

**Blue Mountain Forest Partners
Full Group Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2009**

Our Mission: Enhance forest ecosystem health, economic opportunities and public safety in Grant County through collaboration.

Present: Mike Billman, Elaine Kohrman, Mat Carter, Roy Walker, Dave Traylor, Dianne Browning, Mike Browning, Mark Webb, Doug Gouchner, Charlie O'Rorke, Roy Walker, Karen Coulter, Dan Bishop, Mike Tatum, King Williams, Glen Johnston, Elaine Korhman, Tim Lillebo, George Meredith, Curt Qual, Eric Wunz, Jeff Fields, Amanda Lyndsey, Robbie Piehl, Bob Crisler.

The next Full Group (Group) meeting will be **Thursday, February 19th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm**. The location will be at the Federal Building

I. Previous Meeting Notes

- 1) Minutes from the November meeting approved unanimously.

II. Damon Subcommittee Update

- 1) The Damon Proposed Action was not available for the meeting but will be available next week. It will be discussed at the February 19th Full Group meeting. If necessary, there could be a conference call to provide clarification and respond to questions before the next Full Group meeting.

III. Large Landscape Analysis (LLA) and Project Prioritization

- 1) Jeff gave a presentation from the BMFP's 30,000 Foot Sub-Committee on LLA and project prioritization. Project prioritization is based on the effectiveness of wildfire suppression and management; availability of biomass for local industry, impacts on local and regional species of concern; and impacts to desired forest conditions. Members of the Full Group would like to see soils and aquatics added as selection criteria.
- 2) Key Points in selecting the LLA project area include: Where - the combined area of the Grant and Harney LLA projects, When - process completed within 10 months, How - build on the 5 most relevant criteria from the Malheur Forest's existing Strategic Plan, Who - Interested members of the BMFP's and the Harney County Restoration Collaborative, and What - durable stakeholder agreements regarding where in the landscape to increase the pace and scale of forest restoration on the Malheur National Forest.
- 3) Undertaking LLAs does not preclude the collaborative from working on other projects.
- 4) There is greater consensus for treating lower elevation dry pine sites than higher elevation plant communities.
- 5) The Full Group agreed to move forward on the Grant County Large Landscape Project.

IV. Dads Creek Update

- 1) Doug signed the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Dads Creek Restoration Project in December.

V. Self Evaluation Form and the Decision Making Process

- 1) The update to the Operations Manual and the results of the self-evaluation survey are not ready to present to the Full Group. Both will be discussed at the Full Group meeting in February.

VI. RAC Proposal

- 1) The RAC proposal suggested by Emily will not be pursued by BMFP at this time.

VII. 30,000 Foot View Team, Overview of the Malheur National Forest and Measures of Success

- 1) George updated the Group on the January 9th Overview Team meeting.
- 2) Mike Tatum gave a presentation and handed out material on information now available for parts 1 and 2 and the insect portion of part 3 of the overview of the Forest including the acres set aside from management (approximately 200,00 acres/20% of the forest) and the acres burned by wildfire by decade from 1960 to present. The next stage is gathering the inventory and harvest information.
- 3) George and Elaine will meet in the near future to discuss Elaine's ideas on measures of success.
- 4) There was no update on Measures of Success. Measures of Success will be discussed at the Team meeting.

VIII. Operations Group Update

- 1) The Operations Group met with the Forest Supervisor on January 15th.
- 2) Members of the Operations Group will be in Portland February 11th for a meeting with Sustainable Northwest (SNW). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss our outlook for the coming year and the respective roles of SNW and our local coordinator.