

## **Lindenberg Peninsula and Mitkof Island Stewardship Workshop #2**

May 11, 2012 6:30pm

Location: Petersburg Ranger District Conference Room  
12 N. Nordic Drive

### **Agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>
15 Minutes	Welcome and Introductions	Group
5 Minutes	Process Reminders	Anderson
45 Minutes	Review of Collaborative Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review Roles</li><li>• Refine / Adopt Working Agreements</li><li>• Clarify / Adopt Group Purpose</li><li>• Discuss / Identify Sideboards</li><li>• Group Interest in Facilitation</li></ul>	Group
10 Minutes	Review Existing Condition / WAA Maps	Group
10 Minutes	Review Best Value Criteria Examples	Group
10 Minutes	Review Stewardship Contracting Handbook	Group
5 Minutes	Close-out, Next Steps, Date for Next Workshop	Group

### **Items requested during Workshop #1 – 5/3/12:**

- Map of WAAs (hard copies displayed at workshop, e-copies available upon request)
- Examples of Best Value Contracting Criteria (sent by e-mail, hard copies available at workshop)
- Stewardship handbook direction (send by e-mail, hard copies available at workshop)
- Cost of prior red pipe repair and replacement projects (information available at workshop)
- *Information about the Central Kupreanof Stewardship Collaborative Group and its formation (pending)*
- *Explanation of the relationship between Secure School Rural funds and Stewardship (pending)*

**Workshop Process:** These workshops are a public forum in which to discuss what people want from the Tongass NF lands that most immediately surround them. There is value in discussing the types of outcomes people want to see from their public lands, and learning about the various tools that can help get us there. Managing public lands is a complex process, which poses some challenging questions to which there are no easy answers. These workshops can help participants understand the sociopolitical constraints of the decision-making process and ultimately, the trade-offs being made with each decision. More specifically, this kind of communication effort can help define the types, locations and scale of possible or desirable activities that can take place on the landscape. It can further inform the Forest Service, and the community, on how best to craft projects for maximum local benefit on a trajectory that seeks to implement current policy and public interest. Given the complexity of the situation, the values present and the details involved, it is most likely that multiple workshops will be used to explore possible outcomes.

**Agreements – DRAFT – DRAFT- DRAFT:** Agreements are basic ground rules for healthy social discourse. They help everyone participate and keep the discussion moving forward. Agreements should be developed and adopted by the group and newcomers should be educated and brought up to speed on the agreements, by the group. Some sample agreements are suggested below;

- Be clear about the purpose of the workshop process, each meeting and of the resulting recommendations / outputs
- Listen carefully to others. We function best when we understand each other's views and values
- Present our interests, not our positions
- Avoid changing or hiding our interests to reach easy agreements or avoid conflict
- Honor our agreements by observing them and reviewing them at each workshop
- Speak our minds freely and be brief and to the point, to give other people a chance to speak
- Others?

**Roles:** The following roles are fulfilled by stakeholders who engage in a particular public / collaborative process. Some people fill multiple roles, and some roles are assigned by delegations of authority. This list may not be all-inclusive.

- Technical Experts: help to identify consequences of a particular action
- Facilitators: manage the process and help to transform group dynamics
- Conveners: pull the group together and helps co-lead through the development of purpose
- Stakeholders: show up and participate
- Recorder: capture decisions, rationale and discussions themes
- Decision Maker: identify criteria, space and sideboards
- Interests not present: stay aware and keep the group informed

**Purpose: DRAFT - DRAFT - DRAFT** - To identify land management priorities for the Lindenberg Peninsula and Mitkof Island areas. The range of possible actions is bound by the objectives of the Tongass Land Management Plan; funding available for getting work done on the ground; what we presently know about the landscape, and the capacity of a workforce to accomplish the activities identified in this process. The outcome of the workshops will be a report to the Forest Service that

outlines the most important types of projects in order of preference, and the Best Value Contracting criteria desired for use in the selection of funded projects.

- Best Value Contracting is a process by which an agency Contracting Officer can use established criteria, other than price, to determine the best value of a responsive bid. In some cases, this can allow the agency to pay a higher price-per-unit, if other values are increased.
  - A conceptual example: Operator A provides a higher bid than Operator B for specified work on public lands. Operator A offers to compete the work as a job-training service intended to improve technical skills within the local industry sector. Operator B will use his seasoned crew from some distant region. The agency Contracting Officer may conclude Operator A's higher bid price and job training service as a better value to the taxpayer because the increased skills base in the local workforce could improve the quality of future performance; potentially increase future competition for said work and in turn produce lower bid prices in the future. End of example.
- Best Value Contracting is a requirement of the agency's Stewardship Contracting Authority which we'll discuss at these workshops. It is important for the local workforce be part of the discussion when developing Best Value Criteria.

**Sideboards:** For this effort, it may be helpful for the collaborative group to have boundaries in which to deliberate. This should help the group spend their time discussing topics or issues which are;

- Within the scope of the decision maker and decisions to be made
- Timely (...in terms of both the intended duration the workshop(s) and the reasonably foreseeable future of the landscape under discussion)
- Consistent with the purpose and desired outcomes of the workshop
- Relevant to landscape conditions for Mitkof Island and the Lindenberg Peninsula... and other PRD landscapes if the group agrees.
- Consistent with the current regulatory framework (federal laws, departmental regulations, agency policies, local forest plan, etc.)

**Questions for the future:** Some random questions to get people thinking...

- How would these landscapes (Lindenberg / Mitkof) look or function in order to meet the range of interests in our locale (local, regional, national)?
- How do we want these landscapes to look/function into the future? 5 years? 10 years? 50 years?
- What actions can we take to get us there?
- Who, locally, can perform those actions?
- How do we define local?
- Who are the stakeholders that really should be here, and are there obvious interests not present at this time?
- What do residents want most from their local landscape, and how do we get it?

- Are there other local landscapes that should be part of this discussion (Thomas Bay, Portage Bay, etc.)?