



4FRI Stakeholder Group Meeting Notes
August 22, 2012
Pinetop, Arizona

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I. Next Steps and Key Decisions Made at this Meeting

<p>1. Approved minutes of July 25, 2012 4FRI Stakeholder Group meeting</p>
<p>2. Next steps for reviewing the pre-draft EIS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stakeholder Group (SG) members send individual comments to the Forest Service ASAP• SG members submit comments to the Landscape Assessment and Monitoring Working Group (LAM) by September 15• Amy will convene LAM (to include volunteers) to identify priorities and assign sections of the DEIS to volunteers (Alan, Marcus, Taylor and Sarah) and determine when to meet again for larger discussion• LAM will report the result of their discussions at the September 2012 Stakeholder Group meeting
<p>2. Decision regarding stakeholder involvement in facilitator selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ed Smith, as the next Stakeholder Group co-chair, will assist the Forest Service (USUSFS) in evaluating the proposals received; he will not be involved in the final selection
<p>3. Next steps regarding the recommendation to amend the Charter by revising the Decision Matrix:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stakeholder Group members will review the recommendation provided by the sub-group and provide feedback to the sub-group prior to September 7• The sub-group will consider feedback it receives, make revisions• The Stakeholder Group will spend one hour during the 9/26 meeting seeking to reach agreement on the amended Charter
<p>4. Next steps and decision regarding the 4FRI Resolution related to “moving ahead with Pioneer”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Resolution, as revised at this meeting, will be posted on Basecamp August 22 through 12:00 p.m., September 4• Stakeholder Group members will review the resolution and provide feedback to Communications Work Group by 12:00 p.m., September 4• Steering Committee (SC) will discuss and revise the resolution on its September 4 call• Marcus will post the revised resolution on Basecamp after SC call• Stakeholder Group members has opportunity to object to revised resolution through September 7• If there are no objections, the Stakeholder Group will go forward with the revised Resolution
<p>5. Next steps regarding monitoring board and coordinator positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amy and Henry will schedule a meeting with appropriate people to clarify relationship between

<p>coordinator positions and stakeholder group and assess how to proceed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder Group will have input when more details are available • Amy will post blue sheet (handout from today’s meeting) on Basecamp
<p>6. Next steps regarding Stakeholder Group discussion of other CFCLRP projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taylor and Todd will discuss the suggestion to invite participants (USFS and stakeholders) in the Southwest Crown of the Continent CFLRP to share lessons learned with the Stakeholder Group • Taylor and Todd will discuss and if they still have concerns, will share them with the Steering Committee on September 4
<p>7. Next steps regarding next steps on McCracken project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NEPA Working Group will discuss whether McCracken is a collaboratively-developed CFLRP project by performing a “test run” of the new/revised Decision Matrix • The NEPA Working Group will send documents to the USFS

II. Call to the Public: N/A

III. Tribute to Mr. Lewis Tenney. Steve Campbell noted that Mr. Tenney, who passed away recently, had contributed greatly to bringing everyone to the table by putting together the demonstration and introducing members to the White Mountain Stewardship initiative. A sympathy card was passed around for Stakeholder Group members to sign.

IV. Forest Service Updates

- **Remote Sensing Applications Center (RSAC) presentation:** Randy Hamilton and Kim McCallum (on the phone) delivered the presentation
 - RSAC’s involvement in 4FRI began in 2011 with a request from the Forest Service to develop remote sensing methods for monitoring
 - The primary objective of the project (a test-drive) was to develop remote sensing methods suitable for monitoring landscape patterns
 - Results indicate an increase in canopy density in treated areas and variability in untreated areas
 - Treatment was intended to enhance the vertical diversity of the site; however, the results of the treatment is a snapshot in time
 - This is one tool that could be used as part of the monitoring protocol
- **CFLRP reporting**

Next Step:

 - Windy will post the CFLRP reporting process to Basecamp the week of August 27
- **Pre-Draft EIS/NEPA status**
 - DEIS chapters 1, 2, 4, the appendices, and many draft specialist reports are posted on Basecamp for Stakeholder Group review and comments (Note: this is not an official comment period)

Next Step:

 - The following people volunteered to work with the LAM to parse and review sections of the pre-DEIS and highlight concerns: Alan, Marcus, Sarah, Amy, Steve Gatewood, and Taylor

Next Step:

 - LAM will facilitate discussion with volunteers and report back to the Stakeholder Group on 9/26

- A member shared their appreciation to the Forest Service for making the pre-draft EIS available to the group
- **Future Facilitation of the Stakeholder Group**
 - August 16 was the deadline for proposals and the Forest Service received “plenty”
 - Next Step:**
 - Ed Smith, co-chair for the Stakeholder Group, will assist the Forest Service with evaluating the proposals; the Forest Service Supervisors will make the final selection
- **Upcoming NPR Stories**
 - The Forest Service is anticipating that NPR will broadcast one or more stories about 4FRI; one might be negative toward the USFS

V. Updates from Stakeholders

- **Payment for Watershed Services:** Marcus reported that a group that includes some stakeholders from 4FRI and some people outside of 4FRI are developing a campaign to push this forward ahead of the voting period. They need volunteers and funding for the campaign. The bond is question #405.
- **AZ Fish and Wildlife Restoration Fund:** This is a statewide fund geared toward water restoration across the state. The fund will be allocated through a competitive [grant] process. A Request for Proposals was developed. Major state utilities have expressed an interest.
 - A meeting was convened last week at Hart Prairie and marketing tools are being developed to solicit funds
- **Pioneer Associates/Contractor:**
 - Company representatives continue to work with contractors and engineers.
 - Marlin, with the assistance of Sue Sitko (The Nature Conservancy) is developing a training program, which should be available as soon as loggers are on the job (anticipated January 2013). In-state loggers will be hired first, then out-of-state loggers.
 - Mike is meeting with Arizona Department of Commerce and Arizona Contractors Association
 - Additional land will be acquired for Pioneer’s Winslow facility
 - Initial funding will be in place in 6 months. Funding is behind schedule, although venture capitalists have grown in number from 6 to 12. Packages are being sent to them this week. Two of the new potential funders are from Arizona; three potential funders initiated contact with Mike or Marlin.
- **Stakeholder Disclosures**
 - Diane and Wally were in Washington, DC, three weeks ago to work on Ecological Restoration Institute (ERI) funding. They received questions from three congressional offices about the ongoing communication by Stakeholder Group

members regarding the contractor selection and stakeholder members' calls for review of the selection process. Diane expressed concern that these communications from Stakeholder Group members are not representative of the 4FRI Stakeholder Group as a whole and that the perception that it is could undermine the collaboration.

- Grand Canyon Trust, The Nature Conservancy, ERI, and Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership helped fund the Stakeholder Group facilitation in August
- The Nature Conservancy reminded members that the field trips are important opportunities to provide the Forest Service with feedback. The August 23 field trip and others are posted on Basecamp.
- Sue Sitko, Neil Chapman and Ed Smith of The Nature Conservancy are coordinating on Workforce Development
- The National Forest Foundation (NFF) has identified an area in the San Francisco Peaks as its treasured landscape. The NFF proposal incorporates Hart Prairie and also includes the Shultz fire area. The proposal is anticipated to be finalized in the next 2-3 weeks.
- Abe Springer, in collaboration with Tom Kolb from Northern Arizona University, received three grants to do eco-hydrology work related to 4FRI. Three post-doctoral scholars will also be working on the project.
- Jerry Payne contacted several stakeholders regarding the tone of some comments at the last meeting and accusations related to lawsuits by stakeholders. He would like to explore a way to get concerns on the table so as to identify zones of agreement. Other members weighed in noting that the group had made progress on sharing their concerns and differences and pointed to agreements reached on 143 of the 144 CFLRP match projects.

VI. Charter Amendment Process

A sub-group, led by Windy Greer, worked together to develop a recommendation for amending the charter by revising the Decision Matrix. The group decided to start by clarifying the definitions and terminology used in the Decision Matrix and did its best to honor the work that went into developing the original Decision Matrix. The group's aim was to provide a more balanced approach for communicating levels of agreement to various audiences.

Windy walked through the Decision Matrix as revised by the sub-group (and posted on Basecamp), and identified where changes were made including, but not limited to,

- Changed the matrix column headings by adding "and communicating"
- Changed "no clear agreement" to "objections"
- Added item #1: "Relevant definitions"
- Added item #2: "The Stakeholder Group will always strive to reach the highest level of agreement (Agreement without Reservations). Where we have agreement, it will be documented."
- Added Table 2 "Communication of Intractable Disagreement"

Next Step:

- The group agreed to provide feedback to the sub-group by September 7, after which the sub-group will revise the amendment and present the revision at the 9/26 Stakeholder Group meeting. An hour will be set aside on the meeting agenda for discussion of the Charter amendment.

VII. Draft Stakeholder Group Resolution related to moving ahead with Pioneer

A draft resolution developed by the Communications Working Group and intended to clarify the Stakeholder Group's support for industry, was reviewed and discussed by members.

Communications Work Group members agreed to revise the document over the lunch break, based on the discussion. The revised resolution was presented to the group after lunch.

Next Steps:

- Members agreed to post the revised resolution on Basecamp today (August 22) until 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 4, for Stakeholder Group member review and feedback. It will then go to the Steering Committee for review.
- The next iteration of the resolution will be posted on Basecamp after the Steering Committee meeting. Stakeholder Group members will have until Friday, September 7, to object to the resolution. If there are no objections, the Stakeholder Group will go forward with the resolution.

VIII. Media Relations

Debra Drecksel, facilitator, shared a handout with Stakeholder Group members present and sent it to those participating by phone. The handout lists the interests that were shared at the June 2012 Stakeholder Group meeting when the group discussed the contractor selection. Debra reminded the group that our discussion should be interest-focused and interest-based. The point of this discussion is to help the group determine how stakeholders can value their individual interests while working together to find solutions that meet multiple interests in common solutions. Some of the messages coming from individual members may have consequences for the Stakeholder Group. A member noted that the Charter says members should inform the Stakeholder Group if the organizations they are affiliated with are going to take actions that could impact 4FRI. Another member asserted that notifying the Stakeholder Group before affiliated organizations communicate about 4FRI activities may be problematic and suggested the communication be posted on Basecamp. Another member commented that this only applies if it relates to 4FRI, not other issues.

Next Steps:

- Consider whether to include in the next Charter revision a requirement to post communications from organizations affiliated with the 4FRI SG to Basecamp
- Remember to mention these communications during stakeholder disclosures at the Stakeholder Group monthly meetings

IX. Monitoring Board

Amy explained that she would be focusing the LAM resources on the DEIS and that she would like for Henry to update the group on the monitoring coordinator positions.

Next Steps:

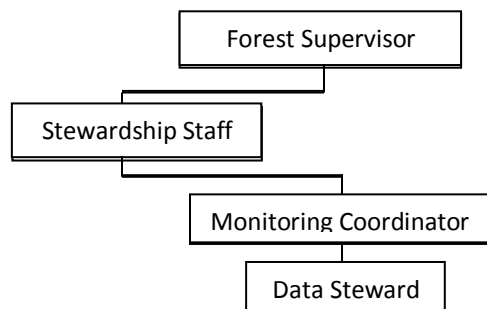
- Amy will post the “blue sheet” (handout from today’s meeting) on Basecamp. It will be discussed at the September Stakeholder Group meeting.

Henry noted that the monitoring board is a requirement for the CFLRP and raised the question whether a 16-18 member board is likely to be effective. Its role is to analyze data and make recommendations.

Monitoring Coordinator

The USFS has discussed hiring a monitoring coordinator who also could serve as a liaison to a multi-party monitoring group. The monitoring coordinator also could help coordinate data and the 4-5 databases across the forests. Data is managed differently from forest to forest and among districts in the same forest.

The USFS is proposing two monitoring coordinator positions – one for the southeast zone and one for the north zone. The proposed monitoring coordinator and data assistant positions would be positioned organizationally as follows and they would work directly with the multi-party monitoring group:



The USFS is considering what skill sets are necessary for these positions and noted that funding will come from multiple sources. Henry reported that they would like to hire someone at a GS11-type position as soon as possible.

Next Step:

- The group agreed to discuss this further at the September Stakeholder Group meeting

X. Working Group Updates

• **Landscape Assessment and Monitoring (LAM) – Amy Waltz**

- A monitoring contract was awarded to Mottek Consulting
- The LAM survey monkey will be scheduled for November to occur after the annual Stakeholder Group evaluation
- Henry, Matt and Amy are working on the adaptive management (AM) plan.

Next Step:

- An update on the AM plan will be scheduled for the September Stakeholder Group meeting
- Canopy cover fact sheet was revised; LAM would like feedback

• **Fiscal – Marcus Selig:**

- The Fiscal Working Group is managing the process of receiving and distributing funding as needed.
- A process for distributing money to Mottek Consulting will be coordinated with Navajo County.
- **Communications – Marcus Selig**
 - The Communications Working Group intends to publish a newsletter tri-annually
 - It will update the 4FRI website, including embedding links to the USFS website. Stakeholder Group members should let Marcus, Neil or Taylor know if they have updates.
 - An American Planning Association meeting will be held in Flagstaff on Thursday. 4FRI representation is needed. If interested, contact Anne Mottek-Lucas
 - 4FRI participation is needed at the Science in the Park event on September 22.
- **NEPA Projects – Marcus Selig**
 - Rim Lakes and McCracken were the only two projects on which the Stakeholder Group could not reach agreement. There are concerns about McCracken related to sanitation logging. The Center for Biological Diversity has appealed the project and the Grand Canyon Trust is concerned that a 4FRI project is being appealed by an organization represented on 4FRI. Thus, there is still no agreement.

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XI. Rim Lakes Collaboration – Marcus Selig

- Two field trips were poorly attended, but productive; visited three sites. Participants agreed it was a “great exercise in collaboration.”
- The purpose of the next field trip (first week in September) will be to describe metrics. Members should contact Marcus if they are interested in participating.

XII. Discussion of other CFLRP Projects – Ed Smith

Members discussed whether and how the group could benefit from other CFLRP projects sharing lessons learned and key highlights with the 4FRI Stakeholder Group. Some expressed interest in hearing from members of the Southwest Crown of the Continent groups, particularly those that had been involved with the collaboration for a long time. Another option mentioned was asking Mary Mitsos from the National Forest Foundation to come to a meeting.

Next Step:

- Taylor and Todd will discuss and bring any concerns to the Steering Committee on its September 4 call

XIII. Potential Trip to Washington DC – Diane

Congressional representatives would like to be briefed on 4FRI by Stakeholder Group members before they recess in December or after they assume their seats in January. A brownbag for the USFS is planned before the meeting with congressional representatives. Diane explained that a

diverse mix of stakeholder members (from various organizations and both genders) should participate in the briefing. Earl reminded the group that briefings like this are standard practice for landscape-scale projects. No members objected to planning for the trip.

Next Steps:

- Diane will discuss plans with the Steering Committee
- Diane will draft a list of objectives for the briefing and post them to Basecamp
- She will also coordinate plans with the USFS

XIV. Meeting Evaluation – Pat Lewis

- **Things that worked well:**
 - Work the sub-group did on the Decision Matrix

- **Things that could be improved:**
 - Improve telephone communication
 - Schedule morning meeting and afternoon field trip
 - Schedule second meeting (monthly?)
 - Prioritize the agenda at the beginning of the meeting and revisit during the meeting
 - Provide handouts ahead of time

XV. Announcements

- Windy will send the Annual Evaluation to members soon
- Hart Prairie social will be held September 26; it will be posted on-line
- September Stakeholder Group meeting will include a morning session and an afternoon field trip
- Stakeholder Group needs to talk about what happens with facilitation after the September meeting