

Governor's Task Force on Forests
Meeting 3
April 8 -10, 2014
Platte Valley Community Center, Saratoga, WY
Draft Agenda

Issues to be addressed at this meeting:

8. We want to preserve excellent water quality we have.
9. We want to improve our understanding regarding water quantity that results from forest processes.
6. Need for improved efficiencies and resources in permitting and processes on federal lands.
7. Lack of consistency in forest administrative processes, permitting, and procedures.
10. Is there a lack of the collaborative process in community participation?
11. Need to improve cooperation and communication amongst all agencies
12. Need to promote community and organizational partnerships to alleviate funding pressures and promote forest programs.
19a. Need to improve responsiveness to and management of insect epidemic and disease.
20. There is a failure to adequately address social, ecological, and economic challenges and opportunities associated with large-scale beetle kill events.
21. Need for implementation of more localized decision-making within the forests.
22. Lack of understanding of regulatory tools and utilization of management tools.
24. Many of our forest communities are uniform in age, density, and species.
25. There is a need to encourage comprehensive management.
26. The lack of consideration of socio-economic and cultural factors in forest management.
27. There is a need to understand and consider the effects of forest management on wildlife habitat effectiveness and hunter, angler, and other outdoor opportunities.
29. There is a need for increased monitoring, evaluation, and use of adaptive management.
30. There is a need for careful consideration of science in decision making.
31. The need to assess and mitigate the impacts of trails, roads and other infrastructure on forest resources.
32. Lack of incentives to leave inholdings as open space.
33. The need to consider multiple use as a basic tenet of forest management.
34. How can we carry out forest management to maintain or improve ecosystem services?
35. How do we improve the efficiency of ecosystem services?
38. Lack of support on conservation initiatives, intact backcountry areas, and new Wilderness recommendations.

Tuesday, April 8			
Time	Agenda Item	Who	Product/Outcome
1:00	Welcome Task Force member introductions and agenda review	Co-Chairs Ruckelshaus Institute (R.I.)	Task Force members introduce themselves. Meeting agenda is approved.
1:15	Review of recommendations from Meeting 2	R.I.	Task Force reviews outcomes of last meeting;
1:30	Information regarding Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER)	Bill Crapser, David Whittekend and Buddy Green	Information regarding BAER funding.
2:15	Charter discussion	R.I.	Task Force will review charter recommendations for charter revision and approve the revised charter.
2:45	Break		
3:00 – 5:00	Topics: Administrative Processes Issues: 6. Need for improved efficiencies and resources in permitting and processes on federal lands. 7. Lack of consistency in forest administrative processes, permitting, and procedures. 19a. Need to improve responsiveness to and management of insect epidemic 20. There is a failure to adequately address social, ecological, and economic challenges and opportunities associated with large-scale beetle kill events and disease. 22. Lack of understanding of regulatory tools and utilization of management tools. 25. There is a need to encourage comprehensive management.	R.I.	Task Force clarifies the specific issue(s) to be addressed and resolved through review and discussion of data/information. 1. Review the issues. 2. Allow for a whole group general explorative discussion. 3. Break-out groups to draft recommendations 4. Groups draft recommendations and find consensus recommendations.
5:30	Social Hour		

Wednesday, April 9

Time	Agenda Item	Who	Product/Outcome
8:00 – 10:00	Topics: Administrative Processes Discussion	R.I.	Task force develops proposed recommendations and tests for consensus. Continue Break Out Groups if needed. 1. Groups present consensus recommendations. 2. General Discussion.
10:00	Break		
10:15	<p>Topics: Cooperation, collaboration and partnerships, local management, socio-economic and cultural factors.</p> <p>Issues:</p> <p>10. Is there a lack of the collaborative process in community participation?</p> <p>11. Need to improve cooperation and communication amongst all agencies</p> <p>12. Need to promote community and organizational partnerships to alleviate funding pressures and promote forest programs.</p> <p>21. Need for implementation of more localized decision-making within the forests.</p> <p>26. The lack of consideration of socio-economic and cultural factors in forest management.</p>	R.I.	Task Force clarifies the specific issue(s) to be addressed and resolved through review and discussion of data/information. 1. Review the issues. 2. Allow for a whole group general explorative discussion. 3. Break-out groups to draft recommendations 4. Groups draft recommendations and find consensus recommendations.
12:00	Working Lunch in Break-Out Groups		
1:15	Topics: Cooperation, collaboration and partnerships, local management, socio-economic and cultural factors.	R.I.	Task force develops proposed recommendations and tests for consensus. 1. Groups present consensus recommendations. 2. General Discussion

2:00	<p>Topics: Diverse forest communities, wildlife habitat, inholdings, multiple use, ecosystem services, conservation and water</p> <p><i>Issues:</i></p> <p>8. We want to preserve excellent water quality we have.</p> <p>9. We want to improve our understanding regarding water quantity that results from forest processes.</p> <p>24. Many of our forest communities are uniform in age, density, and species.</p> <p>27. There is a need to understand and consider the effects of forest management on wildlife habitat effectiveness and hunter, angler, and other outdoor opportunities.</p> <p>31. The need to assess and mitigate the impacts of trails, roads and other infrastructure on forest resources.</p> <p>32. Lack of incentives to leave inholdings as open space.</p> <p>33. The need to consider multiple use as a basic tenet of forest management.</p> <p>34. How can we carry out forest management to maintain or improve ecosystem services?</p> <p>35. How do we improve the efficiency of ecosystem services?</p> <p>38. Lack of support on conservation initiatives, intact backcountry areas, and new Wilderness recommendations.</p>	R.I.	<p>Task Force clarifies the specific issue(s) to be addressed and resolved through review and discussion of data/information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the issues. 2. Allow for a whole group general explorative discussion. 3. Break-out groups to draft recommendations 4. Groups draft recommendations and find consensus recommendations.
3:00	Tour of the Saratoga Woodproducts facility		
5:00	Adjourn for the day		

Thursday, April 10			
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8:00	Topics: Diverse forest communities, wildlife habitat, inholdings, multiple use, ecosystem services, conservation and water	R.I.	Task force develops proposed recommendations and tests for consensus. Continue Break-Out Groups if desired. 1. Groups present consensus recommendations. 2. General Discussion
10:00	Break		
10:15	Topics: Data and Monitoring Issues: 29. There is a need for increased monitoring, evaluation, and use of adaptive management. 30. There is a need for careful consideration of science in decision making.	Co-Chairs	Task Force clarifies the specific issue(s) to be addressed and resolved through review and discussion of data/information. 5. Review the issues. 6. Allow for a whole group general explorative discussion. 7. Break-out groups to draft recommendations 8. Groups draft recommendations and find consensus recommendations.
12:00	Topics: Data and Monitoring	R.I.	Task force develops proposed recommendations and tests for consensus. 1. Groups present consensus recommendations. 2. General Discussion.
12:30	Public comment	Co-chairs	Receive public comment
1:00	Press points What's next	R.I Co-chairs	Summarize actions and outcomes Plan for next meeting
1:30	Adjourn		