Framework and Timeline for Blues Intergovernmental Council (BIC)

Build Understanding of (12-24+ months) Recommendations (18-24 months)

- •Identify and frame key issues
- •Co-education and mutual understanding on issues
- Work toward zones of agreement on Desired Conditions
- •Set up and utilize subcommittees to provide technical information and develop recommended Desired Condition statements for key resources

Socio-**Forest** Grazing Access **Econ** Health

- **FS Develops Preliminary Draft Plan based on BIC**
- Develop public engagement strategy
- Convert 2018 drafts to comply with 2012 Rule & integrate BIC-endorsed Desired Conditions
- •Incorporate BIC-developed socioeconomic assessment, update ecological assessment
- Solicit public comment on assessments and invite gov-to-gov consultation with Tribes
- Develop/adapt standards and guidelines, adhering to BIC-endorsed concepts as fully as possible
- Publish preliminary draft plan to initiate NEPA process
- •Invite public to review and comment on preliminary draft, BIC members amplify this opportunity within their communities and help explain the process that informed this preliminary draft
- Review and incorporate public comments to develop alternatives
- Analyze effects in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- Publish plan alternatives and DEIS, invite public to review and comment
- Engage Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in informal consultation discussions to assess alternatives for Endangered Species Act compliance
- Modify alternatives & effects analysis in response to comments and consultations
- •Initiate formal ESA consultation with FWS & NMFS, jointly engage BIC to understand determinations and incorporate mitigation measures if needed
- Publish draft Record of Decision, Proposed Action, and Final EIS (FEIS)
- Solicit objections (commenters in the NEPA process are eligible to object on the same issues)
- Hold objection review meeting, with involvement and support of BIC members
- Refine Selected Alternative and FEIS to resolve any valid objections
- •Issue Final Record of Decision and begin implementing revised plans

Alternative Development, and Environmental Analysis (12-18 months)

Public Engagment,

Objections & Final Record of Decision (3-6 months)