

**Siuslaw Forest-Wide Collaborative
Formation Meeting
12/9/2020 2:00pm – 4:00pm Zoom**

Attendees:

NAME	ORGANIZATION	NAME	ORGANIZATION
Marc Barnes	IRM Forestry	Chandra LeGue	Oregon Wild
Sally Bernstein	Sustainable NW	Paul Lulay	Hampton Lumber
Dave Eisler	Landowner	Brad Pfeifer	Hampton Lumber
Paul Engelmeyer	Portland Audubon	Fran Recht	Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
Jim Fairchild	Corvallis Audubon	Trent Seager	Sustainable NW
Andy Geissler	AFRC	Kirk Shimeall	Cascade Pacific RCD
Kailey Kornhauser	SFWC Coordinator		

Minutes: by Kailey Kornhauser

Minutes Key

- Meeting minutes do not represent collaborative agreements, unless they specifically say so. They are meant to record three basic things: 1) the issue discussed, 2) the major points or questions raised in conversation, and 3) the resolution or next step if there is one. Unless specifically stated, resolutions are only the resolutions of the people present at the meetings.
- Common Abbreviations:
 - Q: Question
 - A: Answer
 - Cmt: Comment
- Highlighted items are typically those that require follow-up (suggestions for future agendas)

Meeting Notes

- I. Updates
 - a. *Process check-in*
 - In next few months we will finish the Operations Protocol and Declaration of Commitment
 - At this time individuals will continue to engage with ongoing Forest projects while we establish a way of working together

b. Governance Subcommittee

- Met on 11/19 to discuss ground rules, meeting coordination, and record keeping
- The working document and meeting minutes can be found [here](#)

c. Sand Lake Discussions

- Draft EA is out, and 30-day comment period ends 12/25
- Held small group meeting on 12/1 with some individuals who participate in the Collaborative as well as members of the IDT
- Trent and Kailey met with Bill Conroy (District Ranger) and Hannah Smith (NEPA Planner) to discuss next steps including a follow-up discussion about project tradeoffs
- Cmt: Because there are no guiding documents yet, it is important that the group identify itself before diving into too many projects.
 - Kailey: Right now we are finding a balance between getting the collaborative going while engaging in the ongoing work that individuals were already engaged with.
 - Trent: Because there is no Declaration of Commitment for this group there will not be a letter for the Collaborative to sign on to at this time. This meeting was an opportunity to practice collaboration and discuss tradeoffs, not to formally comment as a group.
 - Kailey: Subcommittees are part of the Collaborative effort, “groups” are collections of individuals engaging on ongoing projects.

d. Other updates?

- FS staff plan to hold discussion on new CEQ regulations in Spring
- North Fork Smith IDT had their second meeting, still collecting data and preparing for unit-by-unit analysis
 - Kailey is still attending those meetings as a liaison but not representing the interests of the collaborative.

II. Discussion on goals and hopes for a Forest-Wide Collaborative

- During this discussion each person in the meeting had a chance to share their own interests, goals, and hopes for a Forest-Wide Collaborative. The following list is a summary of what was shared during this discussion. This list has been divided into outcome and process goals.

Outcome goals

- Protect and implement the NWFP
- Accelerate old growth conditions
- Ensure economic benefits

- Forest restoration
- Sustainable timber products
- Avoid litigation
- Less expensive sales that all sell
- Projects with the most ecologically beneficial outcomes for the forest and watershed
- Create a monitoring framework to determine if we are working towards goals
- Support communities through jobs, restoration, timber, and restoring watershed
- Protect endangered species and habitat
- Host field trips and site visits to illustrate treatments
- Implement the Forest Plan
- Help the FS manage the forest
- Win-win solutions

Process goals for the group

- Create a space to work together
- Create a space for policy discussion
- Open discussion between FS staff, scientists, and interested parties
- Be on the forefront of solving forest restoration issues again
- Host ongoing debate about tough questions: connectivity, interior forest, buffers
- Hear and learn from each other's perspectives and unique experiences
- Talk through areas of disagreement
- Be clear about individual goals and objectives
- Be a positive voice to the FS
- Get to know each other
- Work together towards successful outcomes
- Allow SG to focus on retained receipts allocation
- Create connections across the forest landscape/ownership and approach issues from broader perspective
- Gain legitimacy with the FS
 - Create a space where everyone feels heard and respected
- Practice adaptive management
 - Stay flexible in the face of climate change
- Increase public involvement in forest management
- Provide a space for more diverse stakeholder involvement
- Serve as a consistent body with institutional memory
- Engage early with FS projects
- Develop creative solutions
- Take a long-term perspective on ecosystem and industry
- Embrace new scientific information and gray literature

III. Next-Steps

a. *Governance Subcommittee meeting 12/16*

- Upcoming meeting on 12/16 to discuss communication and organizational structure

b. *Sand Lake follow-up discussion*

- Discussion will be scheduled for some time in January.

c. *Review of past NEPA projects*

- We will begin an overview and memorialization of past NEPA processes. Kailey will be putting together summary documents for review by a subcommittee consisting of Marc B., Chandra L., Jim F., and Paul E.
- Q: What is the purpose of this review?
 - This will be a way to review past projects and to learn from the meetings and input that occurred in those processes. Everyone will review these documents, but this subcommittee will give initial feedback.
- Cmt: It will be helpful to work with SG participants who took part in informational and discussion sessions on recent NEPA projects
- Cmt: Trent will provide examples of these documents from other forests. It will be helpful for individuals to let us know if comments were part of a legal process vs. their social values and interests. This exercise is to give the collaborative a starting point.

d. *Landscape conservation science talk planning*

- Paul E. and Kailey will be working to schedule a series of science and industry speakers on topics related to the Collaborative and will work with the FS to identify a range of potential speakers
 - Cmt: We also need specialists from the FS to come to these talks. We hope to work with the FS to invite speakers and schedule talks at times that work for them.
 - Cmt: We should also consider inviting experts in logging systems as part of this series as well.

e. *Topics for next full-group meeting*

- Chuck Fisher will speak about the North Fork Smith project and Collaborative involvement
- Bill Conroy and Possibly Michele Holman will speak about their plans as District Rangers to work with the Collaborative