



### 4FRI Stakeholder Group Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 9am-12:30pm  
Northland Pioneer College – Learning Symposium  
1611 S. Main St. LC101, Snowflake, AZ 85937

Teleconference line: (712) 775-7031, code: 439290611#

**Attendance:** Ethan Aumack, Pascal Berlioux, David Dorum, Scott Harger, Royce Kincanon, Ronald Klawitter, Tom Mackin, Bill Masters, Joe Miller, David Newlin, Tom Osen, Thom Poscharsky, Stephen Reidhead, Sue Sitko, Greg Smith, Paul Summerfelt, Buck Swaney (facilitator), Amy Waltz, Tiffany Woods (note taker), Travis Woolley

**On the phone:** Rob Davis, Annette Fredette, Dick Fleishman, Steve Horner, Keith Pajkos, Jerry Payne, Todd Schulke, Chris Stephan, Earl Stewart, Russ Winn

#### 9:00 Introductions

**Steve Gatewood update (Summerfelt):**

Steve Gatewood, co-chair of SHG, was admitted to ICU on 01/06/15, diagnosed with a brain injury resulting from HSV, and is currently being rehabilitated at a facility in Prescott. The SHG prepared a card to be delivered to Steve by Paul. *For more current updates and information on how to best contact Steve, please refer to Paul Summerfelt's comments on BASECAMP.*

#### 9:05 Approve minutes from Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> SHG meeting — Sitko

No objections – 12/11/14 minutes were approved

#### 9:10 Review action items from Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> SHG meeting — Sitko

Action Item	Lead	Status
1. Post list of charter members in “good standing” to BASECAMP after January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Vosick/Gatewood/Swaney	Complete
2. Call for all stakeholders to complete FEIS & DROD Evaluation Summary for FEIS Working Group	Swaney/Waltz/All	Complete
3. Post synopsis of goals and timeline of FEIS Working Group on BASECAMP	Swaney/Waltz	Complete
4. Reserve facility for Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> SHG meeting	Woods	Complete
5. Update BASECAMP and public website to reflect Jan. 14 SHG meeting date and location	Woods	Complete
6. Breakout of CFLR cost, by forest and year. Focused on monitoring expenses	Fleishman	In Progress

#### 9:15 Call to the Public

No public comments

**9:20 USFS Update and CFLR Expenditure Report– 4FRI Team (Fredette/Fleishman)**

Update concerning objection process (Fredette):

Timeline:

January 20<sup>th</sup> - Objection period end date

January 21<sup>st</sup> – March 6<sup>th</sup> - Objection review period

NOTE: The objection review period could be extended to April 6<sup>th</sup>, an addition 30 days to April 6<sup>th</sup>

March 20<sup>th</sup> – April 20<sup>th</sup> - Release of Final Record of Decision, dependent on end of Objection review period

Cal Joyner will determine when and where objection resolution meetings will be held, stakeholders will be notified.

The USFS will present ideas for Phase II EIS project boundary at the 2/25/15 SHG meeting.

Task Order Update (Fleishman): Accomplishments on current task orders are subject to current ground conditions, project areas are too wet and muddy. Changes in the coming months will be dependent on a change in weather conditions, however, they are trying to work as much as possible during frost conditions. At this time they are unable to do prescribed burning, but are working on fuels treatment piles.

From a NEPA standpoint the FWPP is not going to come out as soon as thought, it is currently in consultations.

CFLRP Expenditure Report (Fleishman): The report available on BASECAMP is broken down by forest, but he will provide a report of a breakdown of all projects that received approved funding.

*USFS updates and handouts are available on BASECAMP and the USFS 4FRI site.*

**10:05 Charter Membership Actions and Good Standing – Swaney**

At this time the Steering Committee has not developed recommendations for the SHG concerning good standing as a result of the low representation at the 01/06/15 SC call. According to the charter, good standing is required by charter members to participate in any decision making processes. Attendance at 4 Stakeholder Group meetings per year is required to maintain good standing status in addition to being a charter signatory.

The charter already discusses institutional presence vs. individual presence and subgroup participation vs. large group participation. The number of individuals who represent one organization is irrelevant, and workgroup or subgroup meetings attendance does not substitute for the required 4 Stakeholder Group attendance required. However, more discussion needs to be had concerning individuals representing several organizations. This will be discussed amongst the Steering Committee then presented to the SHG as recommendations.

Concerning today's decision making process, please approach Buck Swaney concerning any inquiries regarding your individual or organization's status.

**ACTION ITEM:** Continue administrative cleanup of charter signatories and develop a new sign in sheet.

**AGENDA CHANGE: Working Group Updates:**

- MPMB Update – Woolley

Travis Woolley is no longer co-chair of the MPMB, Jessica Gist and Sharon Galbreath are the co-chairs. Expect a more extensive update at the February SHG meeting as the small group is currently working on questions and priorities for this coming spring, this will be in accordance with the FEIS.

Question (Winn): Can the MPMB consider taking on new tasks for the East side? The Bridge Monitoring Plan is not sufficient or appropriate as it does not include monitoring of pinion-juniper, mixed conifer, etc.

The MPMB will discuss this possibility, however, given the work that the NRWG has completed on monitoring on the A-S, we first ask that group to see what their capacity is to address additional monitoring questions appropriate for east-side projects. The primary issue concerning the Bridge Monitoring Plan is that work has not yet been started. More information will be available after the upcoming NRWG meeting.

- Utilization and Industry Working Group – ~~Gatewood~~

No updates are available for the East or West side. A discussion concerning the necessity of an Industry Working Group when there is minimal industry participation ensued. Pascal Berlioux recommends defining a purpose to determine if there is a continued need for the working group. A possible purpose involves a long-term analysis following restoration, specifically, if 4FRI is successful in restoring the designated areas, what supply will be available to industry in 10-20 years?

Currently, this group will remain inactive, with updates at SHG meetings when appropriate.

- Communications Working Group – currently inactive.

While the Communications Working Group is currently inactive, any communication needs have been addressed in Steering Committee calls on an as-needed basis. Amy Waltz pointed out that public outreach will need to be a priority in the coming months, following the release of the FEIS, Draft ROD and Final ROD, however, this requires engagement of stakeholders. An active small group will be able to more efficiently release press releases on behalf of the SHG.

***Call to stakeholders to participate in the Communications Working Group or to contribute as a revolving co-chair***

**10:45 FEIS Working Group Update – Berlioux**

The main purpose of the working group was to; 1) develop a recommendation and 2) help the SHG formulate a position. A grading scale was established to evaluate how the USFS used the comments

submitted by the SHG for the DEIS. This allowed the group to propose to the SHG reacted proposed reaction to the FEIS and DROD.

The grade scale and working group's final assessment is as follows:

1. Collaboration process requirement – Positive reaction. The USFS observed the SHG comments and addressed them. The small group would like to acknowledge collaboration/cooperation.
2. Discussion on product. Does the product translate the common objective? While the FEIS and DROD cannot be considered perfect by any of the participating organizations and individuals, they do fulfil a huge majority of expectations.

Utilizing the information above, the working group drafted a letter outlining their recommendations to the SHG, the document in discussion can be found on BASECAMP. If SHG approved, the letter will represent the SHG position on the FEIS and DROD, serve as a press release, and be sent to the USFS recognizing their collaboration and hard work. **QUESTION:** Does the SHG agree with the recommendations of the FEIS working group?

Note: As earlier mentioned, the letter is not mutually exclusive, it is not the end product and it does leave room for stakeholders to object.

Earl Stewart also noted that there is no demand from the agency that any responses be made in the aftermath of the release of the FEIS and DROD, however, it signifies an improved working relationship and sets the standard for long-term communication between the SHG and the USFS. He thanked the working group in all of their effort in drafting the letter in discussion.

The Center for Biological Diversity was the only stakeholder present to voice hesitation in endorsing the presented letter. While the Center was in complete agreement with the first paragraph concerning the process, they felt that the second paragraph needed to be reworked to allow more room for individual stakeholder disagreement/objection to the final product.

Pascal Berlioux offered to work directly with Todd Schulke to rephrase or add an additional sentence that will better address the needs of all stakeholders. The process will go as follows:

1. Berlioux and Schulke will post a revised letter to BASECAMP by COB on Thursday, 01/15
2. Stakeholders can provide feedback on the agreed upon letter by COB on Friday, 01/16 – No feedback will be considered full endorsement

The revised letter should not detract or disqualify any of the information provided in the original recommendations presented by the working group. Present stakeholders agreed that the letter should stick to the original commemorative spirit of the original letter.

**ACTION ITEM:** Revise FEIS recommended letter, post on BASECAMP by COB on 01/15/14. Stakeholder feedback due by COB on 01/16/15.

When discussing modifying the letter into a press release, it was suggested to create a cover letter stating what the purpose of the letter. Once the draft letter is finalized, it will be the responsibility of individual stakeholders to see that it is distributed.

**11:45 Stakeholder Disclosures and Accountability – Swaney**

- Schulke noted that there is a 90% chance that the Center for Biological Diversity will object. Schulke also addressed his comments made in the Payson Roundup article on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The author published information that was not intended to be made public.
- Berlioux's disclosure on the Burros stewardship contract; the contractor's contract is being finalized today. Some mobilization may have already taken place, but as of now work is currently dependent on weather conditions. There is hope that progress on the 900 acres can be made as soon as possible.
- Summerfelt shared that an update on 4FRI has been requested for the joint City of Flagstaff Council and Coconino Board of Supervisors' meeting on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Rob Davis mentioned being misquoted in a December article in the Arizona Republic.
- Trout Unlimited and AZGF have sponsored a native and wild trout conference every year in April for the last five years. This year's conference is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> with climate change and 4FRI being listed as the two main topics.

#### **12:15 NewPac Fibre Update – Stephan**

Since the December meeting and field trip, Newpac Fibre has completed an electrical upgrade and continues to expand upon their current infrastructure. The mill has also secured their first USFS timber sale and will begin a 7 day work week by adding Sunday operations. Aside from continued timber supply, the company's major obstacles involve training of new employees/reducing high turn-over rates and securing a reliable water source. Even though weather conditions have hindered out-put they have managed to remain operational in the worst conditions.

#### **Additional Updates:**

**UPDATE (Swaney):** The SHG will need to complete their annual assessment and annual planning in the coming months. This could serve as an opportunity to determine continued needs of the collaborative, including the need for a facilitator.

**Facilities Update (Berlioux):** Navajo Counties will host future East side meetings at the Frontier Conference Room. NPC can be used as a back-up.

**12:20 Action Items and Adjourn**

Action Item	Lead	Status
1. Update Charter Member List – SC create recommendation for new Charter sign in.	SC/Swaney/Mitchell/Woods	
2. Continue CLFR breakdown – all projects with approved funding (include monitoring expenses) includes CFLN funds.	Fleishman	
3. Completion of rephrasing the second paragraph of the FEIS recommended letter – Post to BASECAMP	Berlioux/Schulke/Woods	Complete
4. SHG responses to finalized letter – Due COB Friday	ALL	
5. Add agenda item to 01/20/15 SC agenda – 2015 Annual Planning	Co-chairs/Woods	
6. Add agenda item to 01/20/15 agenda – 2015 SHG Assessment discussion	Co-chairs/Woods	
7. Post hospital provided email address for Gatewood to BASECAMP	Summerfelt	Complete
8. Add agenda item to 02/25/15 SHG agenda – USFS presentation on new EIS boundary	Fredette/Fleishman	
9. <b>PENDING AGENDA ITEM</b> for 02/25/15 SHG agenda - East side monitoring discussion/update (Waiting on NRWG)		

The 02/25/15 SHG meeting information:  
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 1824 S. Thompson St. Flagstaff, AZ 86001  
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Process for approving minutes:

1. Note-taker sends draft minutes to Co-Chairs and facilitator < 48 hrs. following meeting
2. Co-Chairs and facilitator respond with edits (if needed) < 48 hrs. of receiving minutes
3. Note-taker incorporates edits & posts draft minutes to BASECAMP < 48 hrs. of receiving edited minutes
4. Draft minutes are approved (with additional edits as necessary) at next Stakeholder Group meeting
5. Note-taker posts Final Minutes to BASECAMP as PDF