

Plan Revision IDT Meeting

April 6, 2016

Attending: Michelle Aldridge, Heather Luczak, James Melonas, Carly Lewis, Jason Rodrigue, Sheryl Bryan, Logan Free, Susan Parker, Lee Thornhill, Erik Crews, Rodney Snedeker, Karl Buchholz, Cathy Dowd, Holly Stratton, Tom Collins (phone), Matt McCombs (phone), Nick Larson (phone)

Meeting Topics

- Suitability Phase 1 - Jason
- Update on the Mapping Committee subgroup of the Forum - Carly
- Update on Trail of Tears - Rodney

Michelle is working with team members on objectives in advance of the steering team meeting later this month

IDT meeting next Wed – WSR evaluation update

Timber Suitability

Step 1 – acres in analysis will not vary by alternative. This step results in a quantity of land that *may be* suited for timber production

Step 2 - ID lands that are suited based on desired conditions and objectives. Handbook Ch 60 provides five items to review. Acres from step 2 will vary by alternative.

Step 1 - 4 factors 1) withdrawn by statutes, 2) where technology cannot prevent irreversible damage to soil, slope, watershed conds, 3) lands that cannot be adequately restocked within 5 yrs, 4) Non-forest lands

- **Factor 1:** Lands withdrawn by statute – wilderness, wilderness study, research natural areas, W/S Rivers (wild)
- **Factor 2:** where technology cannot prevent timber harvest from causing irreversible damage to soil, slope, or other watershed conditions. Hydric soils, slopes>70%, bogs/wetlands, rock/boulders/outcrops, Land Suitability Codes in FSVeg, streamside zones
- **Factor 3:** lands that cannot be adequately restocked within 5 years of final regen harvest. Unproductive LSC, unproductive site indices, unproductive forest types, unproductive condition class
- **Factor 4:** Non-Forest lands. Admin areas, water bodies, improved roads, balds, improved pasture, railroads, etc.

Jason shared the results from the Step 1 subtractions for suitability. Figure is not far from what was calculated in Step 1 for the Amendment 5 (1995)

Next Steps

- use acres of land that may be suitable to calculate SYL
- Complete step 2 for each alternative analyzed in the DEIS

- Use acres from step 2 along with objectives, DCs, capacity and funding, FVS and Spectrum to calculate the projected wood sale quantity and projected timber sale quantity

Update on Mapping Subcommittee work - Carly

Goals of committee – ID common ground/areas of concurrence, assign base MAs to all areas, build MA map for the Base or the alternative that doesn't include any special designation, develop a process for efficiently working thru areas of overlapping priorities to assign 'base' MAs to those areas

Meeting scheduled tomorrow for the subcommittee - Thursday

Group defined MA bins in 3 categories - frontcountry, midcountry, backcountry

Carly presented a revised decision key for assigning MAs – WHAMA, Natural Area Priorities

Group is looking at different scenarios for how to assign areas to MAs

Need to emphasize where areas need different MA direction.

Trail of Tears management – update on National Historic Trails MA

The current proposal is to have 1500' wide corridor for the National Historic Trails (750' on either side of trail)

- 1500' corridor would be managed for preservation, restoration, and interpretation of the trail
- Because of Tribal concerns, we are proposing that a 1 mile wide corridor (1/2 mile on either side) is identified on a map, but that area would be overlaid on other MAs – activities proposed within 1 mile corridor would require formal consultation with Tribes for any work done within that area.