



4FRI Stakeholder Group Meeting

Notes

Wednesday, Feb 22nd, 2023 9 am – Noon

Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office
1824 South Thompson Street, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

OR Virtual:

ZOOM Audio Meeting

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MEETING WILL BE RECORDED

ZOOM meeting protocols:

- **PLEASE ANNOUNCE YOURSELF IN CHAT BOX OR ON THE PHONE**
- Co-chairs will manage participant engagement
- No video please
- Keep speaker on MUTE
- Use chat box to communicate your questions or comments to the group and to introduce yourself and affiliation.
- Please be aware that zoom private messages become part of the official transcript.

Attendees: Neil Chapman, Jay Smith, Greg Smith, Melanie Colavito, Brad Worsley, Hannah Griscom, Tabi Bolton, Tami Conner, Anne Mottek, Eli Jensen, Lisa Bolton, Elvy Barton, Floyd Hardin, Chris Johansen, Kevin Ordean, Ted Dergousoff, Michele Ralston, Alicyn Gitlin, Cerissa Hoglander, Roses Lockwood, Andy Cuevas, Maggie Hardy

9:00 No minutes to approve, no SHG Action Items to Review — Neil

NO ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS SHG MEETING

9:02 Call to the Public – Neil

9:05 USFS updates – Tami

- USFS personnel attended the Wildfire Crisis Strategy workshop in early February where they have identified 21 priority landscapes.
 - Staffing needs to prioritize for 4FRI was a focus of that meeting.
 - Another focus was utilizing the RMRS fuels modeling tools, likely within the prioritization and optimization work group.
 - Funding for this year is coming from BIL and IRA. It is more than last year but they do not have the exact numbers yet.
 - The new reporting format was used in the January monthly reporting.
 - The Coconino, Tonto and A/S all have projects going out to bid soon and the Kaibab advertised the Klostermeyer sale in February.

There was a question as to why some of the monthly report numbers didn't match up with previous reports. Brett Crary was not available to respond but Tami said he would set up a separate meeting to discuss this with anyone interested.

A request came in for the Forest Service to post the 5-year plans for each forest onto Basecamp. Tami is going to follow-up with that request.

9:30 January 25th Meeting Follow Up Discussion – Melanie

- Open discussion about the [1.25.23 SHG Workshop Summary Report](#)
 - Melanie gave a review of the meeting summary document from the January 25th meeting.
 - Neil observed that there appears to be a question about monitoring versus implementation in regards to funding and staffing.
 - Melanie will put the document on website/Basecamp.
 - Elvy mentioned meeting frequency, dues memberships, workgroup revisions to charter, and review for external support as items still needing action from that meeting.
- What outcomes of the Jan 25th meeting do we need to prioritize going forward

10:00 Review proposal for external support – Melanie

- Melanie
 - Two categories for external support realized.
 - 1. Reduce time and administrative burden on Hot and Cold Chairs
 - 2. Add capacity to current and future SHG needs.
 - Elvy suggested to get multiple proposals and to structure payment where it does not exclude anyone.
 - Tom suggested revisiting old process when we had facilitation before.
 - Amy pointed out that Elaine Kohrman mentioned the Forest Service having funds to help with facilitation. She also remembered that the contractors had to be on the USFS contractor list for the USFS to have a contract for facilitation.
 - Neil asked who “owns” the contract? Amy said the USFS owned it previously when there was facilitation.
 - Melanie asked for assistance with getting proposals. Tami will assist from the USFS side and Neil C. and Jay S. offered to help.
 - Melanie asked for groups to send her an email if they are willing to assist financially.

10:20 SHG Updates – Neil

- SHG and SC Meeting schedule
 - Neil discussed that we are changing the SHG meeting frequency to every other month and the Steering Committee meeting will continue to meet monthly.
 - Neil will serve as Hot Chair for February, April and June SHG meetings as well as the monthly SC meetings. Jay said he will do the same for his rotation.
 - The Working Groups are still asked to meet as often as needed.
 - Melanie added an updated SHG schedule in the chat. See below:

- January 1/25/2023
- - February 2/22/2023
- - March – NO SHG

- - April 4/26/2023
- - May – NO SHG
- - June 6/28/2023
- - July – NO SHG
- - August 8/23/2023
- - September – NO SHG
- - October 10/25/2023
- - November – NO SHG
- - December no meeting?

- Stakeholder Engagement WG
 - This group has been dissolved and will no longer appear on the agenda.

10:30 Future Agenda Items – Neil

- Hannah G. wants to continue the conversation from Jan. 25th meeting and have further discussion and decision on what is the role of the SHG. Asking for clarity as we move forward.
- Melanie C. suggested continued discussion around governing docs.
- Jay S. suggested a presentation from the RMRS on the new fuels mapping.

10:35 Industry Updates – All

10:45 Working Group Updates

- Industry/Biomass WG - Brad Worsley/Neil
 - Brad W. reported NovoPower is running at ½ load for last several weeks. Moved all crews to juniper woodlands and whatever loads come in are being burned the next day. It's been a rough winter.
 - Tabi B. Campbell Global has 3 crews working on projects (Walker Hill Demo and Parks West SPA's, but work is slow due to weather.
 - Neil C. mentioned the Biomass Utilization Coalition that has formed in the Flagstaff area. The group is working under GFFP umbrella, is not Flagstaff centric, and is looking for ways to utilize more forest biomass. Hoping to have a one-pager with information soon. NAU Sustainability and Art Babbott's new company is part of the group. Met with Nestle/Purina last week to discuss potential plans for Purina to utilize biomass for its boilers.
- Communication WG – Tayloe Dubay
 - Draft of newsletter is on Basecamp. Any updates, please get to Tayloe by Friday, Feb. 24th.
- Multi-Party Monitoring Board WG – Cerissa Hoglander
 - Planning 2023 field data collection.
 - Received draft of streams monitoring plan for Rim Country, under review now.
 - Heard a great review of drone-based stream monitoring.
- Comprehensive Implementation WG – Hannah Griscom
 - Making progress with Coconino NF, working with new hydrologist on plans for work in Lake Mary Watershed.
 - Friends of Northern AZ Forests is planning to do some work on springs near Oak Creek.
 - Talking with NFF about doing a more comprehensive assessment of on the ground needs of Lake Mary Watershed.
 - Hannah is working with SC to get a letter to the Forest Service about capacity for implementing and coordinating aquatic and riparian projects. Letter will be posted on Basecamp for final review by the SHG.
- Treatment Prioritization and Optimization WG – Amy Waltz/ Travis Woolley
 - Letter of commitment is finalized.

- Amy will get a Doodle poll out to the smaller group to set meetings up going forward and will post to Basecamp an invitation to others to get involved.

11:00 Stakeholder Disclosures – All

11:05 Review Action Items – Jay Smith

Action Item	Lead	Status
1. USFS to set up a meeting to discuss new monthly reporting format	Brett Crary	
2. USFS to post 5-yr plans to Basecamp	Tami Conner	
3. Post Jan. 25 th Meeting Summary Doc to Website/Basecamp	Melanie Colavito	
4. Gather proposals for external support/Facilitation	Melanie Colavito/Tami Conner for USFS	

Adjourn –

UPDATE AS APPROPRIATE

Steering Committee Meetings (second Tuesday of each month)

- 1/10/2023, 2/14/2023, 3/14/2023, 4/11/2023, 5/9/2023, 6/13/2023, 7/11/2023, 8/8/2023, 9/12/2023, 10/10/2023, 11/14/2023, December no meeting

Stakeholder Group Meetings (fourth Wednesday of each month, except November)

- 1/25/2023, 2/22/2023, 3/22/2023, 4/26/2023, 5/24/2023, 6/28/2023, 7/26/2023, 8/23/2023, 9/27/2023, 10/25/2023, 11/29/2023, December no meeting

	2023	
	Hot Chair	Cold Chair
January	Melanie Colavito	Neil Chapman
February	Neil Chapman	Jay Smith
March	Neil Chapman	Jay Smith
April	Neil Chapman	Jay Smith
May	Jay Smith	Anne Mottek
June	Jay Smith	Anne Mottek
July	Jay Smith	Anne Mottek
August	Anne Mottek	P. Berlioux?
September	Anne Mottek	P. Berlioux?
October	Anne Mottek	P. Berlioux?

November		
December	NO SHG MTG	NO SHG MTG

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