



4FRI Stakeholder Group Meeting

Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 9AM-12PM

Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office

1824 S Thompson St, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

MEETING RECORDING

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Participants:

Sarah Davenport, Tom Mackin, Anne Mottek, Nicole Branton, Jay Smith, Brad Worsley, Greg Smith, Anna Overby, Greg Frye, Lisa Bolton, Tabi Bolton, Scot Rogers, Mary Lou Zimmerman, Joel Jurgens, Tracy Bazelman, Bobby Lamaoroux, Maeghan Miller, Elizabeth Johnson, Tayloe Dubay, Michael Barnes, Brett Crary, Cerissa Hoglander, Elizabeth Munding, Callie Cavalcant, Dustie Aylor, Naomi Corkish, Jessica Alexander

Facilitation Team: Carrie Eberly and Andi Rogers (Southwest Decision Resources)

Welcome and Agenda Review - Southwest Decision Resources (SDR)

- January and March meeting agendas are full. If there are additional items, reach out to SDR.

Approve September 25, 2024 Stakeholder Group Meeting Minutes - SDR

- Approved.

Review Action Items from September 25, 2024

Action Item	Lead	Status
Discuss additional Industry meeting	Jay S., Joel J., James, Pascal B., 4FRI Team	Ongoing
Contact Travis or Andi to join MPMB	All interested	Ongoing
Contact Scott Franz to provide feedback for the ReSHAPE program	All interested	Provided overview and link in last notes
Connect about A-S NEPA Approved Pits	TNC, A-S	Ongoing
Provide feedback on 4FRI success one-pager (contact Melanie C.)	All interested	DONE



Call to the Public

- None.

USFS Updates - Scot Rogers

- Brett Crary, Elizabeth Munding, and Rob Lever will join; Aaron Mayville couldn't make it and is doing interviews.
- Had an election with a new admin on Jan 20th. Lots of uncertainty/time of change; don't have a lot to share.
- Main priorities are to maintain vital industry, 20-35 K on both east and west side will be offered to maintain operations.
- Decision made that temp seasonal hiring is paused, impact will be in 2026/27.
- Protocols MSO require 2 years; if we miss a year, we cannot make them up.
- Trying to maintain consistency for the next 2 years, don't expect this to be a problem in the short term.
- Partnerships may be asked to step in to help, too early to announce precisely who, but they will help with the seasonal gap.
- Fuels: On track, historic high; spring is up in the air based on seasonal conditions. Expect there to be opportunities for managed fire.
- A lot of changes with local officials as well (e.g., County Supervisors); now is a good time for messaging on what 4FRI is up to. 4FRI has never been in a better place with partners, machinery, etc. Appreciate this group for telling the story.
- 4FRI remains the priority; titles come and go, but the commitment to this work remains.
- G to Z IRSC
 - Had an industry tour, which was well attended. Others across the West as well as local.
 - 2 very different sales (Coconino and Kaibab)
 - Don't have the money to move forward (for either), could come soon. Planning on it.
 - Both projects on a similar timeline. Locally, we will be ready and offer a 60 day window for solicitation with an additional 30 days for review.
 - Prioritization in the bidding?
 - Metrics (speed, cost, past performance, innovation)
 - Locality, not so much
 - The contracting team will make sure this is clear. Hasn't been fully put together yet.
 - GtoZ is part of the toolset, but only one part. Addressing shortfalls in workforce.
 - Is there a way in G - Z to assess how the material will be used?
 - Looking to help industry so that they can stay in business sustainably.
 - FS will be looking for diverse products; Scot will follow up.
 - How many entities came to pre-solicitation
 - Between 7-12. Half familiar, 5 or 6 from new areas. Some were from the survey end, not the cutting end



- Coconino looking at grasslands restoration, similar to Kaibab. Will be on future agenda, and it will be posted to Basecamp if scoped.

DFFM Update - John Richardson

- DFFM updates: [HERE](#)
- NRWG, DFFM - Drake Cement Pinyon-Juniper project, to go into Kiln, update on this?
 - The COO of Novo Power asked for a follow-up.
 - Matt Monohan has been a big part of it and would be a good contact for an update, processing, etc.
 - 4FRI should support - good use of biomass.

Industry/Implementer Updates - All

- Novo Power
 - Turbine overhaul. Harder than planned, 40 days instead of 26. \$2.5 budgeted, went to 3 million. Back online Nov 9th, running exceptionally well, 28 MW.
 - Good inventory for winter, lots of more days to work due to weather conditions. Asked for patience with A-S, catching up.
 - Affordable biomass because it's dry - 37% moisture.
 - Will take a quarter to recover due to the downtime of the turbine overhaul.
- Campbell Global
 - 100% biomass, whole tree chipping, Sawmill-Kaibab.
 - Also attended the pre-solicitation, appreciate the discussion.
- TNC
 - Sawmill: 700 acres in under 50 days- harvesting larger trees and TSI work.
 - Pre-loads, more affordable; Tri-axles working awesome - ADOT has been helping.
 - Hauling 5x more, pay for the trailer in a year.
 - Hauling efficiency - every day a truck will haul one extra load.
 - Prepping roads is needed for this work to happen.
- DxP update
 - Walker Hill demo
 - Operations last year wrapped up (June/July)
 - Writing under internal review. 2.5 page communication piece also under review. Communication piece to be presented next month.
 - Can present - May 2025?
 - Comparative painting vs Dx P and Dx P+: 22x more efficient with D/P+ and 13x savings

Working Group Updates - All

- Communication WG - Taylor Dubay/Melanie Colavito (*agenda item below*)
- Industry/Biomass WG - Brad Worsley/Tony Flagor
 - None.



- Multi-Party Monitoring Board WG - Jamie Sanderlin/MaryLou Zimmerman/Andi Rogers (*agenda item below*)
- Comprehensive Implementation WG - Cerissa Hoglander
 - Coconino and Kaibab - 2025 riparian work, lining up projects with volunteers.
 - Large grant work, BOR application. Working with SDR.
 - Primary need - needs to be a public entity or tribe, State or local champion needs to be identified. Would need to be able to subcontract/
 - County, AGFD, DFFM? Could ERI or NAU?
 - Jay will be calling Cerissa and continuing the discussion.
 - RFP hasn't been posted yet but will be.
 - Could be a fruitful grant - \$1 million.
 - May presentation on projects forthcoming
- Prioritization and Optimization WG - Amy Waltz/Travis Woolley/Brian Nowicki
 - No one from the team present. SDR reports that there has been an assessment of VAR, data to use, a lot of technical conversation regarding ecological integrity.
 - If it goes into QWRA, it needs robust data.
 - 2025 meeting/workshop coming soon.

Round Valley Firescape Update - Dustie Aylor, Naomi Corkish and Jessica Alexander

- Presentation - [Link HERE](#)
- Can you share more about the vegetation treatments?
 - On suitable timberlands: Uneven regeneration harvests,,
 - In and out of the WUI: residual density considerations and differing target BAs
 - MSO PACs: comply with 2021 recovery plan
 - Non-suitable timberlands: intermediate treatments, thinnings
 - Pinyon-Juniper: reducing canopy cover to match historic conditions
 - Burned areas: Planting of native species.
 - Fire: Rx across most of the project area, some under previous NEPA (Wallow West)
 - Backing fire through riparian area.
 - Moderate/low across project area.

Multi-Party Monitoring Board Updates and Efforts - MaryLou Zimmerman, Andi Rogers

- Matched/Leverage Report Update
 - Heard from 6 folks, compiling
 - In-kind contributions are being tracked in the report.
- CFLRP 15-Year Monitoring Update
 - Updates found on Basecamp.
 - Highlight: What worked well, what we've learned, etc
 - 15-year report - requirement by Congressional Authority CFLRP.
 - Mary Lou drafting the report; she will be compiling next week due the 11th.
 - Report will be posted to Basecamp on Friday.



- Collaborative process:
 - Surveys would be helpful to use
 - Strategic Plan
 - Socio-economic study - Anne Mottek can help with this
- Socio-economic report just done again, will be presented soon. Can share with MaryLou.
- 2019/2020 CFLRP 2.0 application could inform this report- good place to utilize info for the report.
- Additional updates
 - MPMB continues to meet monthly - Jamie Sanderlin is current hot chair. Have several subgroups - vegetation, birds, water (snowtopography).
 - Creating a graphic of annual life cycle of the MPMB.
 - Transitional time - comes with challenges (more post-treatment available).
 - Stakeholder Engagement 2022 indicated monitoring was key.
 - How to put adaptive monitoring in practice - Chimney Springs as a pilot area with bird and vegetation data forthcoming.
 - Capacity: limited, how do we increase this?
 - Tracking where treatments are happening can be a challenge.
 - GIS position still vacant.
 - Next tool Dashboard hopefully will be helpful.
 - Budget line items associated with agreements
 - Time to tell the story of the results.
 - Time to report out on agreements.
 - Austere time for FS, have to fight for every dollar internally and to Washington Office.
 - Re-iterates why the telling of the story is key.
 - Re-Shape platform that shows all the FAX data - ERI
 - This resource gets updated nightly and might be able to help.
 - Can download, get info from Melanie if it helps.
 - Melanie can present, SDR to follow up .

4FRI Success One-Pager Review - Melanie Colavito and team

- Link [HERE](#)
- Boil down what 4FRI has been up to and make the case for continued funding.
- Dynamic product - asking for comments now:
 - Drive the point home that Phoenix is also affected, add to the watershed health portion
 - Add the full title instead of 4FRI
 - Change the color of the 4FRI footprint
 - Need to update graphic to reflect investments
 - “Investing in”.. Could include there is a risk of funding to go away.
 - Wildlife Crisis Strategy could be an outdated term in a few years (what’s the benefit of including it) - take sticker off?



- Reflect if changes
- Donuts smaller, sidebar jobs and dollars increased in size.
- Add all timber industry is reliant on FS lands because there are no private lands.
- Risk Reduction? Add this info from TNC?
 - Reach out to Travis for this info.
- How to reflect that this process will continue beyond all acres treated?
 - Not sure how to reflect this, but we won't be done.
 - How to capture the maintenance side?
- Something about the investment? Is there more needed to highlight industry?
- Outside risk of catastrophic wildfire - how to include "fear side" add to "what's a risk" section? Adding dollars, etc, how to extrapolate?
- Term "treatment" can be confusing to people, could be changed to be specific to the "thing" like fire, mechanical, etc.
- Melanie will make changes for today. Will send out soon to team then Basecamp.
- Deadline for comments on the flyer: Next Wednesday (11th).
- Would love to have this "officially" approved - on January (22nd)
 - Post to basecamp by January 15th.

Stakeholder Disclosures & Review Action Items

- No disclosures.

Action Item	Lead	Status
FS will ask about the clarity on the diversity of products in upcoming sales (G to Z, IRSC), and how that will be accounted for	Scot R.	
Need update on Drake Cement project - biomass	Scot R. will ping Prescott, SDR can reach out to DFFM	
Get ppt from A-S	SDR	DONE
Share Round Valley Project info when its out so SDR can post	SDR-A-S	
Anne Mottek and ML to connect re: Socio-economic info	Anne M. and MaryLou Z.	
Send In kind info to Melanie to include in 2 pager.	MaryLou Z.	
Follow up with ERI on TWIG database	Melanie C., Andi R.	
Scott to send 2024 updated acres treated to updated flyer	Scot R. to Melanie C.	



Risk Reduction for the flyer?	Melanie C./ Travis W.	
TNC will send updates photos for flyer	Joel J.	
Send updated jobs numbers for flyer	Anne M.	
SRP will send info to Melanie, re: dollar figures for preventative risk reduction	Lisa B to Melanie C.	

12:00 Adjourn

Steering Committee Meetings (second Tuesday of each month)

-2025 proposed: 1/14/2025, 2/11/2025, 3/11/2025, 4/8/2025, 5/13/2025, 6/10/2025, 7/8/2025, 8/12/2025, 9/9/2025, 10/14/2025, 11/11/2025, December no meeting

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

-2025 proposed: 1/22/2025 (Flagstaff), 3/26/2025 (Flagstaff), 5/28/2025 (Pinetop), 7/23/2025 (Flagstaff), 9/24/2025 (Pinetop), 12/3/2025 (Flagstaff)

	2024 Steering Committee		2024 Stakeholder Group	
	Hot Chair	Cold Chair	Hot Chair	Cold Chair
January	Neil Chapman	Pascal Berlioux	Neil Chapman	Pascal Berlioux
February	Neil Chapman	Pascal Berlioux		
March	Neil Chapman	Pascal Berlioux	Neil Chapman	Pascal Berlioux
April	Pascal Berlioux	Melanie Colavito		
May	Pascal Berlioux	Melanie Colavito	Pascal Berlioux	Melanie Colavito
June	Pascal Berlioux	Melanie Colavito		
July	Melanie Colavito	Joel Jurgens	Melanie Colavito	Joel Jurgens
August	Melanie Colavito	Joel Jurgens		
September	Melanie Colavito	Joel Jurgens	Melanie Colavito	Joel Jurgens
October	Joel Jurgens			
November	Joel Jurgens		Joel Jurgens	
December	Joel Jurgens			