

Draft Meeting Summary
4FRI Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Meeting Objectives:

1. Path Forward, MOU, and Charter update, discussion and next steps
2. FLRA update, discussion, and next steps
3. Working Group Reports
4. Steering committee update, facilitator hiring update
5. Nest Meeting

Action Items, Agreements and Next Steps:

1. Path Forward/Charter/MOU
 - a. There will be an all-day meeting on March 12, 2010, to complete the Path Forward and Charter and discuss stakeholder perspectives on MOU.
 - b. The Path Forward, Charter, and stakeholder feedback on MOU will be emailed to collaborative on evening of March 12th (at end of meeting).
 - c. The Collaborative will approve the Path Forward and Charter on March 24th. Please provide substantive comments on these documents to Ethan Aumack by March 11th.
 - d. Send additional comments regarding the MOU to Ethan Aumack by March 1st.
 - e. The Steering Committee will schedule a meeting after March 24th with the Forest Service to discuss the draft MOU and what needs to be done to finalize it. The March 5th meeting that was scheduled to discuss the MOU with the Forest Supervisors will be cancelled.
 2. FLRA
 - a. Courtney Schultz will send the FLRA presentation she gave at this meeting out to the Collaborative.
 - b. The Draft FLRA proposal will be brought back to the Collaborative at the March 24th meeting.
 - c. FLRA proposal writers need to get their language to Courtney ASAP.
 3. Working Groups (WG)
 - a. The next Landscape Strategy WG meeting is scheduled for February 25, 14:30-16:30, in the Large POD, ARD building.
 - b. The Science and Monitoring WG's first meeting will be March 1, 13:30-16:30, at the NAU Forestry Building, Room 102.
 - c. Industry WG: Molly Pitts will follow-up with Don Bright and arrange a WG meeting with the FS.
 - d. Communications WG: Bonnie Stevens will be scheduling a WG meeting for this week or next.
 4. Steering Committee (SC)
 - a. The SC will have a standing meeting every Tuesday at 14:00 hours. In March, April, and May these meetings will be at Grand Canyon Trust and Ethan Aumack will be SC Coordinator for these first three months. Ed Smith will be the Coordinator for the next three months.
 - b. Ed Smith has a list of four potential candidates for facilitator position. SC will serve as the hiring committee for this position.
 5. Next Meeting: March 24th. Larry Fisher will facilitate the meeting. Meeting will be held in Pinetop, AZ at the Arizona Game and Fish Department Office beginning at 09:00 hours.
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I. Path Forward/Charter/MOU Update and Discussion

Path Forward/Charter:

At the last 4FRI meeting the group agreed to move the Path Forward discussion ahead and the small group charged with doing this attempted to complete this task. Just as Larry Fisher predicted, the small group got a point that they could not get beyond without facilitation/mediation. On March 12th there will be a final meeting, with Larry Fisher facilitating, to come to closure on the Path Forward and finalize the document. At the March 12th meeting, the group attending will also work on the Charter and get that finalized to the point that the large group can review/approve at the March 24th meeting.

MOU:

Specific comments made at the meeting included:

- On page 4, Section V. A: add “local governments” to the list of entities that are part of 4FRI.
- Is the Collaborative ready to sign a document with the Forest Service? Don’t we need a collective body first? Finalizing the Charter will help with this, although it is still not clear who will sign the MOU (each entity in 4FRI or the Collaborative as a whole). Do we need to form a legal body (e.g., 501(c)(3))?
- Add contracting language to the list of “Forest Service shall” on page 4. There was concern from the Forest Service there could be a conflict of interest with specific members of 4FRI and this language, but there was interest from at least one member of the Collaborative in having FS lawyers come up with some language that addressed this issue.
- Concern from the FS with how slow the process is moving.
- Page 7, R: What is expected life of MOU? 5 years is standard, but it could be more.
- Page 3, III: Please add a “T” to this list that indicates the Collaborative will follow its Charter and implementing by-laws, etc.
- Point was made that the MOU does not preclude each individual agency/organization from representing their interests. However, it would be good if the Collaborative was more coordinated in its messages to the outside world.

II. FLRA Update

Courtney gave a presentation and handed out the current outline for the FLRA proposal. She will email the presentation to the Collaborative. The big outstanding question regarding the process is what would the money be used for and how would it fit into the big picture? There is no official deadline yet for the proposal, but the FS would like the proposal to be close to final in a month. See the presentation for details of what Courtney presented.

Notes/comments from presentation:

- There is less shelf stock than was originally thought and some of this may be needed to meet the White Mountain Stewardship Contract.
- FLRA money must be used for implementation. Planning money will need to come from other sources. Cannot use planning dollars as a match.
- Could the FS use collection agreements to facilitate agency match? FS will check on this.
- The proposed budget (4 to 6 million per year) does not include funding for enhancing/building out the fire program.
- Likely won’t use shelf stock for FLRA/4FRI until 2012 or 2013.

III. Working Group Reports

Landscape Strategy WG (Steven Sesnie and Shaula Hedwall): Presented draft goal and objectives for landscape strategy that WG put together. There was a lot of discussion as to how this fit into what the FS Supervisor's may/may not be thinking about the strategy. WG has a meeting tomorrow (February 25) to discuss what the Landscape Strategy should look like/information it should provide with the FS.

Industry WG (Molly Pitts): The WG is feeling like the contact/information flow with the FS has not been as good as it could be. Molly recently spoke with Don Bright though and is going to be contacting him again to schedule a WG meeting.

Science and Monitoring WG (Sarah Reif): This is a new group that we knew we would be forming at some point, but due to the number of questions floating around and need for us to be planning and applying for grants, the time is now for this group to get organized. The first meeting will be March 1 at the NAU Forestry Building, Room 102, from 13:30 to 16:30 hours.

Communications WG (Bonnie Stevens): The WG is ready and willing to put together a press release as soon as the time is right they will circulate a draft for review. Bonnie received some estimates for building a 4FRI website. Courtney stated that FS has developed an internal 4FRI website and Jackie Denk is working on an external website. This is really important as we need to be announcing our meetings to the public. Anne Mottek Lucas has a website contact that she will send to Bonnie (very good and not very expensive). Next WG meeting will be scheduled for this week or next.

IV. Steering Committee (SC) Update

Ethan handed out a document titled "Proposed FFRI Steering Committee Characteristics." This is the proposal that the Interim Steering Committee developed to guide the Steering Committee. If you have any comments, send them to Ethan.

Specific comments made at the meeting included:

- Under Roles and Responsibilities, #1, add "The Steering Committee is not a decision-making body."
- The bullet regarding workgroups under #1 should be modified to indicate that the Steering Committee will suggest the creation of and provide direction to working groups.
- Under Roles and Responsibilities, #2, modify the first three bullets to state: "Leading charter development," "Leading MOU development," and "Leading development and tracking of strategic plan."
- List of people that self-selected for the group is listed on the back of the handout. They are Ethan Aumack, Pascal Berlioux, Steve Gatewood, Tommie Martin, Molly Pitts, Sarah Reif, Todd Schulke, Ed Smith, Paul Summerfelt, David Tenney, and Diane Vosick. Courtney Schultz will serve as the liaison between the SC and the USFS.
- There was some discussion that this too large a group and that 5 to 8 people would be better. We should discuss this further during the Charter development.

Ed Smith gave an update on the search for a new facilitator. Ed has been coordinating with the Institute and has four potential candidates that the SC (or a subcommittee of) will interview. Ed handed out a sheet with brief biographies for each of the candidates. Their names are: Lewis D. Michaelson (San Diego), Lucy Moore (New Mexico), Carl M. Moore (New Mexico) and Kristi Parker Celico (Colorado). The SC will try to schedule interviews in March.

Meeting Attendees:

- Mike Chaveas – Flagstaff Center Deputy District Ranger, Coconino NF
- Courtney Shultz – 4FRI Acting IDT Leader
- Paul Summerfelt – City of Flagstaff Fire Department
- Shaula Hedwall – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Scott Harger – NRCO Coconino County
- Molly Pitts – Northern Arizona Wood Products Assn
- Steve Gatewood – Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership
- Edward Smith – The Nature Conservancy
- Anne Mottek Lucas – Mottek Consulting
- Sarah Reif – AZ Game and Fish Department
- Pascal Berlioux – Arizona Forest Restoration Products
- Larry Stephenson – ECO
- Bruce Greco – Ecological Restoration Institute
- David Tenney – Navajo County
- Bob Taylor – Apache-Sitgreaves NF
- Don Berry – Navajo County
- Wally Covington – Ecological Restoration Institute
- Rod Ross – Navajo County
- Bonnie Stevens – Ecological Restoration Institute
- Michael Cooley – Pioneer/Cooley Forest Products
- Herb Hopper – SW Sustainable Forests Partnership
- Sharon Masek Lopez – ERI/SESES
- Vicki Christiansen – AZ State Forestry
- Kevin Boness – AZ State Forestry
- Steven Sesnie – NAU ForestERA
- Taylor McKinnon – Center for Biological Diversity
- Mike Elson – Flagstaff Center District Ranger, Coconino NF
- Mike Williams – Kaibab NF Supervisor
- Joe Stringer – Coconino NF Acting Supervisor
- Todd Schulke – Center for Biological Diversity
- Ethan Aumack – Grand Canyon Trust
- Stacey Hamburg – Sierra Club
- Neil McCusker – 4FRI IDT