

Thunder Basin Collaborative Learning Workshop I

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Agenda

- 1:00 pm Introductions
- 1:15 Welcome, Dennis Jaeger
- 1:20 Purpose and Overview of Workshop Series
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- 1:30 Jewel Reed: History of homesteaders and grazing associations on the Grassland
- 1:45 Bob Mountain: History of the Forest Service on the Thunder Basin National Grassland
- 2:00 Discussion regarding the History of the Thunder Basin National Grassland
- 2:30 Break-Out Groups: Discuss – What is important to you about the Thunder Basin National Grassland?
- 3:30 Report Back
- 3:50 Next Steps and Wrap-Up
- 4:00 Adjourn

Collaboration and Collaborative Learning

Collaboration

A process in which interdependent parties work together to affect the future of an issue of shared interests.

Collaborative learning

- A framework and set of techniques used to create shared learning within a Collaborative Process.
- Consists of events (meetings, field trips, etc.) to promote creative thought, constructive debate and effective implementation of proposals.
- Collaboration is an iterative process and Collaborative Learning is the mechanism that facilitates each iteration.

A Collaborative Learning Process

- Stresses improvement rather than solution.
- Emphasizes situation and progress rather than problem and conflict.
- Focuses on concerns and interests not positions.
- Encourages interrelated rather than linear thinking.
- Recognizes that shared learning has to occur before improvements are possible.
- Through shared learning and transparency create equal access to information, allowing solutions to emerge that otherwise could not.

Thunder Basin Collaborative Learning Process

Step 1

- First Workshop: Discover **History and Values**
- Second Workshop: Discover **Current Conditions and Knowledge**
- Third Workshop: Explore **Desired Conditions**

Ultimate Objective of Workshops:

Step 2: Provide information from Thunder Basin communities to inform a long-term, place-based multi-stakeholder working group to resolve complex issues on the National Grassland including prairie dog management.

Agreed Meeting Guidelines

1. We all have an interest in the Thunder Basin National Grassland – please use respectful behavior.
2. It's okay to disagree.
3. We will seek to understand while seeking to be understood: ask “why?”.
4. We will all participate in making this a successful collaborative learning opportunity – please don't interrupt others, dominate or withhold information.
5. We will be constructive: Discuss less what does not work and more what we think will work.
6. Side conversations are disruptive.
7. If possible, we will turn off cell phones and pagers. If we can't, we will take the call outside the room.

Next Workshops

- Session 2 Current Conditions: March 16 – Newcastle: Weston County Senior Center
- Session 3 Desired Conditions: May 18 - Gillette



Today's Objective:

What is your understanding of the Grassland's history, and why is the Grassland important to you?

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