

## Meeting Minutes

Joint meeting of U.S. Forest Service and the Northeast Washington Forestry  
Coalition

January 26, 2012

### Discussion

1. Power Lake: Estimated publication of EA March 1; MW asked for advance copy. Brann will make inquiry about policy on that.
2. Appeal reg. changes: FS will wait for regs to be developed before making any changes in process
3. Deer/Jasper: Project-level Roads analysis underway to identify risks and needed action.
4. Renshaw: Will begin looking at developing the proposed action in Feb.
5. CLFRP: nothing but speculation re awardees; stay tuned
6. Collaboration Workshop: April 12-13 is the date chosen. Location TBA.
7. Forest Plan Alternative: FS is having bit of a struggle as to how to shape what we've given them into an alternative and what that should look like; LJ has a teleconference with the planning team to discuss what they need, and what the next steps would be and sketch out what an alternative might look like. Planning dollars have been cut in half. Still planning to do a separate EIS for CNF. NEWFC will stand by until hearing back from LJW on this matter.
8. 5-year plan: CNF will present the 5-year plan to NEWFC in April, as per the MOU.
9. Cradle to Grave (C2G):  
Forest Service not certain as to whether the project boundaries would be from a project in the 5YP, or whether it would be a totally new project area, so they identified possibilities that would fit either approach. A meeting among USFS staff and a related memo has been developed (Mike Poulson has copy) drafting an overview of how this would work. Russ concerned that agency may be too involved in the process. CNF has identified North-South Mill project area, which parallels the map Russ presented at board meeting this morning. Concern was expressed by CNF that by the time all the conversations trickle down from WADC, through R6, and finally down to the CNF, the proposal may not look a lot like what NEWFC envisions, especially in terms of the extent to which FS may be tasked with additional work. There was some discussion of how to apply C2G approaches to East Wedge implementation.

10. Restoration Strategy:

Forest Service has some issues with some of the provisions included in the existing CNF restoration strategy that was developed for second application to CFLRP. The restoration planning team (headed by Tom Pawley) will start from this document and amend, drop, add to the existing plan. Pawley wants to get rid of the current landscape modeling process laid out in the strategy and wants to make the strategy more general and less of a technical-implementation manual. The strategy does not tier to the forest plan in the same way as the ACS does. Maurice indicates that Derek Churchill told him that the landscape evaluation strategy is a tough nut to crack, and was not particularly impressed with the way the ONF went about it. There will likely be some evaluation process laid out in the revised strategy, but it will not look like what's in there now. CNF would not have developed that strategy if it weren't for CFLRP. The watershed condition-class assessments will likely be a bigger project driver than the restoration strategy. Things that were "too strategic"—skips, gaps guidance; stand vs. landscape heterogeneity—will likely be edited out. Tom will send what he's going to pull out of the piece that Derek wrote. Take home message: this is not the process that's going to meet the challenge of consistent collaboration in what happens in the NEWFC restoration zone across the forest.

11. Rx Fire 101: Provided input to Brogan re Rx fire presentation, which he and Dick will use to develop a draft scope for the presentation.

12. Churchill: see #10 above

13. CNF/NEWFC MOU: Send LJW the marked up edition of the MOU we created at the meeting with Maurice, LJ, and Brann.

14. Project-level Collaboration process monitoring: explore the ability to incorporate this into the collaboration workshop.

15. Capacity: CNF capacity is going to be reduced on account of several staff opting for the early-retirement strategy. Laura Jo also expressed confusion over Heflick's capacity given the memo to partners that Mitch distributed a couple of months ago.

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