



4FRI Stakeholders Meeting, Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 9AM-4PM, NAU Campus Flagstaff

Welcome and Introductions

- Thanks and round of applause to outgoing co-chair, Diane Vosick.
- Welcome to incoming CoChair, Ethan Aumack.

Approval of 1.26.11 Minutes: Minutes Approved.

Call to Public:

Bob Baltes, is working with Camp Navajo on options for use of forest timber/biomass, thus an interest in an RFP that provides a guaranteed supply for such a venture; made the announcement that they would not be prepared for the RFP.

MOU Signing Ceremony:

No objections from group, no further qualifications for the MOU. All around show of hands approval. There will be a second signing 90 days from now for members who need further time.

Signers today are:

Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest,
Arizona Forest Restoration Products
Arizona Wildlife Federation
Center for Biological Diversity
Coconino County
Coconino National Forest
Coconino Natural Resource Conservation District
Eastern Arizona Counties Organization
Grand Canyon Trust
Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership
Greenlee County
Kaibab National Forest
Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D
Navajo County
Northern Arizona University
Northern Arizona Loggers Association
The Nature Conservancy
Tonto National Forest
White Mountain Stewardship Contract Multi-Party Monitoring Board

STATEMENTS:

- President Haeger offered words of support and praise.
- Mandy Metzger stated appreciation and congratulation.
- David Tenney suggested that this is a good day and we need to keep focus to push forward.
- Forest Supervisors remarked on the momentous accomplishment thus far and moving forward of this group.



4FRI Team Progress:

- Update on 1st Analysis Area Proposed Action and Public Workshops : stay tuned for additional dates to come; on track to begin Effects Analysis in April which will be pulled together into the EIS
- Update on contract for RFP: RFP Team is readying the RFP it to be sent for review

Status report on Treatment Area Portfolios - Potential 4FRI Input to FS Summary Review Public Workshop on February 24 - *Sarah Reif, Marcus Selig*

- Important to note that Stakeholder input is coming through the individuals present at the FS workshops.
- Fast losing time to speak up as workshop is tomorrow and FS will be presenting on their findings thereafter.
- Concern stated how candidate areas do or do not overlap with proposed treatment areas and proposed actions as they may not be consistent with agreements made within Stakeholder group
- Encouragement for as many individuals to attend workshops as possible so there are no surprises when revised proposals are presented by FS; issues may arise that have the potential to be irreconcilable.
- Tomorrow is the opportunity to hear the summary of what the FS has compiled from previous meetings.

PA Public Meeting is 1-5 at Forest Service Supervisor's office on Thompson St.

Decision: Potential detailed issues will be identified and discussed at the workshop tomorrow; March 14th is the comment deadline

Discussion/Update on Documents under Development

Large Tree Retention & Old Growth Protection Strategy – *Ethan Aumack & Ed Smith*

- Expectation is the group will meet once more on Feb. 28th to finalize this process
- Will be sent through Landscape Strategy workgroup then brought to the next Stakeholder meeting
- Current exceptions within LTR Strategy include 8 different categories. Areas larger in nature are more challenging to resolve, especially those that are difficult to map.
- Levels of agreement are useful for the FS, but they also would like the stakeholders to present issues with a clear voice.

Decision: The working group will complete the document and ratify it by email with process outlined within the email for the Stakeholder group to respond to by a deadline in order to accelerate the document to the FS. Ethan and Ed will assume the final responsibility to transmit the final document.

Formal 4FRI Letter regarding the 1st Analysis Area Proposed Action – *Diane Vosick*

- Need to delegate authority to get this in by March 8th
- Level of Detail: Current Proposed Action does not provide sufficient detail
- Strategic Placement of Treatments: Firescape vs. strategic placement of treatments
- Old Growth: Concern remains that a clear statement is needed concerning old growth
- Managing with Planned and Unplanned ignitions: concern about unplanned ignitions not expressed in PA
- Explicit ecological restoration statement should be included in PA
- Monitoring: PA states monitoring would be addressed by Forest Sups later in process. Stakeholders would like to see a clear expression of monitoring.
- Adaptive Management: terminology needs to be clarified in the PA
- Commitment to an economic model
- Socioeconomic process should be addressed by forest service

Decision on Process: A draft of the letter will be emailed to the Stakeholder group and posted to Basecamp by Friday, responses will go to Steve, Diane and Ethan, post revised draft on Basecamp and email to group; Final comments by 11th.



Approval of Fiscal Sponsor – Navajo County – Marcus Selig

Agreement of Fiscal Sponsor with Navajo Country would be 24 mos with possibility of renewal

Co chairs sign resolution

- Process for donations to 4FRI group will be posted on website

Work Group Updates

Communications, *Bonnie Stevens*

- MOU signing covered by and in NAZ, NPR, White Mtns and Payson, Williams, et
- Capturing hot topics: submit ideas to Bonnie on hot topics such as smoke, jobs, etc.
- Recommendations for managing the 4FRI Web: goes through a model where you send the items to Bonnie and she determines whether it's Basecamp or Website
- *Steering Committee Agenda item*

Science and Monitoring, *Matt Williamson*

- Final Prioritized Process for Stakeholder Needs Assessment: needs approval from Stakeholder group

Decision: Additional concerns will be received until March 4th. Posted to Basecamp with draft language and final draft will be approved at next Stakeholder mtg.

Landscape Strategy, Shaula Hedwall (not present.)

- TAP and LTR Strategy subgroups

Work Plan, Ethan Aumack

- First drafts of Work Plan and Timeline are available.

Decision: The timeline and work plan will be posted to Basecamp for comments to be received in the next week. These will be discussed on next Steering Committee call to assess the intersections that may occur between the 4FRI Workplan timeline and the FS timeline.

Region 3 Presentation on Long Valley Experimental Forest Treatment: Earl Stewart

- The LVEF project is currently not moving forward due to lack of funding.

Roundtable - Dennis Bowker

Agenda items for next meeting:

Recap of scoping sessions

Rim lakes presentation?

Update on Second EIS

Budget implications

Celebration of MOU Signing after the Stakeholder Meeting at Taverna's Greek Restaurant @ 4:30

****Next Meeting March 30, Pinetop, AZ at AZ Game & Fish, 877-686-0400, passcode 7747488210****