

Plan Revision IDT Meeting

May 11, 2016

Participants: Michelle, Heather L, Jason R, Erik C, Gary K, Sheryl, Holly, Rodney, Brady, Julie M., Tom C. (phone), 3 observers

Meeting topics

- Update on Stakeholders Forum meeting

Michelle introduced Anna Greis who is here from the RO and will be working with the IDT in June on a practicum project as part of her Middle Leader Program. Team introductions for Anna.

Recap of the Stakeholder's Forum Meeting – May 10th

- Objectives of meeting were to reflect on group accomplishments and outline the group's contribution to next steps in the planning process over the summer
- Four breakout groups/small group discussions – 1) wilderness evaluation rollout, 2) MA mapping process, 3) How to better engage county and local officials, 4) Stakeholder led involvement/field trips

Wilderness Evaluation Roll-out

- Forum members are interested in being involved with the roll-out of the evaluation
- We will need to be clear about what the evaluations are and are not – clear on how the information in the evaluation was compiled and how it will be used to inform alternatives and recommendations for wilderness
- Suggestion that we present a spreadsheet or grading of how the areas 'rank' on the different wilderness characteristics
- It will be important to have a glossary of terms as many people are unfamiliar with the different types of designations
- Provide clarification on what is and is not allowed in wilderness or recommended wildernesses
- we should be giving equal consideration of how we discuss timber management on the forest

Management Area Mapping Process

- Larry Hayden has agreed to facilitate mapping meetings later in the summer – 6 ranger district meetings
- These will be open IDT meetings where we'll be working with district employees on MA mapping and will allow for public engagement at the end of the meetings
- Maps may be shared two weeks in advance of district meetings to get input from other constituents
- Folks coming to open IDT meetings will need to have read materials ahead of time so they have the context for the mapping process – pre-work
- When – meetings will be no sooner than July. Need to have other components completed before we can have these meetings. Need to establish a schedule of these district meetings sooner than later so folks can get these on their calendar.
- The desired outcome of the meeting is a mapped alternative that best represents the diversity of interests.

- Prior to the IDT district meetings, the Forest has agreed to host a day at the SO where forum members can come and provide us additional data for the mapping process. Likely in early June. We need to be clear about the format that we are asking for this data.

Engaging county officials

- Good discussion on when and who to involve

Rodney asked whether there had been any discussion about involvement of the Tribes? But there was not in the context of this small group discussion on this topic.

Stakeholder Forum led engagement over the summer

Some ideas that were generated include:

- Field trips and site visits
- NEPA 101 workshop
- Hike along a WSR
- Tour to the Fletcher Mill
- Birdwatching day
- Visit to a wilderness

Other Items

- Heather and Erik are working on process paper on wilderness evaluation review and roll out
- Michelle working with Larry on a schedule for the district meetings
- IDT should be working on updating objectives in order to get them posted online. Aim to have these completed by next Friday, the 20th.
- Michelle hoping to go to the National Planner's meeting next week. No IDT meeting next week – continue working on objectives.
- Rodney would like to have a discussion with Michelle and Heather on Trail of Tears objectives later this week
- Michelle will be getting a message out to rangers early next week regarding the review of management areas
- Next scheduled work session on ESE tool in September. Sheryl and Gary will need MAs and alternatives prior to this meeting in order to have productive discussion.