



4FRI Stakeholders Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 9AM-12:00PM
Mormon Lake Work Center, 4373 South Lake Mary Rd., Flagstaff, AZ, Call-in # ...

Followed by a Forest Service hosted meeting from 1-4pm, focused on describing elements of the refined Proposed Action

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of 3.30.11 Minutes: Approved

Call to the Public: N/A

Forest Service Updates and Presentations - Henry Provencio

- 4FRI Team Progress 53 comments on the initial proposed action
- Next steps in developing a revised PA:
 - series of public meetings scheduled. Needing to discuss terminology, prioritization. Public meetings will result in revised PA, followed by public comment period.
- Update on RFP for contract
 - Under Washington review.
 - Intent is still to have an award in the fall
 - RFP contract expected in June.
 - Lead on Operations team is looking at shelf stock sites making sure all pertinent surveys have been implemented
 - Suggestion that stakeholders start discussing ideas that fed shelf stock EA development
- Mechanism for cooperating agency status
 - AZ Game & Fish has been approved
 - Country requests may be approved under project specific process as long as they have substantial input to provide
- Funding: Nationally funding is up but we won't know what that will mean for the Agency until it clears Appropriations
 - Projected need for planning costs for '12 will be 1.2- 1.5 million
- Propose a change to names of specific terminology
 - Immediate reactions: Restoration unit or area, consistent use of language, either use current terminology or some related variation and put in context that would better communicate to the public
- Rim Lakes update
 - Presentations will be up on the A-S website.
- Office hours will be posted so people can contact the individual resource units with questions
 - Notify Earl if there is likely to be 5 or more vehicles

Workplan Review – Marcus Selig

Planning for Collaboration through NEPA: update and next steps - Ethan Aumack

- At a minimum there will be two additional meetings leading up to refined PA
 - Need Skype or Webex resource and meeting location sites
- FS will be posting office hours on their website and fliers for smaller communities
- On a regular basis the LSWG will be meeting regularly and inviting the FS ID team to participate in meetings
- There is an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss collaboration through NEPA at a policy level at the CEQ pilot project effort.

CEQ Pilot Project discussion – Dennis Bowker

- Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) focus is to refine the NEPA processes to be more efficient and more effective.
 - CEQ will provide support for up to 5 projects nationwide.
 - Proposals due by June 15.
 - CEQ Opportunities and Challenges-
 - *Opportunities*: provide review of basic areas the group would like to make recommendations on NEPA process , end result would be to improve NEPA in both policy and applications; permission would be granted to test revised NEPA process in the this project within certain limits; Getting additional assistance
 - *Challenges*= Learn from present case without resetting the clock; caution against getting too imaginative; will have to adhere to CEQ rules; Stakeholders should expect additional scrutiny on 4FRI; Additional time/labor requirements from stakeholders to participate in this.
 - Section 101- NEPA report is posted on Basecamp for Stakeholder review
 - DECISION**: A) Proceed with proposal for CEQ process. B) There will be a Steering Committee & FS call on Tuesday to clarify means in which the stakeholders will work with FS to determine how to develop this proposal.
 - Reservations**: Keep assets focused on goals and timeline in which those goals need to be met.

Roundtable Discussion

MOU Update – *Ethan Aumack*

- Multiple party signatures are an issue. There are concerns about frequent changes.
- Letter of Support from G&F, FWS, St Forest
- Address difficulty in CEQ proposal
- To serve the interest of the MOU, alternative mechanisms can be implemented in the short term.
- DECISION**: Address differences in next Steering Committee meeting.

Discussion/Update on Documents under Development

Comment letter on refined PA – Diane Vosick

- Comment as a collective voice on refined PA

Work Group Updates

- Communications, *Marcus Selig*
 - 4FRI.org has been updated vigorously
 - Press release protocol is still being refined
 - Presentations and outreach materials are being compiled to support upcoming outreach efforts.
- Science and Monitoring, *Matt Williamson*
 - Landscape strategy document and Desired Conditions are being reviewed to translate into creating a product for Stakeholder review
 - May 20th meeting 9-noon
- Landscape Strategy, *Shaula Hedwall* and/or *Taylor McKinnon*
- Fiscal, *Marcus Selig*
 - Transferring ownership right of domain name and logo under the fiscal agent, Navajo County

4FRI collaboration research description – Erik Nielsen and Tony Chang

- Individuals can self select in to participate in interviews and the group will make a time commitment for a time allotment on the agenda in one of the upcoming meetings
- Please contact Erik, Tony, or Windy if you have questions or information you would like to add.

Next meeting location, field trips, and dates for upcoming meetings

May 25th 4FRI Stakeholder meeting 9:00, Overgaard bldg

1:00 – 4:00 **First public meeting hosted by the Forest Service to discuss elements of the refined Proposed Action**