



**4FRI Stakeholder Meeting, Wednesday, May 25, 2011, Mogollon Complex, 2775 Mogollon Dr., Overgaard, AZ**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Approval of 4.27.11 Minutes:** APPROVED

**Call to Public:** No response

**Forest Service Updates and Presentations-** *Henry Provencio*

4FRI Team Progress

- Need levels of agreement in products for F.S. presented in separate section, not in discussion of document
- F.S. will need to translate the document into a NEPA appropriate document

CEQ Pilot proposal:

- Steering Committee will take primary responsibility for reviewing the document and turning it around by the 3<sup>rd</sup> for the F.S.
- Reminder from Earl that this is just phase 1 of this process.

Next steps in developing a revised PA

- Tentative depending on the date: A small group from the Stakeholder members will meet with F.S. June 2<sup>nd</sup>; Ed Smith and Windy will coordinate the effort via Basecamp
- The Four Forest Restoration Initiative team will be hosting open office hours to provide information and answer questions from the public. Please feel welcome to stop by the Coconino Supervisor's Office located at 1824 South Thompson Street in Flagstaff to participate during one of our scheduled "open office" time slots.
  - Neil McCusker, Silviculturist: Tuesdays 9am to 11am, Thursdays 1pm to 3pm
  - Paula Cote, NEPA Specialist: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm
  - Bill Noble, Wildlife Biologist: Wednesdays 1pm to 3pm
  - Mary Lata, Fire Ecologist: Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am to -12 noon

Update on RFP contract:

- The Stakeholders can put RFP next set of steps on the 4FRI website to demonstrate stakeholder awareness and appreciation for SBA development process
- Email Rufus Cole with SBA Policy concerns, interests or questions

Region 3 landscape conservation and restoration strategic action plan

- Proposal to have F.S. presentation on this at next Stakeholder meeting, conservation strategy and watershed program
- Stakeholders should develop a list of topics to guide presentation and give to F.S.

CFLR Update

- Establish best method to engage in CFLR support



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- DECISION: Steering committee will develop a resolution asking for full support of the CFLR Funding and develop a congressional strategy in an accelerated effort
- Agenda item: Presentation on joining coalition, process for joining, what it means to join or not join

### **Workplan Review- Marcus Selig**

- Workplan and timeline will be on the 4FRI webpage

### **Update on recent county-led trip to Washington, D.C.**

- Follow up with Congressman Gossar on the meetings at beginning of Feb.
- Went over some issues the county felt were important such as funding, collaborative planning, CEQ, science and adaptive management, contracting and planning aspects of 4FRI
- Emphasized the planning process continue moving forward.
- Current EIS process is not designed to pit existing industry with future industry; proposed to combine remaining 2 processes into 1 to remove concern from existing industry that the supply will be sustaining
- There was a strong amount of support and awareness of the process for this project at the highest levels
- Congressman Gossar asked Tinney to call him to give him a follow up report and would like to be kept up-to-date regularly.

### **Discussion: Best practices for initiating and participating in individual, group, and/or entire collaborative stakeholder discussions relating to 4FRI – Dennis Bowker**

- How do we encourage people to use the ground rules and reward each other for doing so?
- There is concern with members going through back channels to represent 4FRI without actually representing confirmed group agreement in context of 4FRI.
- Methodologies to improve individuals' ability to improve individual action: People need to be more forthcoming and share with the group what activities they are involved in, in order to build confidence that everyone is operating in the 4FRI's best interest.
- Individual commitment to group interest/ use of rules
- Notification to the rest of the group when a trip or side meeting is going to occur is a courtesy that would be appreciated by all stakeholder members and would help to build trust in member intentions in future efforts.
- Presumption of intent
  - Why wasn't the entire group invited to go on specific field trips?
- Perception of double standards
  - Are root issues resolvable or necessary to resolve in order to be successful?
  - Varying degrees of trust about how significantly the broader collaborative process can meet organization needs to resolve issues that cause a significant level of angst



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- Can the collective process meet enough of the needs to make this process successful?
- Bluntly identify those issues that need resolution and a mechanism to resolve them
- 4FRI needs group for credibility
- Improve ability of group to reach agreement
- Messenger diversity is needed
- What members would like to see or not see to make through group function more collectively?
  - Agenda of subgroup or side alliances: define positions vs. interests
  - Personal accountability: address issues directly with the person the issue is with and not other individuals
  - Define what success means for different people
  - Develop infrastructure to live up to expectations
  - Build method for info (model) validation
  - There's a need for physical/tactile progress
  - Maintain civility
  - Diversity of opinion is useful
  - Closure is important
  - Make foundational documents actionable
  - Take time to refocus and revisit why we're here
  - Have honest dialogue without retribution and without retaliation
  - Depth of understanding other people's ideas without feeling like we have to agree with them
- Need to be Defined:
  - Needs
  - Interests vs. Positions
  - Collaboration
  - Success (at various scales)
  - Hard Problems
  - Firescape terminology
  - Restoration
  - Communication system with Forest Supervisors
  - Best available science

**Ecological Issues unresolved in the collaborative**

- Role of fire in ecosystem restoration (F.S. needs to know how "strategic placement" term is being used)
- Terminology of firescapes
- Canopy cover, Interspace openings
- Scale of measure as related to interpretation of Goshawk guidelines
- Grassland and Savannah restoration vs. fires



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- Tree diameter caps
- Regulating forest vs. self-regulating ecosystem
- Biomass residue
- Describing Desired Forest Structure
- Use/type of evidence for design
- Science panel
- Climate change
- Reconcile Path Forward issues & F.S.
- Candidate area flexibility

**Discussion:** Tackling key issues through a Navajo County- convened dialogue

- Navajo county's intent was to establish liaison with F.S. to determine how they will reconcile revised PA issues
- F.S. response: 4FRI would have to call a meeting, representative members from the stakeholder group would need to be present, product developed in meeting would need to gain agreement from entire stakeholder group and then formally submitted to 4FRI team
- **DECISION:** Attend the public meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>, and then self select into a group to discuss if and what issues still remain.

**Discussion:** Identifying the next project area

- Time specificity to identify next area is mid-June
- Group recommendation is to make one more EIS of 1.5 million acres subject to more detailed discussion with the LSWG and the Steering Committee
- Larger area vs. two smaller issues to address:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 750k has not been tested yet
  - Specifically include WMS in the next area (if 1.5 million acres)
  - Need to compile a clear summary of rationale behind the recommendation
- Proposal for F.S. pulling together pre-analysis and timeline of larger area to deliver to the group at next Stakeholder meeting
- The difference between one more EIS and two or more is significant

**Work Group Updates:**

*Communications- Marcus Selig*

- Protocols for CWG press releases have been approved by Steering Committee and final approval from Stakeholders at next Stakeholder meeting
- Media inquiry of 4FRI on RFP; will need to be ready through agreed upon talking points and/or press release



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Science & Monitoring- *Matt Williamson*

- 2 documents available on Basecamp: Outline for monitoring desired conditions, and drafted description of adaptive management strategy

Landscape Strategy- *Shaula Hedwall and/or Taylor McKinnon*

- Meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss next EIS area
- Will serve as a venue for the biweekly meetings with the FS; meetings will be posted on the 4FRI website calendar
- Decision that Steering Committee will develop response to the revised PA and submits to full stakeholder group before submitting to F.S

Fiscal, *Marcus Selig*: Nothing at this time

***Next meeting: June 22, Mormon Lake work center, 4373 South Lake Mary Road, Flagstaff, Call in number: 1-877-686-0400, passcode 7747488210***