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4FRI STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING AGENDA/MINUTES

June 26, 2013

Note-taker: Anastasia Begley

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In attendance: Anastasia Begley, Pascal Berlioux, Kerwin Dewberry, Dick Fleishman, Steve Gatewood, Michael Georgopapadakos, Alicyn Gitlin, Bruce Greco, Melanie Hannah, Alan Kaufmann, Mary Lata, Eli Lauren-Bernstein, Hunter Moore, Henry Provencio, Patrick Rappold, Yvonne Reinink, Scott Russell, Sybil Smith, Buck Swaney, Diane Vosick, Amy Waltz, Joe Waters, Derreck Wheeler, Jim Zornes

On teleconference: Shaula Hedwall, Billy Hughes, Marlin Johnson, Todd Schulke, Russell Winn

Agenda & minutes:

Previous Meeting's Action Items:

<p>1. Determine timeline and approach for completing the Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan. <i>Amy: "steps" completed, Valerie Foster will assist with translation. b/c big LAMB group turnover Amy will request Stakeholder involvement with this on Basecamp. On the 6.26 agenda.</i></p>
<p>2. Design and determine dates for a monitoring field trip – Dick & Amy <i>On the 6.26 agenda for discussion</i></p>
<p>3. Discuss ideas for a July field trip to learn about Mixed-conifer <i>On the 6.26 agenda for discussion</i></p>
<p>4. What needs to be done about the Eastside projects? <i>On the 6.26 agenda for discussion</i></p>
<p>5. Invite Roberta from Region 3 to discuss contracting issues at the June 4FRI Meeting– Henry SC to line out specific topics and questions <i>(Buck) Develop questions for Roberta during meeting—agenda item (15 min) Concord Blue interested in presenting too (see below)</i></p>

<p>6. Invite Don Walter to speak at the June Stakeholder meeting – Steve Gatewood? <i>Don not ready in June, maybe July or Aug. Steve continues to be point person</i></p>
<p>7. Add Sue Sitko to SC & remove Ed Smith <i>Done</i></p>
<p>8. Mel Hannah would like to present on the White Mountain Apache Biomass project <i>Mel booked for June 26 presentation</i></p>
<p>9. Add link to the letters received on the contracting issue to BASECAMP- From SC call on 6/4 <i>Add link to USFS “CARA” web page on the BASECAMP—ACTION ITEM. Henry will send link to Eli.</i></p>
<p>10. July meeting presentation by Concord Blue <i>Waiting to finalize with them on this</i></p>

1. Approved minutes [May 21-22, 2013]

2. Forest Service Updates and Presentations – Henry Provencio

- Discussion of Eastside Bridge Projects
- Invitation to participate in Mick Stephens visit

SUMMARY [Henry] 4FRI DEIS had 176 comments (~20 substantive). Eastside Bridge Projects will count towards CFLRP match funding. They are principally stand-alone, NEPA-ready (“shelf-stock”) projects (all that have yet to go through NEPA will be done w/in a collaborative framework—White Mt. Monitoring Board—either via HFRA or CFLRP). [Jim Zornes] Currently treating ~20,000 acres/yr. Establishing the right match b/n industry and work volume is key. A maximum 14” diameter mobile saw being used for these projects. Watershed Condition Framework used to prioritize treatment areas. Piñon Juniper systems will be an upcoming priority for treatment. [Steve G.] Please keep 4FRI SG apprised of PJ work...NRCS also has focus on PJ treatments. Also, recommend a lg. tree retention strategy for these projects since they are only “loosely” tied to the 4FRI collaborative process. [Diane] let’s keep Eastside projects as an on-going agenda item.

MISC.

- SW Consortium of Joint Fire Sciences has an RFP out that 4FRI might be interested in
- July 2nd 9AM presentation at USFS Sup. Office in Flagstaff on Remote Sensing Application Center: 4FRI Landscape Pattern Project
- Washington office is doing CFLRP review last week in August; will be visiting NM & AZ
- [Joe Waters] story: Rock Springs Fire ~6 mi east of White River on Navajo reservation, was hot and heading toward Mt. Baldy in WM when it hit a prescribed burn/treatment area and quickly subsided. Cost of fighting this fire was very low. Such success stories rarely make the press today.

3. Stakeholder disclosures & information updates

- [Biennial Conference of Science and Management on the Colorado Plateau](#) – Amy Waltz

SUMMARY September 16-19 at NAU, Dubois Auditorium, NAU. Amy leading special session on 4FRI: “challenges & insights from the country’s largest forest restoration project”. Any objections from 4FRI SG?...”No” is the group consensus.

4. Pioneer Update – Marlin

SUMMARY ~300 acres felled; Pioneer has intentions to finish Ranch Task by winter. Financing situation: Pioneer currently negotiating with an international corporation who is “very interested” in backing them...expect that at the end of July or early August we will have results. Pioneer considering use of mobile processing mills, so as to not delay 4FRI work more, once contract is secured. Concord Blue is on the agenda for the July 24 meeting in Pinetop; regarding biodiesel production. Snowflake power plant will change hands July 1st, 2013; new owners will want more material soon. If anyone has specific questions, please email Marlin.

MISC.

- Suggestion was made for SG to discuss a plan B, if Pioneer were to fail
- [Bruce] how will slash removal be managed? [Marlin] Snowflake Plant will hopefully take slash

5. White Mountain Apache Biomass project – Mel Hannah (White Mt. Apache Energy Coordinator), Joe Waters (chief planner for White Mountain Apache), Scott Young (VP for Sky Engineering) & Michael Georgopadakos (Project director for WMA Biomass Plant) **SEE HANDOUT ON BASECAMP**

SUMMARY Introductions by above and a historical overview of Biomass plant and FATCO plant by Joe (nearly 2 decades) which is now in final planning stages. 13.7 MW steam-driven plant that can process 20 tons (~59% moisture) wood chips/hr, leaving 10% (of original volume) as waste ash. Cost to build is ~ \$67M and annual maintenance is ~ \$8M (at ~ 8,000 operating hrs/yr.) over the plants 20 year lifespan. Sale price of energy will be ~ \$.28/KWh. Construction would create about 100 jobs and would take 3 years from start to finish. All U.S. made components. Rubber chips (<20% by volume) could be added to wood chip fuel mix, although with reductions in efficiency.

Some key questions/opportunities generated through the process: what is the geographic scale of the market for this power and who are the likely buyers (Ft. Huachuca, California, Eastern Counties...)?; how to be price competitive with this power (e.g. Navapache county utility co-op is charging \$.82/KWh for their electricity)?; how to calculate the treatment acreage needed to supply the plant/ [Pascal suggests that 15,000 acres are needed for ~ 14 MWh]?

6. Framework for Adaptive Management and Monitoring Plan – Amy Waltz

- CFLRP & National Monitoring Indicators (ppt presentation) **SEE PPT PRESENTATION ON BASECAMP**

SUMMARY (1) AM&M: A lot of progress has been made on this! The 4FRI_AM&M plan will be completed by a recently formed subgroup of SHG within the LAM (Landscape and Monitoring group) in September 2013, which will then be incorporated in the DEIS. It will also be helpful for SHG to add implementation compliance guidelines for USFS. [Buck] suggests creating a timeline and chain of command b/n this group and the SHG after the subgroup’s July 8-week meeting.

(2) see CLFRP powerpoint presentation posted on BASECAMP. Major report will be due in 2014-some of this will come from 4FRI AM&M plan. Fall 2013 summit of regional CFLRP’s in SW region. SHG needs to discuss CFLRP funding vis-à-vis Eastside Bridge Projects and for 4FRI monitoring at large.

7. **Identify learning goals for the summer** –*Buck Swaney*

- 4FRI 2013 Progress Report) **SEE PPT PRESENTATION ON BASECAMP**

SUMMARY Buck has tracked goals/achievements for 4FRI group for 2013. Overall, making good progress, but some targets still not met (and will have to be folded into the upcoming targets for 2013)...see below

GENERAL

- Establish and support successful activity on the ground

SPECIFIC

- Industry funded, ground broken, taking wood
- Strengthen inward and outward communications
 - Communications and outreach
 - Develop a strategy for advocacy
- Learning opportunities
 - Forest Summit

An open discussion evolved from Buck's request for SHG's feedback on whether they agreed with his evaluations. Largely, group agreed, but specified that while individual trust had been earned w/in SHG there was much work to be done still to build real trust between organizations. Fractious behavior is still common, although better than it was. Suggestion (Eli) made to resolve this through a consensus-driven press release that addressed the delayed, complicated and confusing timeline that 4FRI has experienced to date; using a comparative (other CFLRP's or similar restoration projects) approach to assessing 4FRI's progress while focusing equally on the projects achievements and where it's fallen short of expectations.

8. **4FRI Co-Chair & Coordinator roles and responsibilities** – *Diane Vosick* **SEE HANDOUT ON BASECAMP**

- Steering committee involvement

SUMMARY Diane shared draft document outlining co-chairs and coordinator duties and solicited feedback. She is stepping out of the "hot chair" and Pascal is stepping in, with Steve Gatewood in the "cold chair" position. Eli Lauren-Bernstein is now serving as 4FRI admin support. Regarding Steering committee involvement, Eli reported that most on the steering committee have been failing to attend calls regularly and that he has posted an attendance spreadsheet on BASECAMP to show that. Hunter Moore suggested that Navajo County has a tribal liaison—Erick Deschaney—that he will invite to join 4FRI SHG and SC. Group also discussed the future possibility of moving to self-facilitation...Buck's contract ends/needs to be renewed in September.

9. **Litigation Preparedness Discussion** – *Diane Vosick*

SUMMARY Diane will type up a short proposal when she returns from vacation in late July for the SHG to take up official consideration of inviting legal counsel to make a presentation to them about potential future litigation of the 4FRI process (DEIS). She named Susan Jane Brown of the NW Law Center as a

potential candidate. Group seemed generally open to the idea and had numerous questions—to be saved for after Diane shares her proposal.

10. Stakeholder Agenda for July 24, 2013: Pinetop, AZ Game and Fish, 2878 E White Mountain Blvd

ACTION ITEMS for 7/24 meeting in Pinetop

1. Any questions for/about Concord Blue (to be invited to July 24 meeting) need to be sent to Sybil at sis@azdeq.gov by July 3 rd .
2. Develop objectives and timelines for AM&M subgroup to coordinate with SHG following week of July 8 meeting (Amy Waltz)
3. Send contracting questions for Roberta Buskirk to Buck, Pascal, Steve G. and Eli by July 3 rd .
4. Communications Posts—4FRI timeline and comparative analysis (see agenda item #7 above) need to be developed, which requires re-forming the Communications team ASAP. Ann Motek Lucas as a team lead?
5. Assemble economic data on leveraged funds/projects within 4FRI that can also be folded into CFLRP report.
6. 4FRI SHG to organize participation (presentation?) in the October Innovations Summit in Phoenix (Eli/Diane points of contact).
7. Work to develop a list/schedule of CFLRP and general 4FRI-learning field trips (Amy, Dick and Eli)