

BIC Intergovernmental Council Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: November 2, 2021, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Zoom and in-person at the Nixyáawii Governance Center, Pendleton, OR

Members in attendance: Marcie Carter, Jim Hamsher, Amanda Lindsay, Andy Smith, Anthony Botello, Bill Lind, Calla Hagle, Christy Cheyne, Emily Platt, Gina Nikkel, Joe Hessel, Lisa Northrop, Marisa Meyer, Matt Howard, Maura Laverty, Nick Goldstein, Patty Dorroh, Shaun Mckinney, Steve Pozzanghera, Susan Roberts, Bill Harvey, Heidi McRoberts, Nick Myatt, Sam Palmer, Mark Owens, Carl Scheeler, Paul Anderes

Facilitators: Laurel Singer and Belen Vegas, NPCC

Invited guests participating: Julia Riber, Julia Keniry.

Interested Parties Attending: Billie Jo George, Lindsay Warness, Kathleen Cathey, Jessica Keys, Pam Hardy

Documents/presentations reviewed:

- Socioeconomic analysis progress report
- Crafting Plan Components from BIC- Endorsed Desired Conditions found at: <https://www.pdx.edu/policy-consensus-center/sites/g/files/znlchr3416/files/2021-11/BIC-next-steps-presentation-from-DCs-to-SGs-11.2.21.pdf>)

Summary Action Steps:

All county commissioners review the socioeconomic report for their county and schedule a meeting with the REV team to go over the report and discuss feedback.

BIC conveners will tee up some key questions about next steps for further full BIC discussion.

Laurel will send out the BIC Access committee's final desired conditions document to all members for review

Members will have 30 days once sent out to submit their feedback on the Access Committee Desired Conditions to Laurel and conveners. Baker County's comments will be included for members to review as well.

Socioeconomic Analysis Progress Report:

Paul Anderes, one of the conveners of the BIC Socioeconomic Analysis Committee, praised the progress being made by the REV team to produce county reports and conduct their analysis. Julie Keniry, representing the REV team, presented a preliminary report on Wallowa County as an example of how the Risk Opportunity Index works and how resilient the economy is. She also presented the Conversion Factor which indicates how easy it is for the county to take resources and capitalize them into infrastructure, roads, and transportation. The objective of this model is to understand how forest activity impacts the counties economy. During this presentation there was a concern about the percentage of increase that the model uses to represent a realist scenario for each county. Julie suggested that a 20% increase will represent a realistic scenario.

Action Steps: The REV team is sending each county's preliminary report to all county commissioners. Julie emphasized how valuable their input in assuring the accuracy of these reports. The team requests that all county commissioners review their individual reports and schedule a meeting with the REV team to go over the report and discuss feedback.

Process Overview for Developing Standards and Guidelines

Julia River from the US Forest Service provided a broad overview of the next steps to the development of standards and guidelines. Her PowerPoint presentation can be found on the BIC project web page ([Plan Revision Next Steps on the Blue Mountains National Forests \(pdx.edu\)](#)) Julia described the plan components and their definitions (desired conditions, goals, objectives, standards, guidelines, suitability). She highlighted the importance of ensuring consistency between plans and projects. The next two critical steps will be the forming of a project team and the development of a governance structure that allows the development of a plan in a timely manner. Once these are in place, Julia reviewed the stages of the expedited planning process.

- After Julia's presentation participants requested an opportunity to do some QA/QC review on how the Desired Conditions input will get assembled and how the BIC will integrate with the development of standards and guidelines.
- There was a question whether counties will first have a coordination mandate. However, this was clarified by Julia responding that counties are not cooperative agencies but coordinating agencies.

Action Steps: BIC conveners will tee up some key questions about next steps for further full BIC discussion.

Access Committee Update

Mark Owens, one conveners of the BIC Access Committee, provided an update on the access committee and the progress it is making. He stated that a subgroup of the committee, representing various governmental entities and perspectives, had meet to develop a final draft version of desired conditions that the full committee has been reviewing. Baker county had some red line suggestions that the committee has been working through. The committee is ready to take their revised final draft to the full BIC

Action Steps: Laurel will send out the BIC committee's final desired conditions document to all members for review and they will have 30 days once sent out to submit their feedback to Laurel and conveners. Baker County's comments will be included for members to review as well.

Brainstorm – Educational Topics to Advance BIC Priorities

As time was limited, this topic was tabled for the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, time and location to be determined.