

AGENDA

- Update
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**Social Economic Assessment and
Analysis Work Group (SEAA WG)**

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- Scope/deliverables
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Discussion

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*Social Economic Assessment and Analysis Workgroup (SEAA WG)
Presentation Background for FACA MTG #2*

Scope/Deliverables:

- Identify and interpret ambiguous terminology in the Rule that is relevant to socio economic assessment and analysis (including specifically under Assessment (219.6), Social and Economic Sustainability (219.8(b)) and Multiple Use (219.10);
 - Cultural
 - Ecosystem Services
 - Sustainable Recreation
 - *291.1 b- rule and treaty rights*
 - Other links in rule with implications for SEAA:
 - historical uses
 - Intergovernmental collaboration
 - all lands approach
 - landscape scale restoration activities.
- Review, analyze and provide recommendations on relevant portions of the draft Directives, including but not limited to Chapter 10;
- Initiate a gap analysis, and identify key resources to address those gaps
- Elaborate best or promising practices (based on gap analysis);
- Elaborate principles- borrowing first from the Framework workgroup and adding/modifying as necessary
- *There is no explicit reference in the Rule to ongoing monitoring and evaluation of socio economic conditions, either at the forest or broader landscape scales.*
Committee members are keen to link assessment requirements for socio economic information with monitoring and evaluation through the directives process.

Framing/context

- The assess, plan for and evaluate framework applies here, so similar principles should be borrowed from the adaptive framework workgroup.
- Planning Rule's definition of "social sustainability": "the capability of society to support the network of relationships, traditions, culture, and activities that connect people to the land and to one another, and support vibrant communities."
- Cultural issues

- Must be given due consideration, and not allowed to be subsumed into the broader socio-economic conversation.
- When considering cultural issues, it is important to examine underlying assumptions/philosophies. A set of principles to facilitate forest managers' conversations with communities on these matters was suggested that includes temperance, justice and fortitude.
- Data issues- how can the USFS utilize existing data outside of the USFS in order to avoid re-inventing the wheel, while also maintaining/addressing issues of credibility/validity, etc?
- In order to develop relevant recommendations, and noting that each forest will be different, the workgroup expressed interest in learning more and better understanding two aspects relevant aspects of implementation: (1) resources-whether sufficient resources are available and, where they are insufficient, what measures might be taken, and (2) capacity- what is the existing capacity of each region involved with EA plan revisions?
- What can be done to address balance in creating the gap analysis?