



## 4FRI Steering Committee Call Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 1-2:30PM (AZ time)

**In Attendance:** Paul Summerfelt, Jeremy Krueger, Bryce Esch, Tracy Bazelman, Neal Chapman, Greg Smith, Steve Rosenstock, Pascal Berlioux, Robbin Redman, Dick Fleishman, Joe Miller, Tayloe Dubai, Diane Vosick, Brad Worsley, Tom Mackin. Carol Covington taking notes.

1. **Additional agenda items:** none
2. **Updates and announcements:** none
3. **Approve Steering Committee minutes from January 14, 2020:** Approved
4. **Review Steering Committee action items from January 14, 2020:**

Action Item	Lead	Status
1. Chip and ship report to basecamp	Dubay	complete
2. Items to newsletter to Tayloe	SC members	Due Feb 15

Tayloe reported on a number of newsletter articles that have been received for inclusion. A draft newsletter will be available for review at the February Stakeholder meeting.

### 5. USFS Update

1. **Rim Country DEIS Update** – Kruger – Update will be provided at the Stakeholder Group Meeting
2. **RFP Update** – Kruger – The RFP has been delayed. There were concerns expressed about how this delay is impacting affected industries. These concerns have been documented as part of the public process. The discussion then revolved around what those involved in the RFP process can and cannot discuss or be privy to. Kruger emphasized that he cannot be a part of discussing issues related to bidding or details of the RFP. He will ask appropriate USFS staff (contracting officer) to provide an update at the Stakeholder Group Meeting later in February.

Kruger shared some USFS talking points about the RFP Amendment 5. The gist is that the bidding period has been extended to May 5, and sets the stage for further amendments for changes to the RFP.

### 6. Work group reports

1. **Communication** – Dubay – draft newsletter will be ready for review at the Feb 26 Shareholder Group Meeting
2. **Industry** – no update (suggested that at the Stakeholder Group meeting, industry representatives be provided 10 minutes each to share status of their industries, noting the importance of respecting the need to avoid discussion of RFP related topics.)
3. **Multi Party Monitoring Board** – Esch – John Souther is starting in March as new moderating coordinator.

- 4. **Implementation** – Mackin – Project list is outlined. Planning on scheduling some restoration activities at the next meeting in March
  - 5. **DEIS working group** – Rosenstock – The Stakeholder Group held a special meeting in January to review comments presented by the working group, on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. This was finalized and presented to the USFS. The next step is for the working group to meet with the USFS to determine a path to the Final Environmental Impact Statement.
7. **Agenda Discussion for the Stakeholder Group meeting (February 26, 2020, Flagstaff)**
- 1. Rim Country DEIS Update (15 minutes), RFP Update (30 minutes) - Deb Mcloughlin is the new project manager in Flagstaff, and Loren Ebner contracting manager in Missoula would call in (45 minutes), Accomplishments of the first 10 years of 4FRI - Dick Fleishman (45 minutes), Arizona Corporation Commissioner Dunne has expressed interest in attending the Stakeholder Group meeting to discuss biomass (30 minutes)

8. **Action Items**

Action Item	Lead	Status
1. Confirm ACC Commissioner Dunne for Feb 26 meeting to lead discussion on biomass	Berlioux	
2. Coordinate Forest Service Presentations re DEIS and RFP	Kruger	
3.		

9. **Future Stakeholder Group Agenda Items and Adjourn**

- 1. April 22: TNC recent published carbon work - Woolley
- 2. April 22: TNC/USGS restoration/soil water/growth research - Bradford