

Friends of Rathdrum Mountain - Meeting Summary for 06/19/2008

**Purpose:** Regular monthly meeting of the Friends of Rathdrum Mountain and of the Board of Directors

**Attendees:**

- Directors: Wes Du Charme, Carey Kaplan, Toby Kaplan, Jim Ochenkoski, John Sylte
- Director absentees: George Holcomb, Deasa Stein
- Others: Pete Stoltz

**Agenda:**

1. Guest speaker: Paul Buckland, Forest Resource Manager, Inland Empire Paper Co.

Paul discussed IEP land management goals and operational practices. He provided some background information regarding IEP's public access policies and an overview of current challenges. Paul requested a written proposal from the Friends for the land purchase/conservation easement cost sharing concept that was discussed.

2. Old business:

- a. Members of the Idaho Native Plant Society conducted of a survey on the City's mountain property on Saturday, May 17th. They will prepare a report of their findings.

- b. A survey of the areas on the City's mountain property that were sprayed for noxious weeds last Fall showed a tremendous decrease in weed density. On Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 25 pounds of seeds for native grasses were sown in these areas to facilitate their restoration.

- c. A selling price has not yet been established by Century 21 for the Siverson parcels (160 + 160 acres). FoRM continues to keep IDL and IEP informed on this issue.

3. New business:

- a. The City is working on scheduling tours of their mountain property for new City Council and other commission members.

- b. Plans for Rathdrum Days are being finalized. In addition to the kids games that have been successful in the past, the FoRM info booth will have brochures, membership forms, balloons, a membership roster, and updated posters.

- c. The Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Rathdrum Mountain Adventure Event (bike, kayak, run) scheduled for September. FoRM will offer to provide co-sponsorship assistance.

4. Board of Directors:

- a. The meeting summary from 05/15/08 was approved.

