



Minutes

4FRI Stakeholders Meeting
 Wednesday, February 26, 2014
 9AM-1PM

Winslow Chamber of Commerce

Teleconference Information: (712) 432-1500, code: 292353#

In attendance: Ethan Aumack; Pascal Berlioux; David Dorum; Cathy Dowd; Larry Ethelbak; Paul Ferris; Dick Fleishman; Steve Gatewood; Alicyn Gitlin; Jill Grams; Bill Greenwood; Scott Harger; Steve Horner; Buzz Ivicsek; Lawrence Kenna; Royce Kincanon; Dan Kipervaser; Eli Lauren-Bernstein; Linda Lind; Tom Mackin; Brienne Magee; Gary Moore; Hunter Moore; Todd Owen; Steve Pauken; Jerry Payne; James Perkins; Stephen Reidhead; Ken Ribelin; Bob Seidler; Liza Simmons; Sue Sitko, Gabriella Smith; Greg Smith; Harold Soehner; Jeff Swan; Buck Swaney; Dave Tenney; Esther Villanilevo; Diane Vosick; Livan Webb; Travis Wooley

On The Phone: Russ Winn, Todd Schulke

9:00 Introductions

09:10 Approval of 1/22 SHG meeting minutes

Remove "AGENDA" from top of minutes

09:15 Review 1/22 Action Items

Action Items from 1/22 SHG meeting	Contact	Status
1. Draft resolution of support for WDFa	Eli/Sue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Schedule 2014 Planning for Feb Meeting	Buck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Test short meeting agenda this spring	SC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Update MPMB Framework and post to BASECAMP	Eli/Ethan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Make SHG request for MPMB membership	Eli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Post results/trends from 2013 self-assessment to BASECAMP. Include Winslow (Aug.) meeting comments.	Buck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. LAM to examine Dick's Canopy Cover/Openness response to SHG comments and get back with follow up questions/concerns.	LAM	In progress
8. Update BASECAMP all 2014 meeting dates in calendar (and make reservations)	Eli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

09:20 Call to the Public

Buck asked members of the general public to share their general impressions of the 4FRI. Comments are summarized here:

- There is a lack of confidence that small, local industries are being supported by the SHG
- Industry is very reticent to spend any money on equipment until it becomes clear that utilization markets are being built on the ground
- There is little confidence that the 4FRI contract is moving in the right direction.
- It would be good to include more regional utilization industry updates at the SHG meetings

09:25 Updates: USFS – Dick Fleishman

NEPA UPDATE: The Biological Assessment was submitted last Tuesday...now in a <135 day review process with USFWS...after which the Biological Opinion will be released; then the Draft ROD will be published; then the FEIS will be posted, etc. Basically, exactly the timeline that Eli developed, through consultations with the Regional Office and others and posted on BASECAMP.

Dan Kipervaser is working on a 4FRI framework for CFLR reporting. See BASECAMP/handout posting on reported CFLR performance measures (yellow shows achievements above expected). Dick would like feedback on these numbers from the Steering Committee by the end of March.

Dick also introduced two people: Dave Warnack (acting deputy regional forester) and Brienne Magee (public affairs detail for 4 months).

09:40 Updates: Contractor – Steve Horner

GEPAZ is actively working on Mercer task order and preparing to transition to wildlife restricted areas. Biomass is going to Novo, and logs are going to the Lumberjack mill in Heber. Also, some final, erosion control work is being done on the Ranch TA. Also, TCG is also touring loggers on west side TA's for an early spring start.

Q: What is the progress report on mill partnerships with GEPAZ

A: The Heber Lumberjack mill is the only one to date

Q: I heard that Mercer got shut down for a time? Why was that?

A: That's not exactly accurate; there was an equipment delay for one week, but there have been no shut downs.

Q: When will the Mercer task order be completed?

A: At the earliest, late 2014, due to wildlife restrictions (e.g. there are required closures on some areas of the task order for March-September for Northern Goshawk)

Q: Have additional notices to proceed on any other task orders been issued?

A: No, because ground conditions are too wet. Some roads are also still not passible.

Q: In the Twin Arrows presentation Jason forecasted that they would issue a significant announcement in late Jan...when will we hear on industry ramp up? A: USFS review of GEPAZ contract proposals/changes is taking longer than expected...hopefully completed in the next few weeks. Can't say more on these proposals/changes until they are completed at the RO.

Q: What proposals/changes to the contract are we talking about? And how does that affect the GEPAZ announcement about industry ramp up? I am confused about what is being reviewed and why that is part of the contract.

A: Dick will ask Roberta, from the Regional Office, to call in at the next meeting to explain this.

Q: What is the possibility that fire restrictions will be put in place in 2014? What USFS conversations are happening around carrying out task orders under fire restrictions?

A: The contract allows some work to continue under fire restrictions, before a full shutdown. Industrial Fire Plan governs this.

09:45 Updates, other: FWPP, NRWG-Bridge Projects & Funding

FWPP: (Brienne) The DEIS for the FWPP should be published by the end of March. The Orion timber sale was put up in Jan but wasn't bid on...so now it will become a 4FRI task order. On April 2 there will be a public meeting on FWPP at the Aquaplex in Flagstaff to review the DEIS.

NRWG: (Hunter Moore presented on the "bridge projects" acreage/funding shortfall. A request has been prepared for more USFS \$ on the A-S to prep the necessary task orders to keep E. Side industry working during the time when the WMSC ends (Aug, 2014) and the release of 2nd 4FRI analysis area (E. Side) task orders. The shortfall will begin in late FY2014. The Wallow fire made this shortfall even more extreme, because 56,000 acres of shelf-stock NEPA were lost to severe fire (although some salvage may be possible; and new NEPA will be required). There is also concern about prep needs on the Gila NF (Jim Zornes working on this) as well—E. Escadilla/Escadilla East—but the A-S is primary. 3 major mill sites, NOVO, Lumberjack, Vaagan, would receive material from the bridge project task orders. Bridge funding would support bids/sales of timber projects, not stewardship contracts. For more information contact Hunter Moore or Dave Tenney.

(Diane): proposes that the 4FRI SHG develop a letter of support for \$ bridge projects for March D.C. trip. Look for numbers from USFS middle of March. We also need a fact sheet supporting 4FRI funding.

(Tenney): thinks it's good to create 2 fact sheets (one for Bridge Projects and one for supporting the 4FRI) to make sure D.C. staff understand the importance/difference of each situation.

We also need to consider the time it takes to prep task orders and how long the NEPA for a given task order will last. This probably means having 2 years-worth of shelf stock prepped in advance, to avoid delays. We are working to identify the actual businesses that will be lost (and that won't come back) if the Bridge Projects are not funded.

Sue, Hunter, Pascal, Dick, Russ will work on 4FRI Resolution of Support for funding bridge projects and 4FRI funding. (As Action Item at end of minutes details [#11]).

10:00 Stakeholder Disclosures and Accountability—all

Announcement: In Phoenix, May 1st SRP is organizing a workshop for [Arizona Forest Restoration Funding Strategies](#) that all 4FRI SHG welcome to attend.

Rob Davis is currently in D.C. advocating for 4FRI

Dave Tenney will be in D.C. next week to discuss 4FRI and Bridge Projects. Also, he was invited to a meeting last Friday with Kevin Kinsall (Governor's office) and other USFS officials to discuss the potential for the 4FRI FEIS to be litigated.

Steve Gatewood had lunch with Jason Weller (chief of NRCS) and Robert Bonnie (USFS) recently at a conference and discussed ways the Farm Bill could impact 4FRI. NRCS is very interested in helping 4FRI.

Diane will post questions prepared for Tom Tidwell by Senator Flake expressing concern about the need for wood supply on the eastside to sustain industry

Diane mentioned that the ERI, Abe Springer, SRP and the Forest Service met to discuss the Paired Watershed Study that is proposed for the 4FRI treatment area.

Diane met with Liz Archuleta and Mandy Metzger to Coordinate their 4FRI talking points with the Stakeholder Group talking points to deliver a consistent message while they are in Washington DC.

10:15 Annual Planning & Prioritization—Buck

Buck presented a power point on the 4FRI 2014 Progress Report (available on BASECAMP) for the last year.

3 breakout groups: exercise 1—write 3-4 things that would define success for 4FRI during 2014 (see numbers in brackets for # of votes on that item)

- Support of a ROD that is not litigated, with SHG consensus [7]
- Treating close to proposed acres (15-30K/yr) and differentiating when the various types of treatments will occur (burn, thin...etc) [6]
- Engage non-SHG participants [4]
- East Side Bridge Projects planning/implementation is on track [2]
- Monitoring of completed task orders and secure funding for the Monitoring an Adaptive Management Plan [4]
- No public criticism of the SHG by any of the individual SHG organizations [1]
- Resolve 4FRI funding issues [3]
- Move to self-facilitation [1]
- SHG to intervene with cohesive messaging in response to litigation, as appropriate [2]
- East Side Planning proceeds with SHG support [3]
- GEPAZ participates with the SHG with 100% honesty/commitment [2]
- Make the SHG more efficient [1]
- Support new job creation [1]
- Develop a contractor work plan [1]
- Advocate for expansion of small, local industry [1]
- Better public outreach by the SHG [1]
- Increase SHG chair and general membership [1]
- USFS data clarification on EIS [1]

3 breakout groups: exercise 2—Identify **actionable goals** to achieve the list of (above successes)

MAR/APR/MAY

- Finalize MPMB & Implementation Plan
- Secure funding for monitoring (internal-CFLRP/external-SHG) on an ongoing basis
- Begin Collaboration on the East Side EIS (and get regular updates)
- Work with GEPAZ on more regular/tangible updates & business plan details, and develop industry success measures
- Get regular updates from USFS on CFLRP output
- Get regular reports on task order progress and high level information on how task order sequencing is determined (perhaps provide input)
- Respond to CFLR coalition needs
- Plan 2014 field trips (some on monthly SHG dates, some on other dates) that address openness/canopy cover, LTRS...

JUN/JUL/AUG

- Develop a written position on the FEIS for the 1st analysis area
- Secure funding for monitoring (internal-CFLRP/external-SHG) on an ongoing basis
- Develop Communication/Advocacy plan and strategy (including intergovernmental details)
- New co-chairs identified and put into the rotation
- Re-engage or retire non-participation (poor standing?) stakeholders
- Develop a roadmap for “seamlessly” transitioning from 1st to 2nd analysis areas (planning support, field trips, timeline & expectations, NEPA input)

SEP/OCT/NOV

- Draft an advocacy piece on the FEIS
- Secure funding for monitoring (internal-CFLRP/external-SHG) on an ongoing basis
- Establish monitoring teams and begin baseline monitoring
- Develop a lessons learned from the 1st EIS for the 2nd planning process
- Celebration after one of the field trips

12:00 Preliminary FEIS & Scenario Planning Discussion—*Buck*

Buck introduced the topic but due to time constraints the scenario planning discussion was tabled until the next (March 26th) Stakeholder meeting.

1:00

Action items and adjourn

Action Items from 2/26 SHG meeting	Contact	Status
1. Roberta to explain the contract proposals/changes currently underway with GEPAZ and USFS	Dick	
2. SC to get back to Dick on the CFLR performance measures handout	SC	
3. Immediately develop a resolution for USFS funding of "bridge projects" and 4FRI (one or two?)	Sue, Hunter, Pascal, Dick, Russ, Diane, Steve G.	
4. Bridge Projects joint presentation at March meeting (1 hr)	Hunter and A-S	
5. Consider a presentation on workforce training at a near future SHG meeting	SC	
6. Review the proposed FEIS policy timeline at the next SC meeting & follow up at the next SHG meeting	SC	
7. Develop final planning for 2014	Buck	
8. Start preparing for 2014 field trips	SC	

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