

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: March 18th, 2021, 11:00-1:00 pm

Committee members in attendance: Patti Adair, Charles Amerein, Dan Dorrان, Nicholas Goldstein, Mark Kirsch, Jim Hamsher, Bill Harvey, Joe Hessel, Amanda Lindsay, Heidi McRoberts, Todd Nash, Sam Palmer, Susan Roberts, Eric Watrud

Interested Parties:

Documents/presentations reviewed:

- Desired Conditions document revisions by Nick Goldstein and Amanda Lindsay of the FS.

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

- The group reviewed the changes made to the Desired Condition document by Goldstein and Lindsay, which included the integration of a wildlife biologist's perspective. The Snags and Down Wood Desired Condition was the main focus of these edits. In particular, they provided alternate ways to state the key concepts in order to thread the needle between public consumption and use by Forest Service specialists. The alternatives were posed to the group for discussion about whether or not they wanted a more technical or more accessible approach.
- There was a question about whether the language in the Desired Condition document is going to be used directly by the finalized plan or if it is going to be interpreted and translated by the FS. Eric Watrud of the FS answered that the intent of the document is key, and that the language may be somewhat secondary. Commissioner Roberts said that if that is the case, then plain language at this stage would be preferable so the counties could take the document to their constituents once the plan is completed in order to compare it with the finished product. Therefore, clarity to constituents should be the goal at this stage.
- Finally, there was a brief discussion about how to present the completed DC document to the full BIC for consideration.

Potential Areas of Overlap to Other Subcommittees:

Questions or Feedback needed from other Subcommittees:

Issues to elevate for full BIC consideration:

Next Steps:

- Send the Desired Condition for full BIC consideration at the next full BIC meeting on March 26th.

Next Meeting:

Sub Committee Name: Livestock, Grazing, Fisheries and Hydrology

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

Meeting Date: March 23rd, 2:00 – 4:00 pm and March 26, 9-noon

Committee members in attendance: Patti Adair, Dan Dorrان, Jim Hamsher, Nick Goldstein, Mark Kirsch, Maura Laverty, Marissa Meyer, Tom Montoya, Todd Nash, Carl Scheeler, Kristen Shelman, Craig Trulock, Steve Pozzanghera, Bill Harvey, Emmit Taylor

Interested Parties:

Invited guests participating:

Documents/presentations reviewed:

- Desired Condition document suggested revisions provided by full BIC.

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

- The subcommittee worked through the edits provided by members of larger group in order to be able to bring the updated document back to the full BIC at the next meeting.
- There were questions about whether to include certain phrases—such as ‘cultural food plants’ and ‘silvopasture’—in the document. Once again it was suggested that the final plan’s glossary would be good place to make sure these phrases are defined if they are included in the final document.
- In addition, there was some debate about whether to include certain considerations in the document—such as climate change related concerns or specific references to ESA listed species. The FS made clear that any legal or federally mandated concerns would, by definition, be included in the document one way or another.
- The group scheduled a meeting to meet again on Friday 3/26 to finish the revisions, particularly related to hydrology. The group was able to finish these edits with all present voting with full support or being able to live with the outcome that they be brought back to the BIC.

Potential Areas of Overlap to Other Subcommittees:

- Some tie-in with the Socioeconomic subcommittee sustainability of grazers.

Questions or Feedback needed from other Subcommittees:

Issues to elevate for full BIC consideration:

Next Steps:

- Bring the final desired conditions back for full BIC support to advance to the USFS.

Next Meeting:

Chat:

Nick Goldstein to Everyone (3:30 PM)

"...and contribute to abundant, productive, and diverse populations of protected species that provide for ecological, cultural, and economic benefits."
