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Subject: RCC voted on BE as rep for ACFC
Hi,

I just wanted to let you know that the RCC voted to select Brad Elliott as our representative to the ACFC. We spent over an hour and a half asking questions and commenting. The pro's for Brad detailed his work ethic, his commitment and passion and his willingness to speak up for what the forests needs, (as opposed to what recreationing humans want). In these times of climate extremes forest health is more fragile and warrants more protection. An additional point was that the ACFC should look forward and not dwell on the past.

On the con side is that Brad has angered many in the biking community and his appointment will not be well received. Many people behaved poorly and said ugly things during the heated conversations about the ACF, so Brad was not alone in that. Brad should not have the same level of arguments with the current committee and I asked him to watch his temper, if appointed.

I had contacted Wright Preston to see if he would be interested and he said he would think about it. Wright has a proven track record of reasonableness though you may remember that he left the committee abruptly and in disgust.

The RCC vote was 1 No, 1 Abstain, and 6 Yes. I abstained, as I owe Brad a lot for his unsung work on behalf of the town and the RCC, but he would not be my choice for our ACFC candidate based on past incidents. There were two other people I thought might vote no but voted yes to preserve their working relationships with Brad.

The RCC requested that I explain our vote, hence the lengthy tome.

Thanks for your time on this issue,

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