



**4FRI Stakeholders Meeting, Wednesday, March 29, 2011, 9AM-2PM, AZ Game & Fish Pinetop
Call in: 877-686-0400 Code: 7747488210**

Welcome & Introductions

Call to Public

FS Updates

- Priority areas have been identified
- FS Budget and funding are a concern
 - Update on RFP contract: Henry will let the group know if it's on schedule as soon as he knows by posting on the FS website and if a presentation can be available
- Rim Lakes status: the analysis is done. The EA is largely completed, Pat Jackson will do a presentation on consequences of cap and no cap alternative on April 21st.
- NEPA decision will be made end of April.

Work plan Review

- Coding should be included to indicate project's status of "upcoming", "completed", "in progress"
- Clarification is needed on process for selecting second EIS area: make this an action item on multiple working group work plans

Planning for Collaboration through NEPA

- An interactive approach is needed for comment period on proposed action
- Software for NEPA process was discussed in a prior meeting to assist in updating working drafts
- Fundamental difference between traditional NEPA pathway and collaborative pathway, is having collaborative involved in developing proposed action as opposed to commenting on proposed action
 - Suggested ideas of how to accomplish this:
 - Regular ID Team meeting that would include representation from the collaborative
 - Reference GFFP process
 - Find new ways to accommodate differences
 - Clarify inferences and assumptions
 - Share info
 - Process needs public inclusion
 - Communication can be the biggest barrier *and* the best vehicle for moving collaboration forward
 - The collaborative should discuss the challenges in producing documents on time: What barriers were encountered, why, and how to mitigate those in order to have a more effective process for the future.
 - FS Supervisors could work with 4FRI to articulate a process for design and implementation & come up with joint explanation of what collaboration means:
 - Roundtable process
 - Demonstrated upper management
 - Pilot collaboration to collaborate
 - Reference Section 101 & USIECR Report
 - FS has weekly ID Team update meetings: Henry extended invitation for Landscape WG to call in and participate in each meeting
 - Imperative that I.D. Team meetings be public
 - Make better use of available expertise in working sessions
 - Develop "Formal" Collaborative Strategy



- **Next iteration of PA is due in the 3 weeks: Steering Committee will meet in the next few days to translate this into a plan**

4FRI Stakeholder Discussion: WMS Contract- Integrating East & West

- Need to understand how R.O. personnel think about integration long-term and short-term
- Uncertainty regarding scope of 1st 4FRI contract
- What comes after the current (3 yrs) WMS contract?
- Cost of treatment and planning (details of Stewardship contract & Timber sale)
- What agency conditions would allow us to meet those terms? (feasibility & budget)
- Negative Press Reports
 - We need to describe capacity & need
 - Possibility for acreage change
 - Need: Existing industry and new in coming industry
- Number and size/scale/ spatial extent
- Spatial distribution of supply over long term
- Add 4FRI Project 1 area: local areas to that available for WMSC
 - Distance
 - Contract
 - Draft a map of funding and acres on a timeline so it could be planned conceptually
 - Contracting strategy that could realize the map
 - Open dialogue with the regional office (WMSC & 4FRI)
 - How to integrate new industries in other areas
 - Include uncertainty on budgets
 - Net cost impact will be critical (Economic scale issue)

MOU Update & Discussion

- Round 1 signatures complete
- FS will hold the original now
- Next round of signatures slated for May Stakeholder meeting
- Technical changes will be compiled prior to May
- Two MOUs vs. revised MOU? Depending on guidance from the Institute and the FS.

Discussion/Update on Documents under Development

- Formal 4FRI letter sent to FS
- Significant number of the letters from individual organizations are posted on Basecamp
- Similar process of letters to FS for the refined Proposed Action, even if just to acknowledge agreement
 - Steering Committee will coordinate
- Large Tree Retention & Old Growth Protection Strategy: Submitted
- Long Valley: Ed Smith will keep the group updated in following Stakeholder meetings but 4FRI will refrain from becoming actively involved for the time being

Working Group Updates

- **Communications Work Group**
 - Marcus Selig is new Chair
 - New Communication WG work plan has been developed
 - There will be new organization and updates on the 4FRI website



- FS is also creating a new 4FRI website and there will be connections between the two websites
- Educational outreach is being planned/ Public outreach through FS
- Protocols established for press releases will be revised, expanded and more detailed
- General Stakeholder involvement is needed
- Science & Monitoring
 - Approval of documents
 - Water yield and snow melt
 - List of recommendations for an experimental design that would fit within the guidelines of 4FRI
 - NAU Forestry students in Semester C & D could be utilized to collect baseline data in an effort to learn monitoring and planning at Landscape Scale, providing a free service to 4FRI
- Landscape Strategy WG
 - LTRS and TAP are ongoing
 - Will follow up on level of engagement for the next round of comment period

**Next 4FRI Stakeholder meeting: April 27th Coconino Supervisor's Office, 1824 S. Thompson Rd Flagstaff, AZ
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