White  
01:07:20 Sen. Fielder  
01:08:01 Rep. Lieser  
01:08:13 Sen. Fielder  
01:08:18 Rep. White  
01:08:22 Sen. Fielder

01:08:33 **Motion:** Rep. Lieser made a motion to include as recommended legislation a bill that would include an international building code for the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).

**Discussion:**

01:08:42 Sen. Fielder  
01:09:39 Rep. Lieser  
01:12:06 Sen. Fielder  
01:12:09 Rep. Lieser  
01:12:30 Sen. Fielder  
01:13:13 Rep. Lieser  
01:13:54 Sen. Fielder  
01:14:23 Rep. Lieser  
01:14:32 Sen. Fielder  
01:14:40 Sen. Hamlett  
01:15:24 Rep. White  
01:16:54 Sen. Fielder  
01:18:11 Rep. Lieser

01:20:12 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fielder made a motion to amend the draft report, item 9, page 23, "to consider enabling legislation that would include a WUI building code and/or strengthen voluntary Firewise program. Apply and enforce on public lands also. Broaden opportunity and time frame for fuel treatments including burning". The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:22:14 Sen. Fielder  
01:22:20 Mr. Kolman  
01:22:26 Sen. Fielder asked for any other recommendations to the draft report.  
01:23:14 Sen. Hamlett

01:23:34 Sen. Fielder  
01:24:20 Rep. Lieser  
01:26:10 Sen. Fielder  
01:26:36 Mr. Kolman  
01:26:38 Sen. Fielder  
01:28:44 Mr. Kolman  
01:28:53 Sen. Fielder  
01:29:25 Mr. Kolman  
01:30:26 Sen. Fielder  
01:31:16 Rep. White  
01:33:03 Mr. Kolman  
01:33:22 Sen. Fielder  
01:34:01 Mr. Kolman  
01:34:07 Sen. Fielder  
01:34:29 Rep. White  
01:34:39 Sen. Fielder

01:35:01 **Motion:** Rep. White made a motion to send the corrected amended draft report to the EQC for consideration. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:35:20 Sen. Fielder  
01:35:41 Mr. Kolman

#### **UPDATE ON TEN MILE WATERSHED PROJECT**

01:36:09 Bill Avey, Supervisor, Helena National Forest, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS), gave an update on the partnership between the DNRC and the USFS.

01:39:31 Bob Harrington, Administrator, Forestry Division, DNRC

#### **Questions and discussion**

01:41:22 Rep. Lieser  
01:41:48 Mr. Harrington  
01:41:52 Rep. Lieser  
01:42:05 Mr. Harrington  
01:42:31 Rep. Lieser  
01:42:36 Mr. Harrington  
01:42:41 Rep. Lieser  
01:43:14 Mr. Harrington  
01:43:43 Mr. Avey  
01:44:40 Rep. Lieser  
01:44:52 Mr. Avey  
01:45:22 Rep. Lieser  
01:45:49 Mr. Avey  
01:46:04 Sen. Hamlett  
01:46:21 Mr. Avey

01:46:56 Sen. Hamlett  
01:47:22 Mr. Avey  
01:47:34 Mr. Harrington  
01:48:42 Sen. Fielder  
01:48:59 Mr. Harrington  
01:49:22 Sen. Fielder  
01:49:43 Mr. Harrington  
01:49:49 Mr. Avey  
01:50:54 Sen. Fielder  
01:51:15 Mr. Avey  
01:52:32 Sen. Fielder  
01:52:47 Mr. Avey  
01:53:20 Sen. Fielder  
01:53:36 Mr. Avey provided copies of the *Tenmile - South Helena Newsletter*, [Exhibit 4](#).  
01:54:25 Rep. White  
01:55:17 Mr. Avey  
01:56:03 Rep. White  
01:56:16 Mr. Avey  
01:56:40 Sen. Fielder  
01:56:54 Sen. Hamlett  
01:57:03 Sen. Fielder  
01:57:12 Mr. Harrington  
01:57:21 Sen. Fielder

**Public comment** None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

01:58:00 Sen. Fielder  
01:58:17 Rep. White  
01:59:04 Sen. Fielder  
01:59:16 Rep. White  
01:59:20 Rep. Lieser  
01:59:51 Sen. Fielder  
02:00:01 Mr. Kolman  
02:00:15 Sen. Fielder  
  
02:00:47 Sen. Fielder adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

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