



4FRI Stakeholder Group Meeting

Wednesday, November 16th, 2016, 9AM-12:10PM
South County Complex Health Building - Frontier Conference Room
600 North 9th Place, Show Low, AZ 85901

Teleconference line: (712) 775-7031, code: 439290611#

9:03 Introductions

Paul Watson, Brad Worsley, Bryce Esch, Allison Jourden, Steve Reidhead, Tommie Martin, Kelly Wolff-Krauter, Dave Dorum, Annette Fredette, Dick Fleishman, Matt Cole, Travis Woolley, Joe Miller, Pascal Berlioux, Rob Nelson, Todd Schulke, Dianne Berry, Wade Ward, Wendy Jo Haskins, Steve Horner, Henry Provencio, Bruce Greco, Patrick Rappold

Phone-In: Steve Rosenstock, Stephen Flora, Anne Mottek-Lucas, Diane Vosick, Paul Summerfelt,

9:05 Approve minutes from the October 26th SHG meeting — Brad Worsley
Edits from Pascal that were sent to Paul - forwarding to Allison. Accepted with edits.

9:10 Review action items from the October 26th SHG meeting — Brad Worsley

Action Item	Lead	Status
1. Provide issues identified for the Rim Country EIS on BaseCamp	Annette Fredette	Complete
2. Send CFLR spreadsheets to Dick Fleishman on leveraged contributions to 4FRI	Everyone	Pending
3. Post PWG Field Trip information on BaseCamp	Pascal Berlioux	Complete
4. Post Newsletter on BC and 4FRI.org	Sue Sitko / Allison Jourden	Complete
5. Bring topic ideas for January's newsletter to the November meeting	Everyone	Complete

9:15 Call to the Public - None

9:20 USFS Update – 4FRI Board, Coordinators

- **Reminder and Explanation of Matching Funds** – Dick Fleishman

Dick Fleishman –The CFLR folks and DC look to see how much partners are actually invested in the group by viewing their match of funds. They've received 6 matches so far but are looking to receive more from stakeholders. Match ties to monitoring or implementation of treatments. The leverages provide the opportunity to show who had additional investments made to the effort. The more we show in match and leverage, the higher the interest from the DC Office will be. Dick is starting to put the annual report together which will reflect this match and leverage information.

- **Stakeholders Identify 2016 Accomplishments**

Reidhead – Thinks the forest service did very well in terms of sales. Sales from White Mt. grew by 73% (Berlioux) and provided roughly 75 new jobs.

Berlioux –The Eastern Arizona Counties have been appreciative that the FS has been working to clarify the situation with GEP, and has opened-up to the realities of this contract. This allows us to now talk about the remaining 450,000 acres available for contracting.

Vosick – Vosick wants to recognize the amount of innovation that's occurred concerning implementation (tablet tech.) this year. She recognizes the effort in trying to solve the biomass issue, for example, the co-firing at the Coronado plant and the various workshops that have occurred concerning biomass this year.

Worsley – The biomass facility has stabilized from a supplies stand point.

Fleishman –Grand Canyon trust has done work on stream channel monitoring using an innovative app to record and transfer data. 155,000 acres of fuels treatments occurred in FY16. We need to get our tree cutting up to our burning. Fleishman points out the need to grow our progress in tree-cutting as compared to the burning we've been able to accomplish.

Joe Miller – Trout Unlimited has initiated a stream monitoring strategy that has a footprint overlay with 4FRI. They've has provided well over 1000 hours of direct involvement in stream monitoring throughout FY16. They've attained funding for a new position that will be heavily involved in 4FRI. Trout Unlimited plans to increase the number of stream monitors in place in FY17.

- **Rim Country Proposed Action Issues – Annette Fredette**

There are 8 issues under consideration – this list was posted on BaseCamp. These are the issues that were taken from the comments on the proposed action. They are working to develop alternatives to address these issues, which are expected to become available to Stakeholders in January or February.

Vosick – how does this list relate to the list that came out immediately afterwards? What leads some issues to be more significant than others? Specifically, why isn't grazing listed as an issue?

The first list was a long list of the topics brought up in the scoping comments. This list is part of the NEPA process where they're defining significant issues that will drive alternative and drive the project itself. They look at the comments posed and from those they determine which issues need addressed in order to meet the purposes and needs of all involved. These issues should be considered drivers for the Proposed Action. However important, grazing isn't an issues that drives an alternative and that's why it's not on this specific list.

Schulke – Grazing is an implementation issue that needs addressed, significantly.

Provencio – The FS is not likely to issues any more task orders to GEP. They've observed efficiencies between varying mills. They recognize challenges in figuring out what to do about industry on the west side. It's important for us to get our story out there regarding what's going into implementation and what's going into planning.

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Provencio - Prescriptions for Mexican Spotted Owl Protected Activity Centers are being written currently. They are planning on using an existing contract to mark the PACs and then issue a service type contract to have them thinned next fall.

Berry – FS is undergoing communications with implementers using Tablet Tech. in order to discern what is going well so far and what could use improvements.

Fleishman - In January, USFS is looking to do a training around stewardship and will be looking to partners for involvement.

9:50 Sportsman Values Map – John Hamil, TRCP

A new database mapping the public's most highly valued hunting and fishing areas in AZ.

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership stands as the political voice of sportsmen. The purpose of this project was to gather data from sportsmen regarding their motivations issues of highest importance to them concerning hunting and fishing in the state. They're goal is to understand why and how people choose where to hunt and fish. This data is not intended as a substitute for scientific wildlife habitat data, but as a complementary set of data and information. This is a cooperative science-based approach. Hamil talked with AZGF and forged an investment partnership with them concerning the value of this. Sportsmen are not always open to offering information about the areas of hunting that are important to them, but they recognize the value in providing this information in support of protecting these areas.

TRCP sent postcard surveys to 7500 AZ residents that purchased hunting/fishing licenses. They received over 1100 (15%) responses. These postcards allowed these individuals to provide information on which areas of the state are important to them and why.

From this, they've created a data set that was released in August, which shows 15 species groups of the state and the hunter's favorite places to hunt them.

They hope that these kinds of data sets can be used by 4FRI and other groups in decisions about where the state provides and maintains access for hunters. Understanding hunter-motivations can be used to provide more appropriate areas of hunting access, and which areas require stronger conservation efforts.

For more information on this presentation please review the PowerPoint presentation and maps that have been posted to BASECAMP.

Berlioux – Berlioux asks Rosenstock if he can work with Lawrence in getting a layer in the GIS for this 4FRI Forest Service team.

10:15 Break

10:45 Working Group Updates – All

- Planning WG (15 min) – Pascal Berlioux

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- Nov. 17th Field Trip Details

A critical component of the 2nd EIS is how we identify and deal with the stand preponderance of young large trees. The PWG decided that for the 2nd EIS, they would determine this in a more collaborative way. They have worked over the last 6 months to accomplish two things: one – to identify the location of the stands (and to quantify them into the right query), and two – to determine what is to be done with those stands. The general consensus is to work with treatments that would be of lower intensity in order to retain canopy density, habitat quality, and to retain future goals. The objective of the Nov. 17th Field trip is to go to the field and observe as many stands as possible to eyeball whether these sites identified through the EIS are appropriate to treat. They will establish a “go/no-go” system in determining which stand should be treated. They’re planning on visiting at least 6 sites – maybe 8. Group will meet at Happy Jack Ranger Station from 8AM-2:30PM.

- Industry WG (10 min) – Brad Worsley

The dashboard is not prepared to present at this time. The co-chairs of IWG recognize key economic considerations of this next FY: discussions ranging from current contracts to future contracts, analyzing current demand, and what are the economic drivers necessary to meet 4FRI objectives. They want to make sure the message they present at the beginning of the year will remain relevant at the end of the year.

Berlioux – Henry Provencio, Dick Fleishman, and Pascal Berlioux are drafting a FS/4FRI industry plan to secure and ramp-up implementation of 4FRI objectives. They plan to have a draft out to IWG by the end of the year and a document for consumption for Washington, DC by February 2017. FS and IWG chairs in December are working to schedule a meeting in December. IWG will present to SHG for discussion, likely in Jan.

- Communications WG (15 min)

- January Newsletter Ideas Collection

1. FY16 Summary of Accomplishments (qualitative and quantitative) – Fleishman
2. White Mt. Stewardship Report - Greco
3. Smoke Ecology Presentation – Mary Lata
4. Sportsman’s Value Mapping - Hamil
5. Pictures/Article from IWG Fieldtrip - Berlioux
6. Industry Summary (State-Wide Production Report)
7. GFFP Award – Mottek
8. FY17 Projections – FS Scott Russell
9. Potential item PJ/ Yavapai County (state/Pascal)

- MPMB WG(10 min) – Bryce Esch

Our monitoring for FY16 songbird surveys are done, the field plot work is done, and LCI is finishing up work on that report. Remote Sensing and MSO surveys are done, as well. Right now the MPMB is working on FY17 planning and getting that in order for their upcoming field season. They’re working on a January meeting to learn about issues in the rim country and this meeting’s focus will be on issues concerning water. The goal is for the board to learn about what kind of monitoring is already going on in the area and to compile any monitoring questions that arise.

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- Comprehensive Implementation WG (10min) – Steve Rosenstock / Diane Vosick
The CIWG is taking on some responsibilities around implementation and staging of treatments. ERI has been working with the Rocky Mountain Research Station to identify their capacity to do work improving landscape stability. The CIWG is hoping their December meeting will produce some outputs. They would like to talk with the IWG to present some economic assumptions related to this.

Rosenstock – CIWG is looking for opportunities to get other restoration projects going within the 4FRI footprint. The T-Six Spring on the Coconino slope wetlands has restoration potential, opportunities for education, and opportunities for the public to get involved. Field trips to observe the site have occurred. Currently, they’re working on creating a restoration plan for this project. The group is aiming to complete implementation work for it by the middle of next summer. A call went out to each forest to identify potential projects for other restoration.

Fleishman – If any stakeholder is interested in doing work, they will have to get in touch with their local unit to make sure they have the capacity to implement.

11:45 Stakeholder Disclosures – All

Brad - Update on Novo Power: They’ve received more biomass than can be consumed. They’re reaching out to folks for alternative uses for the biomass.

Martin – She is trading her co-chair position with Jason Whiting.

Vosick (ERI) – ERI has been speaking with D.C. about the National Cohesive Strategy and implementation outside of the 4FRI footprint. They will be launching a project (the All-Lands project), in collaboration with the AZ State Forester, Jeff Whitney, and the USFS, that they hope will restore forests and reduce fire risk on non-Forest Service lands adjacent to 4FRI. The parameters of the grant is still in discussion, but should be finalized in coming weeks.

12:00 Review Action Items

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1. Provide list of what the Stakeholders determined was done well in FY16	Dick Fleishman	
2. Post Sportsman’s Values Map Project Handout on Basecamp / PowerPoint	Kelly Wolff-Krauter	
3. AZGFD to provide data layers to ID team	Wolff-Krauter	
4. FS to SH: Expected Outputs for CFLR Project	SC	Done

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12:10 Adjourn

01/25/17 SHG meeting information:

Wednesday, January 25th, 2017, 9AM-12:30

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Future Agenda Items:

1. Industry Economics around Restoration USFS & AZSF

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