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Meeting Notes
Rules Committee
Commission Office
March 4, 2009
3:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Judy Davis, Joyce Reinig, Walt Loehrke, Sara Grigsby, Carl McNew

Staff present: Jill Arens, Jennifer Kaden, Brian Litt

Public present: Gary Fish, Dan Durow, Rick Till

Committee Chair Judy Davis called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

The Committee approved the meeting notes from February 18, 2009.

Commissioner Davis provided a list of references to “urban areas” in the Scenic Area Act.

Jennifer summarized 3 draft options for rules on prioritization. She answered questions for clarification and acknowledged there may be terms that will need to be defined – such as “marginal value.” The Committee discussed the 3 options and decided to keep options 1 and 2 alive and delete Option 3. Options 1 and 2 would be discussed further when regional analysis and defining minor revision were better developed.

The Committee discussed the topic of regional analysis. There was some discussion about whether the concept fits with the need analysis for demonstrating the need for a boundary revision or with the prioritization concept or somewhere else. There also was some discussion about what is meant by “regional” – the entire gorge?; nearby urban areas?; areas outside NSA? Several committee members clarified their intent to request analysis of regional impacts of a boundary revision. The Committee felt that the concept may already be addressed sufficiently in the drafts of Options 1 and 2 for prioritization, but kept open the possibility of revisiting the topic.

Future meeting dates were discussed with a tentative schedule agreed to:

Wednesday, April 1, 10 a.m. – Noon

Wednesday, April 22, 3 – 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13, 3 – 5 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.