



4FRI Stakeholder Group Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, December 19, 2012

Forest Supervisor's Office, Flagstaff, AZ

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Next Steps and Key Decisions Made at this Meeting

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11.28.12 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes: APPROVED
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rotation of Co-Chairs: Diane Vosick will take lead Co-Chair position, Ed Smith becomes second co-Chair. This completes Steve Gatewood's co-chair rotation for this period.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The stakeholder group will use the new Decision making process to formalize comments to the USFS on the DEIS, including a combination of alternatives.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus comments on those 5 categories that the LAM identified as critical issues. Individual groups can then use the process outlined in the new Decision Matrix to comment on other issues.

New Action Items/Assignment

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LAM/FS: In January, a bridge Habitat document presentation including maps will be given at a stakeholder meeting and also be posted to Basecamp; Presentation on proposed FP Amendments in context of new FP and recovery plans, implementation & prescription development
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An approach to the DEIS will be outlined by the next Steering Committee call.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All members of the stakeholder group should commit to reading the entire DEIS.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SHG will issue a press release on the SHG position in support of DEIS and then separate commenting for the FS; include recognition of the collaborative effort the FS has made in the process.

Attending by Phone: Russ Winn, Marlin Johnson, Todd Schulke

Call to the Public: None

USFS: The first cut of this year's list of CFLRP projects and match projects; Dick will email this out to the group. January is still the timeline for submitting the DEIS to publisher. This DEIS looks very different from the "draft-draft" EIS.

Draft DEIS Comments from LAM Working Group – Amy Waltz

- Decision to focus on "key issues" that we know to be high value issues to stakeholders and NEPA Update meetings with the FS
- Key Issues
 - Degree of openness across the landscape post-treatment
 - Discussion: Interpretation was difficult

- Suggestions: Transparency of scale and intensity of treatments, Overview documentation in simple, short form included in DEIS
 - FS response: Openness is tracked through the DEIS and the ID team is currently working on a summary document.
 - Please see Appendix H: Post treatment of Proposed treatment Openness: 17% closed, 25% moderately closed, 47% open, 58% very open
- LTRS and OGRS incorporation and translation for implementation
 - Suggestions: Include a statement that indicates the removal of VSS 3 & 4
 - FS Response: LTRS discussion in Chapter 1, LTRS & LTIS crosswalk in Chapter 2, and Appendix E includes implementation plan for Alt C, which is the preferred alternative, including Modified LTRS=LTIP and Old Tree Implementation Plan
- Existing forest plan guidelines and restraints for restoration goals
 - Discussion: Constraints by existing forest policy & plan direction
 - Suggestions: Acknowledge these constraints in the documents. Include discussion of trade-offs.
 - FS Response: Chapter 1 & Appendix C (see PowerPoint)
- Landscape scale context
 - Suggestion: further clarification as request on issues
 - FS Response: Vegetation report tracks analysis questions and key issues, Chapter 3 contains abbreviated version of veg report, Chapter 1 includes a comparison of alternatives summarizing trends and projections
- NEPA specificity for operational interpretation
 - Discussion: concern that using target or average numbers will not capture intent of the collaborative discussion & values
 - FS Response: Modification of tables in Implementation plan- See Appendix E
- More detailed information is available in the LAM DEIS PowerPoint posted on Basecamp.
- **Next Steps:** January Bridge Habitat document presentation including maps that will also be posted to Basecamp; Presentation on proposed FP Amendments in context of new FP and Recovery Plans, Implementation & prescription development
- The DEIS will be available to the Stakeholder group by the 2nd to 3rd week in mid-January with approximately 90 days to review; by mid-April times runs out.

Annual Evaluation Results – Windy Greer

- Please see the 2012 Annual Evaluation Power Point and the report posted on Basecamp.

Re-visioning 4FRI and Planning for 2013 Activities- Buck Swaney

- Conducted 4 visioning and planning segments (detailed documentation to be produced):
 - **Focal area 1 (Refocusing):** Record 1 idea or principle that could help the stakeholder group to get refocused going forward. Summary responses: Develop Products; Really “Collaborate”; Build Respect and Trust; Be Efficient; Participate for the “Right Reason”; Focus on Restoration.
 - **Focal Area 2 (Re-visioning):** Brainstormed (Synthesize/Organize/Prioritize & Report) the purpose of the collaborative, and then the vision of the collaborative. Group undertook detailed discussion of the vision, what we are chartered to do, and where we are in relation to that charter.
 - **Focal Area 3 (Achievements and Teambuilding):** Brainstormed and reported the major areas of agreement and the obstacles; Brainstormed and discussed the value of the collaborative at length. Analyzed the question in the context of the consequences of

failure. Also brainstormed building trust and success through achievements that would make participation in the stakeholder group highly rewarding.

- **Focal Area 4 (2013 Planning):** Initiated early planning for tasks and achievements the stakeholder group wants to accomplish in 2013. These were divided and prioritized into activities by annual quarters.

Stakeholder Disclosures

- Planning February trip to DC- *Diane Vosick*
 - Steve Gatewood, Anne Mottek-Lucas, Paul Summerfelt and Diane Vosick expressed an interest in attending. Hunter Moore and Pascal Berlioux will check with Dave Tenney and the Eastern Counties to see if a representative will join this trip. Earl Stewart indicated that the FS will be working on related issues and would like to coordinate with the stakeholder group on the details of the trip.
- Marcus and Windy Selig will be moving to Colorado in mid-January. Additional co-chair volunteers will be needed along with note taking, logistical planning and other collaborative support.
- Anne Mottek Lucas just completed two new focus group surveys for the Socio Economic analysis; these will soon be available in audio files.
- Hunter Moore indicated that the County Supervisors Association of Arizona elected David Tenney as Arizona's representative to the Western Interstate Region, an affiliate of the National Association of Counties Organization. In this appointment, he will represent the region's interests in public land issues, community stability, and economic development.

Recorded Action Items

- What do we want to produce in that 90 days?
 - An approach will be outlined by the next Steering Committee call.
 - All members of the stakeholder group should commit to reading the entire DEIS.
 - The stakeholder group will want to produce formal comments on the DEIS. Additionally, the group will want to present a combination of alternatives. Consider including a document or statement (Letter of Expectation) that defines how stakeholders would like to see comments utilized.
- How will we agree?
 - Focus comments on those 5 categories that the LAM identified as critical issues. Individual groups can then use the process outlined in the new Decision Matrix to comment on other issues.
 - The stakeholder group will use the new Decision making process to formalize comments to the USFS.
 - The SHG will issue a press release on the SHG position in support of DEIS and then separate commenting for the FS; include recognition of the collaborative effort the FS has made in the process.
- Trust the work of the smaller working groups! The LAM working group followed a constructive process that should be relied on in the greater SHG to expedite how we move forward with producing comments for the DEIS.

Next Meetings:

1/23/13 - Pinetop G&F

2/27 – Winslow

3/27 – Flagstaff

4/24 – Pinetop

5/22 – Winslow

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USFS Project Website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/4fri>