BIC Subcommittee Report Out Summary from November Meetings

Sub Committee Name: Access, Habitat, Wilderness and Set Aside

How do you provide access for human needs and protect important habitat?

Meeting Date: November 16th, 2020 1:00-3:00 pm

Committee members in attendance: Anthony Botello, Leisa Cook, Sarah Fesenmeyer, Nicholas Goldstein, Bill Harvey, Mark Kirsch, Maura Laverty, Tom Montoya, Todd Nash, Mark Owens, Julia Riber, Kevin Robinette, Carl Scheeler, Kristen Shelman, Lauren Smith, Darcy Weseman

Interested Public: Amy Patrick

Documents/presentations reviewed:

- Revised Desired Condition document

Key Issues Discussed, Decisions Made, Points of Agreement/Disagreement:

- The subcommittee introduced the revised Desired Condition document that had been drafted by Mark and Carl based on materials submitted by Bill and others. There was agreement about the practicality of the general structure of the document. The group then went through the document and identified points of discussion and further revision. There was a disagreement among parties about the relationship between elk security and road closure, which produced an impasse. The group decided to reflect on the impasse, discuss among others, and identify potential avenues for advancement.

Potential Areas of Overlap to Other Subcommittees: None identified

Questions or Feedback needed from other Subcommittees: None identified

Issues to elevate for full BIC consideration: None identified

Next Steps: To reflect and pursue conversations with others

Next Meeting: To be determined

Sub Committee Name: Forest Health

How do we develop wildfire management and suppression strategies that protect both natural and economic values?

How can we develop timber management strategies that support local community economies and forest health?

Meeting Date: November 16th, 2020, 3:15-5:00 pm

Committee members in attendance: Nicholas Goldstein, Amanda Lindsay, Tom Montoya, Susan Roberts, Brett Thomas, Lena Tucker, Eric Watrud, Darcy Weseman, Joe Hessel,

Interested Parties: Pam Hardy, Amy Patrick

Documents/presentations reviewed:

- Revised Desired Conditions document

Key Issues Discussed, Decisions Made, Points of Agreement/Disagreement:

- The majority of the meeting was spent reviewing and adapting the revised Desired Condition document that Amanda had developed based on discussions had during the previous few subcommittee meetings, and included an emphasis on plain language explanations. The group went through the document point by point, discussing areas of agreement and disagreement, and flagging areas to revise before the next meeting.

Potential Areas of Overlap to Other Subcommittees:

- The issue of grazing as a component of forest health was identified as an area of overlap with other subcommittees that would be worthwhile to address.

Questions or Feedback needed from other Subcommittees: None identified

Issues to elevate for full BIC consideration:

- Is "Decaid" an appropriate measurement for snag management?

Next Steps:

- Tom Montoya will connect with Steve Hawkins about fuel loading and will send his findings to Amanda Lindsay.
- Amanda will incorporate feedback from this meeting and further revise the Desired Condition document with an eye towards streamlining the document for full BIC consideration.
- Nicholas Goldstein offered to do a technical edit of the Desired Condition document after Amanda is finished with her revision.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 16th, 2020 at 1:00 – 3:00pm

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Sub Committee Name: Socioeconomic Assessment Committee

How do we gather data to better characterize the social and economic conditions for communities affected by the Blue Mountain Forest Plan that can better inform forest management practices?

Meeting Date: November 17th, 2020 8-9:15 a.m.

Committee members in attendance: Paul Anderes, Sarah Buddingh, Nils Christofferson, Leisa Cook, Patty Dorroh, Nicholas Goldstein, Julie Keniry, Mark Kirsch, Peter Maille, Scott McConnell, Todd Nash

Invited guests: none

Documents/presentations reviewed:

- Average Earnings per Job & Per Capita Income by County Graph document

- USFS socioeconomic technical report from 1999
- Peter Maille's spreadsheet demonstrating updated concept of economic "resiliency"
- County Profile schematic draft

Key Issues Discussed, Decisions Made, Points of Agreement/Disagreement:

- Peter Mailie gave an update on his work revising the Community Vulnerability index, and in particular, refining the working definition of "resiliency" in his economic model. He presented a graph set "Average Earnings per Job & Per Capita Income" to discuss the relationship between earnings and income, and how it can be used to measure historical resiliency by county. He then presented a USFS socioeconomic technical report from 1999 to demonstrate a historical example of how resiliency had been conceptualized. Finally, he presented his updated economic model spreadsheet to demonstrate how this work could be incorporated into the final model.
- Scott McDonnell gave a brief summary of discussions he and others had with USFS economists and with the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis. The impact of the timber industry, in particular, was a key feature of both of these conversations, which will be continued and expanded on in the future to aid the work being done in this subcommittee. Grazing is a topic that will be included in these future talks.
- Nils Christoferson talked about some of the discussions he has been having with the University of Oregon and the Ecosystem Partnership Program. He presented the County Profile schematic draft that could be used as a template for data visualization per subcommittee feedback. The Ecosystem Partnership Program can begin devoting significant resources to producing full county profiles in January.

Potential Areas of Overlap to Other Subcommittees: None identified

Questions or Feedback needed from other Subcommittees: None identified

Issues to elevate for full BIC consideration: None identified

Next Steps:

- For those who read this report and are interested in reviewing the County Profile schematic draft mentioned above, they can do so by reaching out to Nils Christofferson.
- Paul will share with REV/EOU the BIC scenario framework document drafted in Bend, OR a year ago regarding the timber, grazing, aquatic, and recreation industries that could be used by the economists to aid their work.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 15th, 20202 from 8-9am

<u>Sub Committee Name: Livestock, Grazing, Fisheries and Hydrology</u>

How do we develop strategies that both maintain and increase grazing opportunities and improve fishing and hydrology conditions?

Meeting Date: November 17th, 1:00 – 3:00 m

Committee members in attendance: Nils Christofferson, Leisa Cook, Sarah Fesenmeyer, Nick Goldstein, Calla Hagle, Jim Hamsher, Mark Kirsch, Maura Laverty, Peter Maille, Todd Nash, Carl Scheeler, Kristen Shelman, Greg Wolf

Interested Parties: None

Invited guests participating: None

Documents/presentations reviewed:

- Desired Conditions document

Key Issues Discussed, Decisions Made, Points of Agreement/Disagreement:

- Calla Hagle opened the meeting by asking the group to offer suggestions for specialists to consult about the Desired Conditions document in anticipation of the next meeting. Sarah Fesenmeyer mentioned that from a fishery perspective the language in the aquatic section looked good. This sparked a discussion among the group about including words like "restore" in this document which have the potential to be overly vague and seeming without end. It was agreed that the wording used in the document was fine, but that attention will be paid to the standard and guideline section of the finished forest plan to ensure that it strikes the appropriate balance between interests.
- The subcommittee reviewed the Hydrology and Watershed section of the Desired Condition document, and offered their feedback on areas to revise for the next draft. The group identified the need for a hydrologist specialist to look over this section.
- The group glanced at the Forest Health subcommittee's Desired Condition document to ensure that the sections it had shared with that group were appropriately referenced, which they were.
- Finally, the subcommittee reviewed the Access subcommittee's novel structure of their Desired Condition document to see if it might be a useful template for their own document. The group agreed that it should prioritize finalizing the content of its document before any consideration is given to changing the structure.

Potential Areas of Overlap to Other Subcommittees:

- Identify and reference other sections in the Desired Conditions documents where soil health is addressed.

Questions or Feedback needed from other Subcommittees: None identified

Issues to elevate for full BIC consideration: None identified

Next Steps:

- Maura Laverty will connect with hydrologist Brian Staab to invite him to meet with the group to review the hydrology section during either of the meeting times listed below. If he is not available to come in person, she will ask if he can review the section in question and provide written feedback by the December meeting.
- Laurel will make a clean copy of the Desired Condition document, reflecting the revisions discussed in this meeting and sent to all committee members.
- **Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 24th, 1:00-3:00pm and/or Tuesday, December 15th, 1:00-3:00pm**