

Thinking About a Siuslaw Forest-Wide Collaborative

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Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project



A scenic landscape photograph of a mountain range. In the foreground, there are several evergreen trees and large, light-colored rocks. A dark blue lake is visible in the middle ground, surrounded by rocky terrain. The background features a range of jagged, rocky mountains under a sky with scattered clouds. The overall lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting an overcast or late afternoon setting.

Bridger-Teton National Forest



Olympic Forest
Collaborative



Montana Forest
Collaboration Network

agree areas asking better **change collaborative** coming create decisions definitely different discussion done
dunes feedback **feel** folks **forest forest-wide** funding getting give **group** guess happen hear heard hebo
help idea important information **interest** interview **involved issues** level local making **management**
maybe meetings members money needs **participate people** person planning process
projects public **questions** represent restoration sales sense something species **stakeholders start stewardship**
support sure table **talk** terms **things timber** understand voice watershed whole **work years**

Current State of Stewardship Group Collaboration

- Generally positive
- Challenges with Forest Service turnover
- Interest in how to better incorporate new science
- Questions about how to better plug recreation interests in, other underrepresented stakeholders

Potential Role of a Forest-Wide Collaborative

- A place for currently unrepresented stakeholders and interests
- Visioning and engaging on a multi-landscape scale
- A chance to participate in forest-wide planning and management processes
- Better opportunities for bringing new science into decision-making

Possible Structures

- Regional subcommittees
- Interest or issue-based subcommittees
- Involvement of scientists in an advisory role
- Infrequent all-member meetings
- Reduced Stewardship Group meeting frequency
- Educational workshops and field trips
- Intentional selection of participants vs. open participation

Concerns and Challenges

- Limited capacity of all involved parties
- Logistical difficulties and travel time
- Need for Forest Service direction and leadership
- Need for clearly identified purpose and objectives
- Need for commitment from stakeholder groups
- Need for clear communication about decision-making

Zones of Agreement

- Varied responses from members of different Stewardship Groups
- Could draw from existing meeting minutes and past decisions
- Process takes energy and could reveal conflict, but could also lay a foundation for future decisions

Discussion Questions

1. What topics could a Forest-wide collaborative discuss? What issues could it address?
2. What structures or formats might help make it efficient and effective?
 - a) Which stakeholders should be involved?
 - b) Meeting structure?
3. What concerns do you have? What challenges do you foresee?