



4FRI Stakeholder Group Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, Date Oct 26, 2022
Coconino Supervisor's Office, Flagstaff, AZ
And Zoom @ <https://nau.zoom.us/j/84198174652>

Action Items and any Key Decisions Made at this Meeting

Action Item	Lead	Status
1. 4FRI Stakeholder Engagement – proposal for a longer meeting needs	Colavito	
2. CIWG draft letter for SHG approval. Letter from SHG requesting extra capacity from USFS to remove blocks for CIWG restoration projects, such as springs and drainage restoration. Comments or reservations by Nov 9 to Hannah Griscom.	Griscom and Hoglander	
3. Communications WG Call for additional members	Colavito	
4. Please in partner match and leverage numbers for CFLRP reporting. Deadline Friday, Nov. 4 th .	Souther	
5. Next Meeting tentatively Nov 16 to avoid Thanksgiving, but conflicts. Stay tuned for potential revised date (first week of Dec).	Colavito	

Attending by Zoom:

Brett Crary – USFS 4FRI, Christine Mares – DFFM, Brienne Pettit – USFS R3, Shaula Hedwall - USFWS, Cerissa Hoglander – GCT, Mike Hanneman – USFS KNF, Nicole Branton – USFS KNF, Tami Conner – USFS 4FRI, Todd Schulke – CBD, Wade Ward – APS, Chris Jones – UofA Extension, Mike Martinez – USFS Tonto, Judy Palmer – USFS A-S, Michele Ralston – Sen Kelly’s Office, Bob Seidler – Seidler Enterprises, Elvy Barton – SRP, Hunter Franklin – Sen Sinema’s Office, Keith Johnson, Joshua Nadas, John Richardson – DFFM, Brian Nowicki – CBD, Hannah Griscom – AZG&F, Tom Mackin – Coconino Sportsmen, Devon Suarez – Suarez Loggin, Megan Furber – Sen Sinema’s Office,

Attending in the room:

Melanie Colavito, Hot Chair; Neil Chapman, Cold Chair; Alicyn Gitlin, Joel Jurgens, Mark Nigrelli, Greg Smith, Jay Smith, John Souther, Amy Waltz, Travis Woolley, Lisa Bolton (SRP), Kevin Ordean (NewLife), George Stedford (NewLife), Eli Jensen, Keith Brekhus (Rep O’Halleran’s Office), Gabriella Kalush (Rep O’Halleran’s Office).

Call to the Public: No comments.

9:02am Review action items from the August 2022 Stakeholder Group meeting — Melanie Colavito

Action Item	Lead	Status
1. Announce celebration at Novo facility on October 20	Worsley	Complete
2. Determine plans for longer facilitated meeting on 4FRI future and/ or revised MOU	Colavito	On today's agenda
3. Discuss potential changes in 4FRI SHG meeting schedule intervals for 2023	Steering Committee	On today's agenda
4. Engage Rapid Assessment results with SH optimization/prioritization group	Waltz/ Woolley	Complete
5. Officially close Rim Country FEIS group	Steering Committee	Complete

9:05 am USFS updates – Tami Conner

1. On track with Nov 2021 Strategy, \$54 million again this year, same \$10mil for roads. Funding FY23 from BIL
 - a. Question on where road work decision falls – answer, COF and KNF are zoned, ASNF and TNF are individual requests, all are reviewed and approved by the 4FRI Board
2. Annual plan is to prep 30k acres on west, 20k on east, 20k acres of hazardous fuels reduction (non commercial)
3. RC – board reviewing list of tracking/ recording – developing tracking database is being developed. Posting info to the project website.
4. Thanks to Treatment Prioritization -Optimization. USFS has ID a sub-team of USFS participants. Tie to WCS and HPW work.

9:20am 4FRI Stakeholder Engagement – proposal for a longer meeting needs – Melanie Colavito

1. Review of past work – see basecamp for SEWG Survey results. Major takeaways include
 - a. Agreement that 4FRI has built trust & agreement. (get from Melanie).
 - b. 35% want to revise 4FRI foundational documents.
 - c. Self-facilitation seems to work pretty well but there is a general agreement that a facilitated meeting to figure out future of 4FRI is desired
 - d. 4FRI workgroups need additional capacity or re-thinking. In particular – overlap among implementation-focused WG, and increasing efficiencies. Communication – champions have dropped off.
 - e. Large support to move forward and continue 4FRI.
 - f. Interest in reducing meetings to quarterly.
 - g. ID priorities: Opt/Prior and Monitoring
 - h. Interest in a new MOU
 - i. Interest in working more closely with District staff, and FS leadership participation in 4FRI meetings (which we see today!).
2. Option for a longer, SHG-FS facilitated meeting – engage with facilitator
 - a. Confirm quarterly meetings

- b. How can stakeholders effectively support Implementation needs and address concerns
 - c. New MOU
- 3. Or, option to move forward on the action-items with existing capacity based on the Steering Committee process
 - a. WG – close SEWG and combine with trt/opt and CIWG.
- 4. Discussion
 - a. Value of collaborative – message from FS is to stay engaged, but also have stakeholder concerns addressed through the collaborative.
 - b. Question for clarity.
 - i. FS likes the value of multiple voices saying same thing.
 - ii. Looking to operate in transparency.
 - iii. FS does continue to have individual relationships with stakeholders, doesn't distract from overall group.
 - c. Advocate for more meetings, because implementation is a different world. We met monthly during 10 years of planning stages, and needed that for learning. Need that equal ramp up of learning for implementation.
 - i. Support for this as trt prior/opt groups starts to see how little we know about 5- and 10-yr implementation planning.
 - ii. Need to work hard on transparency.
 - d. Field days – we get so much more done in the field than around the table. Now especially that we're seeing treatments, it's even more important to get into the field.
 - e. Suggestion to meet as a whole SHG less frequently, but continuing the small group to focus on issue.
 - f. Support for the targeted groups – which may appeal to more of the implementers.
 - g. More room for SHG understanding and engagement as we move towards multiple timber contracts and other methods for implementation (and not the 1-contract).
- 5. Takeaway and NEXT STEPS – sounds like more conversation is needed.
 - a. Longer facilitated meeting.
 - i. Support for this because of inclusivity. Allows feedback from the larger group.
 - b. Self-work with steering committee.
 - i. Is steering committee too exclusive, not representative of the missing folks?
 - ii. Yes, but industry folks may not be able to commit to 6 hour facilitated effort.
 - iii. Could be combined with targeted visits with industry folks in the field.
 - c. Industry voices
 - i. Can construct a larger group, with timeslots for targeted folks, or a series of listening sessions.
 - ii. DFFM is interested in tackling GNA constraints/ limitations.
 - d. Most voices in support of a longer facilitated meeting – Melanie to organize.
 - e. Issue is transparency – how do we increase transparency among the entire SHG group.

9:40 am 4FRI treatment prioritization/optimization – Travis Woolley and Amy Waltz

1. TW and AW – review of work to date, please see documents on basecamp.
2. After letter of commitment developed, call will be made to additional interested parties for workshop group.
3. Next steps shared at next 4FRI meeting.

10:00 Comprehensive Implementation WG – Cerissa Hoglander and Hannah Griscom.

1. (Presentation, to be posted on Basecamp). Ask of SHG to approve a letter of request, from the SHG to the FS, to add capacity to the CIWG.
2. Discussion & Questions
 - a. Q: why road decommissioning on back burner... clarity that they are done when in conjunction with the implementation projects CIWG (riparian and spring restoration work). Lots of roads are, or will be used in 4FRI implementation, so not on the docket until those trts are done.
 - b. Q: is there existing prioritization that incorporates other implementation & stewardship projects to maximize the efficiency. We haven't done that, have utilized a "feasibility" assessment, and some of those springs have been classified as lower priority. A lot of those 71 springs were targeted, but don't have site-specific restoration plans, so CIWG has worked on just the planning. Then, to overlap those plans, with existing treatments, could occur. E.g. Lower Lake Mary restoration. Currently focused on doing attention.
 - c. Q: What is the highest priority needs. CIWG treating springs and channels differently, did site visits for 61 of the springs, and prioritized on springs where a lot of effort can be accomplished with minimal effort. For channel work, concentrating on drinking water-watersheds, e.g. Lake Mary.
 - d. Q: What is the highest level ask of FS. Coordination is the biggest need – help push and coordinate within the FS approval process. FS has a couple of hydrologists working on it, that don't have capacity.
 - e. Note that majority of work has been funded by AZ G&F, and through SHG resources.
 - f. Support for CIWG highly leveraged work – it's been the real example of leveraged collaborative efforts.
 - g. Also support for these efforts that may contribute to flooding mitigation; working on channel design with FS implementation would add potential flooding resilience to post-thinned stands.
 - h. 4FRI stewardship funds may be leftover; how easy is it with FS leadership to redirect those funds, when we raise CIWG efforts up in attention.
 - i. FS do appreciate this learning from CIWG, acknowledge reduced capacity (COC just hired a FS hydrologist last month). FS is also figuring out how to move into implementation; talking about appropriate positions to make up a new FS team.
 - j. NEXT STEPS: letter posted to basecamp for additional feedback and ppt.
 - k. NEXT STEPS: develop a communication story.

10:30 Industry updates

1. New Life: Kiln work on-going. First sawmill gang started up this week in Belmont facility. Build will continue until fall 2023. Limiting factor is timber availability, need access. Also increases to utilities... electricity and natural gas, moving forward. Owners and new board members in place. Name change forthcoming.
 - a. SH tours have initial positive result, and evidence of philosophy to add value to low timber products.
2. Campbell Global: Mills have lower inventory going into winter than desired. Lumber prices come back to "normal" (reduced). Becomes cheaper for mills to import wood for pallets, rather than taking from in-state. TNC project coming up Walker Hill demo. West of Bellemont; 410 acres to

test marking/tablet techniques and efficiencies. Timestamp of all steps, include monitoring. Several blocks of repeated tests.

3. TNC – finishing all harvest applications at Clover and other sites. Had savings that will apply to next options.
4. Empire (and NOVO): kudos for 10-yr PPA extension, and the place to take biomass into the future. More focus on SRP watersheds now available.
5. Suarez Forestry: CC Craigin implementation on Roosevelt TO. 500 acres, hoping for good weather to continue through the winter.

10:40 Working Group Updates

Communications

1. Call for new members – team of 1 right now!

MPMB

1. Supporting new snow monitoring instrumentation out at Parks West to inform treatment impacts
2. Streams monitoring – NFF funding to assess stream monitoring plan with a contractor.
3. T-six spring visit with USGS to test how to integrate drone monitoring.
4. MLS monitoring on top of rapid plot monitoring to test faster sampling time, and test of BCR bird monitoring characteristics as measured by different technical skills.

CIWG – see above.

SEWG – no other updates.

PRIOR/OPT – no other updates.

10:55am Stakeholder Disclosures:

1. Chris Jones – can demo a small, Oregon-style kiln for bio char creation. Email. ckjones@arizona.edu

ADDITIONAL NEXT STEPS: send in partner match and leverage numbers for CFLRP reporting. Deadline Friday, Nov. 4th.

Next Meetings:

2022 Stakeholder Group Meeting Schedule – these dates are posted on the 4FRI website.

- Zoom - 1/26/2022, 2/23/2022, 3/23/2022, 4/27/2022, 5/25/2022, 6/22/2022, 7/27/2022, 8/24/2022, 9/28/2022, 10/26/2022, 11/16/2022

	Hot Chair	Cold Chair	Hot Chair	Cold Chair
January	N Chapman	Jason Whiting	Melanie Colavito	Neil Chapman
February	N Chapman	Jason Whiting	Neil Chapman	Jay Smith
March	N Chapman	Jason Whiting	Neil Chapman	Jay Smith
April	Jason Whiting	Brad Worsley	Neil Chapman	Jay Smith
May	Jason Whiting	Brad Worsley	Jay Smith	Anne Mottek
June	Jason Whiting	Brad Worsley	Jay Smith	Anne Mottek
July	Brad Worsley	Greg Smith	Jay Smith	Anne Mottek

August	Brad Worsley	Greg Smith	Anne Mottek	P. Berlioux?
September	Brad Worsley	Melanie Colavito	Anne Mottek	P. Berlioux?
October	Melanie Colavito	Neil Chapman	Anne Mottek	P. Berlioux?
November	Melanie Colavito	Neil Chapman		
December	NO SHG MTG	NO SHG MTG	NO SHG MTG	NO SHG MTG

Stakeholder Website: <http://www.4fri.org/>

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