

APPENDIX A: SURVEY TEMPLATE

Date:

BLM/USFS:

Region/State:

Project:

Who:

- Agency person
- Community member
- Contractor
- Other:

FY06 PROGRAMMATIC MONITORING:

The Role of Local Communities in Development of Stewardship Contracting Agreements or Contract Plans

Participants: When Congress authorized the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to use stewardship contracting, it also required that the agencies provide an annual report on the role of local communities in the development of agreements or contract plans under that authority. In the preparation of this report, a stratified random sample among existing stewardship contracting projects is surveyed each year, and the _____ stewardship contracting project you are involved in was one of those selected for review. We anticipate that your involvement in this telephone survey/interview will take no longer than 30-minutes.

A sample survey form has been included with this e-mail, so that you may have the opportunity to review the questions prior to the telephone survey/interview. Plans are to conduct the telephone surveys/interviews from August 2006 – November 2006.

The Pinchot Institute for Conservation is coordinating this study under contract with the Forest Service. Your name will not be associated with the interviewer's notes from the phone survey and the names of those interviewed will not be retained. The information collected in this interview will be analyzed and used by both the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to inform the agencies' yearly report to Congress on stewardship contracting implementation. The survey responses will not be shared with other organizations inside and outside the government but the results of the analysis of the survey responses, through its inclusion in the FS and BLM report to Congress, will be available for use by organizations both inside and outside the government.

Participating in the interview is completely voluntary. Your participation assumes your understanding and acceptance of this voluntary agreement. Your decision to participate or not will not affect your current or future relations with the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, the Pinchot Institute for Conservation or _____ (*insert local/ regional subcontractor name here*).

On behalf of the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, we would like to thank you in advance for your thoughtful and candid responses to the following questions related to stewardship contracting in your community.

You are/have been involved in the _____ stewardship contracting project.

1a. If someone asked you to explain stewardship contracting, what would you say?

1b. Has your view of stewardship contracting changed since you became involved in this project?

Yes No

If yes, how has it changed?

I want to ask about community involvement in your project.

2. Who initiated the project? Agency Non-agency

3. Who has been involved?

	<i>Check all that apply.</i>	<i>What is the scale of involvement (local, regional, national)?</i>
USDA Forest Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bureau of Land Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other Federal agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tribal interests	<input type="checkbox"/>	
State agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local governmental interests	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community business interests	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental conservation groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fire interests/organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adjacent landowners/residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Recreation interests/users	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Educators/educational interests	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wildlife and fisheries groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Right to access groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Project contractors	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (Please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

4. What is/was the role of the local community in the _____ stewardship contracting project?

	<i>Check all that apply.</i>
Planning and design.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of alternatives.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments and recommendations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public outreach and education.	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEPA analysis.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of technical information.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Becoming informed.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing and/or acquiring funding.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representation of concerned/affected local interests	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other.	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. What outreach efforts are being/have been used specifically to get people involved in the project? For each affirmative answer, probe for the details of who and how.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> | Presentations to existing community groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Direct mail | <input type="checkbox"/> | Presentations to organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Personal contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please describe) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Field tours | | |

6. Is/Was community involvement in the _____ stewardship contracting project a collaborative effort? Yes No

Please explain your answer.

Probes: Do/Did multiple interests meet? Is/Was there discussion among multiple interests?

7a. How did you personally get involved?

7b. Why did you personally get involved?

8. Are there individuals or interests you believe should be/should have been involved in the stewardship contracting project that aren't/weren't?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

8b. If yes, who?

	Check all that apply.	Why should they be involved? <i>See list below for options -Include all that apply.</i>
USDA Forest Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bureau of Land Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other Federal agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tribal interests	<input type="checkbox"/>	
State agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local government interests	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community business interests	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental/conservation groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fire interests/organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adjacent landowners and residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Recreation interests/users	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Educators/educational interests	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wildlife and fisheries groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Right to access groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Project contractors	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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| (a) To avoid misunderstanding. | (f) Because they have valuable expertise to share |
| (b) Because they are users of the area | (g) A need for local knowledge |
| (c) To avoid appeals and/or litigation | (h) Because they are potentially affected by the project |
| (d) Because they are a constraint to implementation | (i) Other (please explain) |
| (e) A need to be inclusive | |

9. What kinds of resources, if any, does/did community members need to facilitate their participation in the project? For each type of assistance, have the respondent describe in more detail.

	<i>Received (yes/no)</i>	<i>From whom?</i>	<i>For what?</i>
Financial			
Training			
In-kind time, services, facilities			
Technical			
Other (Please describe)			
None.			

10. What have been the local benefits of the _____ stewardship contracting project?

	<i>Check all that apply.</i>
Economic	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>More local jobs</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>More on-the-ground work accomplished by local contractors</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Greater opportunity to use local contractors</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased collaboration	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved efficiency and effectiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved public trust (<i>among/ between whom?</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Specific project outcomes (<i>e.g., wildlife benefits, watershed protection, fuel reduction</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (<i>Please describe</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. What are/have been the benefits of community involvement in the _____ stewardship contracting project.

	<i>Check all that apply.</i>
Broader understanding/consideration of diverse interests	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved trust (<i>among/ between whom?</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased opportunity for public input	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved sense of purpose and ownership in a given project	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased support for the agency	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (<i>Please describe</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. How widely supported do you believe this stewardship contracting project is/was in the community?

- Widely supported
- Somewhat supported
- Indifferent
- Generally unaware
- Opposed
- I don't know

13. How widely supported do you believe this stewardship contracting project is/was in the agency
[Forest Service and/or BLM]?

- Widely supported
- Somewhat supported
- Indifferent
- Generally unaware
- Opposed
- I don't know

14. Are there any lessons that you learned about community involvement through this project that you would like to share?

15. Based on your experience in this project, would you participate in another stewardship contracting project? Yes No
Please explain.

16. Are there any additional comments you want to make about either stewardship contracting generally or your personal experience with it?

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