

## Greys River Flip Chart Notes - April 12, 2018

### General GRFC Notes

- TU willing to contribute to implementation of projects.
- Willing to work on trails with Teton WPLI group?
- Future quarterly public meetings?
- What is happening with Lynx delisting?
- Lynx map Wyoming Range – find it.
- Keep looking at expanded CE in Tri Basin.
- County commissioners will talk to WBC regarding funding
- Lisa WOC on agenda next time?

### **Subject: Updates and Next Steps Regarding 2017 Recommendations**

#### 1) Tri-Basin Divide

Where are we? *Haul Route Smiths Fork*

- On track to be offered as timber sale this summer, paperwork done July.
- Working on CE because of lynx no expanded CE.

What do we need? *Timetable regarding slide*

- Schedule A w/ County to improve Smiths Fork. Keep existing roads and spurs, need gravel pits.

By when? *June 1*

- Collect data and implement, design and culverts.

By whom? *Bob King and Mike Ottman*

#### 2) Bear Creek and Three Forks

Where are we?

- Included in Middle Greys Projects, working on NEPA, draft decision middle May. Middle Greys is motorized project. Need Middle Greys first before BC and TF timber harvest.

What do we need? *Timetable regarding slide*

- N/A

By when?

- WAG (guess) – Look at planning within 2-3 years. Hopefully faster.

By whom?

- N/A

#### 3) Lower Greys/Murphy Creek

Where are we? *Lower Greys Trail 250 acres CE.*

- In house CE, pretty quick, CE complete, could be an expanded CE in future.

What do we need? *Timetable regarding slide*

- Capacity limitations – need funding for 3<sup>rd</sup> party contract if expanded CE.
- Improve Squaw Creek Road

- Federal funding – Rich working on this.

By when? *Funding timeline eventually.*

By whom?

#### 4) Grover Park

Where are we?

- A lot of travel components in this - USFS wants to do this soon.
- Needs to be a travel, timber, grazing, recreation, large landscape project.
- Depends on FS Plan, when that's done, this can be tackled.
- Planning has started for next 4-5 years, waiting on funding.

What do we need?

- Funding, could then become higher priority for USFS.

By when? *N/A*

By whom? *N/A*

#### 5) Dust Abatement

- Byron working with congressman Cheney regarding ear mark from Alpine to Box Y every year Mag Chloride treatment.
- Need support from commissioners
- Need to look for federal and state funding
- Byron also talks to state – Governor's office

### **Subject: Funding for 2017 Recommendations**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> contractor for Lower Greys, USFS needs \$ for expanded CE.
- Which projects for Joint Chiefs?
- Look to Wyoming State Trails
  - + National Trails Program

#### Joint Chiefs

- Shovel read projects needed regarding watershed, forest health, private lands.
- A large landscape beyond Greys River – including trails, grazing, watershed, wildlife, forest health, weeds.
- Watershed plan to Joint Chiefs?
  - This would also be good for WWNRT and RMEF, Muley Fanatics, WGF Trust Fund

#### Good Neighbor Agreement

Next steps to use this tool:

- Get Brooke talking at the BTNF level
- Involve rangers, conservation districts, and county commissioners
- County commissioners write letter to Forest Supervisor to put focus on this.
- Brook need project that are mutually beneficial to state, USFS, and county.
  - E.g. Grover Park and contacting
- Justin will talk to Forest Leadership regarding projects.

Kay Lynn meeting with WGFD and TU May 3 regarding projects

1. September WLCI application process. GRFC should apply.
2. September WWNRT: GRFC should apply.
3. Do preparation for next Joint Chiefs RFP: Justin, Kay Lynn, both Gary's (NRCS & WGFD)
  - Project identification.
  - Hook in Brooke regarding private lands.
  - W&P regarding spraying non-natives.
  - WGFD regarding fence conversions.
  - Create working group.
  - Due November application.
  - First meeting July - Kay Lynn
  - Kay Lynn & Gary will talk to ag producers.
4. Letter to Joint Chiefs for funding recommendations first.

### **Subject: Process**

- Need to share achievements of GRFC with public.
- Quarterly meetings in different locations.
- Have a watershed focus?
  - General watershed health, including aspen, mountain shrubs to attract funding – elk, mule deer, livestock, grazing, etc.
- Collaboration 4/year based on need.
- Public meetings 2/year in north and south Star Valley.
- Establish the Greys River Funding Working Group as a subgroup of the Collaborative to concentrate on writing grants and proposals and collecting information for them.
- Send notes to Dan Dockstedder to highlight GRFC achievements.
- 2 public meetings N&S/year

### **New Subjects to Tackle**

- Grazing
- Roadless
- Trail maintenance
- Large wild ungulate habitat management
- Create loops for:
  - Single-track motorized
  - Hiking
  - Bicycles
  - Horseback
- Law enforcement
- Keep areas non-motorized, quiet, wildlife-friendly
- Watershed restoration

## Next Steps

- Next meeting GRFC, August 16 2018 in Etna. Discuss:
  - Funding working group report
  - Expert regarding watershed
  - Polygons
  - Grazing
  - Roadless
- Funding working group to meet in July. *Include watershed approach Gary to create polygons. Kay Lynn will organize.*