



4FRI Stakeholders Meeting Notes, Wednesday, November 28, 2012,

Hubbell Building, Winslow Chamber of Commerce, 523 W. 2nd St., 86047, Call-in Number: 877-686-0400
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Next Steps and Key Decisions Made at this Meeting

10/24/12 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes: APPROVED

Decision on the Decision Making process

- APPROVED with revisions listed below.

New Action Items/Assignment

"Unpack the Box"- on agenda

Revisit the Revised Decision Matrix after DEIS or in March if needed.

Charter Revisions will be reassigned to an upcoming meeting.

Co-Chair selection for upcoming rotation.

Attending by phone: Russ Winn, Taylor McKinnon, Billie Hughes, Tim Skarupa

Meeting Objectives: To get to know our friends in Winslow and complete any charter amendments agreed to by the collaborative group.

Welcome, Introductions and Ground Rules – *Edward Smith & Buck Swaney*

Welcome to Winslow – *Jim Ferguson (City Manager) and Chris Alexander (Chamber Board President)*

What 4FRI is all about – *Edward Smith*

Approval of 10/24/12 Minutes: APPROVED

Update from the Forest Service – *Henry Provencio & Dick Fleishman*

Corbin Newman, Regional forester in Alb., NM, is retiring in January. He has been a strong advocate for the 4FRI project.

DEIS Status/NEPA:

- Specialists in regional office have given comments and those are being fine-tuned in the DEIS now. Among those comments are two alternatives that were then eliminated, including the 16" diameter cap and LTRS that are being considered.
- The USFS has integrated a lot of feedback from the public and there appears to be more agreement than disagreement.
- The DEIS comment formal period will be extended to 60 days. The DEIS will be posted on the FS website at the time it is sent off for publishing. It will generally take 30 days to be published. So a total of 90 days will be available for stakeholders to review and comment on the DEIS. The USFS does not expect to extend this time period beyond this.

Operation Update:

- A performance meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-January to go through every clause in the contract prior to issuing the first task orders of the contract. The first tasks orders are the Mercer and Ranch sites and will be available for a January timeframe. The FS is in the process of preparing task order for 2013 for Coconino and Kaibab.



- There was an allegation that the FS actually wanted litigation. The USFS is formally clarifying that they do not want litigation on this or any other project.
- There have been some comments on the potential for radiation fallout as result of prescribed fire. There is a public Q&A that is being developed. The USFS does not have the expertise to address radioactive fallout from prescribed fire but Sybil from ADEQ has arranged some support to address this important issue.
- Monitoring Coordinator positions: Tomorrow at 9 at the Game & Fish office, there is another meeting to refocus this discussion.

Updates from Stakeholders

Pioneer Associates/Pioneer Forest Products – *Marlin Johnson & Mike Cooley*

- Financing: Two groups are showing strong interest in moving forward with funding. Both have given proposals on key items for a final funding contract. Herman and his venture capitalists are in detailed discussions, and have given each party a deadline of December 10 to have a final agreement to us, from which we expect to select the best and move forward.
- Markets: Pioneer has reached agreement with a company that currently markets products such as ours that is interested in marketing for Pioneer.
- Concord Blue continues to progress with support from Lockheed-Martin. Nothing more specific to report at this time.
- Pioneer met with several AZ loggers and the USFS on November 15-17 and visited two sites that are to be the first task orders to be issued. Other operators have shown interest but were not able to make the field trip; they will be looking over the sites later. The USFS is putting together final packages in information on these and a couple of other areas over the next 2-4 weeks in preparation for task order issuance in January.
- Because our early markets are at the south end of the 4-FRI contract, these first areas are on the A/S and Tonto National Forests.
- Pioneer continues to discuss with Northland Pioneer College, State Commerce Dept., and Sue Sitko of TNC about logger training programs. Northland will be developing detailed course outlines.
- A-S and Tonto task orders are approximately 14,000 acres each. Larger acreage could start in the 10,000-13,000 acre totals.
- If funding has not been secured by the end of the year, the USFS retains the right to withdraw the contract award if they want to.
- Pioneer is encouraged to contact ADEQ to keep from being held up.

Stakeholder Disclosures

Sue Sitko, TNC, has volunteered to lead a subgroup in developing ecological training components of the logger training coursework. Training Outcomes are being developed over the next month. Sue will be able to provide a more detailed update of how this training program development is progressing at the next stakeholder meeting. Draft Outcomes are currently available and Sue can forward those to anyone interested.



November 7, city voters did approve Bond 405 for 2 key watersheds to receive \$10 million dollars of funding for restoration. Several 4FRI Stakeholders, including Marcus Selig, Steve Gatewood and others let this effort. Acres for restoration are not included in 4FRI acreage but are adjacent and are complimentary to 4FRI. This has received national attention from the Chief of USFS.

There is another local reporter investigating the impacts of smoke on the community and is concerned about Bond 405 increasing the amount of smoke in addition to 4FRI. This is a student intern who works for the Daily Sun. She has contacted a number of 4FRI Stakeholders.

The Grand Canyon Trust gave money to issue a story on 4FRI with the caveat that they did not want to have influence over the context of the story. This resulted in a 4 part series by KNAU on 4FRI that has been well received in the community.

Charter Amendment Process I

Decision matrix proposed changes and discussion – *Windy Selig & Buck Swaney*

1. *Revision 1: Addition of language The Decision Process will be invoked by the facilitator.*
 - a. **APPROVED.** If this process does not work for the group, this may be revised prior to the October revision period.
2. *Revision 2: Title change to Level of Agreement by Individual/Organization: **APPROVED***
3. *Revision 3: Title change from Agreement by Acquiescence to Disagreement: **APPROVED***
4. *Revision 4: Addition of language If there is a disagreement, a written report will be produced, identifying specific points of disagreements and explaining the interests or rationale underlying the specific points of disagreement: **APPROVED with the following revisions.***
 - a. We will include a disclaimer stating this is for internal use only so there is no question about its intended use.
 - b. The title of the column this is listed under will include *Internal Outcomes and Expectations*.
 - c. Add *writing the report* to process and timeframe.
5. *Revision 5: Addition of language Communication may be crafted stating items of disagreement if agreed to by all members. **APPROVED with the provision this will be revisited after the DEIS or in 3 months.***
6. *Revision 6: Addition of language offering 2 alternatives. Alternative a) A written report will be produced, identifying specific points of disagreements and explaining the interests or rationale underlying the specific points of disagreement. The written report will identify the individuals or organizations supporting specific interests or rationale. Or Alternative b) A written report will be produced, identifying specific points of disagreements and explaining the interests or rationale underlying the specific points of disagreement. **APPROVED with the revised language below.***
 - a. Select language from Alt b, including *Each point of disagreement will be qualified with the following language. Most=strong majority, Many=more than half, Some=less than half, Few=2 or 3, One=Singular.*
7. *Revision 7: Striking language from the last sentence on Table 2: support for majority/minority reports*

Charter Amendment Process II (continued)

Decision matrix finalization– *Windy Selig*

Other Charter amendments discussion and finalization



- This conversation is being punted to an upcoming stakeholder meeting.

Overview of December Meeting : These items may be revised by the Steering Committee

Recap of agreements and next steps – *Buck Swaney*

DEIS Commenting Strategy – *Collaborative*

Annual Assessment Report – *Windy, Russ and Anne*

Revisioning and 2013 planning for the Collaborative – *Buck Swaney*

4:00 Adjourn

Next Meetings:

12/19/12 - Coconino SO in Flagstaff

1/23/12 - Pinetop G&F

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

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