

"Watch-Outs": Collaboration

- **External Bias:** Internal collaboration often missing; can send conflicting messages to internal and external participants ['Frame Blindness']
 - Treatment: Look for ways to tap internal knowledge and experience without overburdening agency employees

- **Power sharing v. Power leveraging:** Participants bring different power bases and strengths; combined and leveraged, that power is available to the community; how you address power is important ['Short-sighted Shortcuts']
 - Treatment: Allow 'power sharing' to emerge by focusing on 'power leveraging' first

- **Agency capture:** Land management agency may cross from 'responsiveness' to 'patronage' towards participants ['Favoritism']
 - Treatment: Establish clear principles and priorities to 'check down on' as process unfolds [i.e., make these are part of explicit 'situation awareness' criteria that you look for during process]

- **Lack of Substance:** Good science is as important as good participation; implementation is as important as planning; substance matters ['Vacuousness']
 - Treatment: Quality data regarding managerially and decision relevant questions; meaningful products and events throughout

- **Infeasibility:** If resources needed to move towards desired outcomes are not feasible, then the desired outcomes likely are unrealistic ['Over-Promising']
 - Treatment: Make feasibility and accountability part of dialogue

- **Ballistic Behavior:** Assuming actions will produce desired outcomes without unintended or unanticipated consequences ['Creeping Determinism']
 - Treatment: Learning, sensemaking, and situation awareness

- **Political Ignorance:** A collaborative process that interferes with traditional budgetary and political processes can face serious backlash ['Stepping-In-It']
 - Treatment: Conceptual frameworks and collaborative processes that integrate social, political, and ecological aspects and focus on 'Big Picture'

- **Technical 'Blinders':** Too much structure early in a process can produce 'nontrivial blind-spots' ['Methodism']
 - Treatment: Adaptive design anchored with principles and priorities jointly developed with participants and continuously adjusted to reflect lessons learned

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