

<b>Community Conversation Chart</b>  <b>Community</b>	<b>What Heard (25 people)</b>  <b>What is important to you about Recreation, Infrastructure, Land Status &amp; Special Designations</b>
<b>Ashland</b>	<p>Hunting is the main recreational draw, many other than locals during hunting season, conflicts, gates left open, cattle</p> <p>Fire aftermaths affecting recreational access, hazard trees coming down</p> <p>Ashland is isolated from population centers</p> <p>We have limited facilities such as whitetail cabin, limited streams, no fishing, horseback riding (some), the locals use the campgrounds too, and have many more visitors, recreational four wheelers are out.</p>
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	<p>The East is so different from the west, why are we doing one plan, we desire the plan to customize to the local area, we are so different.</p> <p>Challenges because local county road maintenance is not allowed to use gravel from national forest even though roads travel across the Forest, we have to go elsewhere which leads to higher costs.</p> <p>Recreational use of those county road is affected.</p>
	<b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b>
	<p>Worry about the public involvement being where population and money are, influencing the decision in the plan, which could affect this area in an unfair way. West siders don't understand ranching. The forests are used for other than recreation.</p>

	<p>Wild and Scenic Rivers not relevant here</p> <p>Wilderness is also less likely to be relevant here, don't want to see more wilderness</p> <p>Build in flexibility in the plan to adapt to the change in the land</p> <p>Hunting and riding trail designations have changed over 30 years (ie fires)</p> <p>Plan should protect grazing</p> <p>Recreation interacts with grazing – gates are left open, hunters complain about cows in area.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ashland</b></p>	<p><b>What is important to you about ecology, vegetation, air, soils, system drivers and stressors and baseline assessment of carbon stocks?</b></p>
	<p>Noxious weeds – fight them harder</p> <p>Less fire – manage fuels thru logging and grazing</p> <p>Growth of prairie dog towns affect the grasslands</p> <p>Manage the timber better</p> <p>Appreciate wildlife for hunting and trapping</p> <p>Water - do more water development, sources</p> <p>We are different from the west side, we have different recreation and different use of the Forest</p>
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	<p><b>What surprised or challenged you?</b></p> <p>How much of the Forest has burned in recent years, the conversion to grass, prairie dog towns, weeds have doubled in 10 years – what will it be going forward</p> <p>More management of grass and trees – help reduce fires and weeds,</p> <p>Weeds are huge – they take away from the plants, trees growing</p> <p>Vegetation with grazing better than 30-40 years ago</p> <p>Thin the trees</p> <p>More water sources, ACOE maintain permits</p> <p>Takes the FS a long time to do projects, differences east to west</p> <p>Prairie dog populations</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p> <p>Do more timber management</p> <p>Continue with livestock grazing</p> <p>Would rotations be possible for grazing (black hills does this)</p> <p>Don't let small populations get lost in involvement</p> <p>Concern for bears, mountain lions, affects on grazing</p> <p>Coal seam fires – no management to put them out</p>
<b>Ashland</b>	<p><b>What is important to you about social, economics, multiple uses, renewable and non-renewable, along with Tribal and cultural</b></p>
	<p>Grazing – important to graze livestock on NFS lands, grazing continues to improve, less timber</p>

	<p>Flexibility – its extremely important to range conditions – its improving and so is communication</p> <p>Grazing is the sustainability of current ranch operations It is the economic, social and cultural stability of the local community Production of the local landscape = economics</p> <p>People who live here need to be heard</p> <p>Respect our livelihood</p> <p>Fire prevention and fuels treatments, logging</p> <p>Cattle ranches</p> <p>Focus on the Ashland Ranger District</p>
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	<p>The continuation of livestock grazing</p> <p>Grazing and timber</p> <p>Big fires – management of fires – long term</p> <p>Grazing as help in fire suppression</p> <p>Look for reseeding of trees, concentrate in certain areas</p> <p>Forest Plan Revision usually loose</p> <p>Livelihood not cattle or from the forest</p> <p>Development of water, great way to manage range</p>

	<p>We are not Bozeman, keep a sense of place here, trust</p> <p>Conflicts between cattle and elk</p> <p>Multiple uses</p> <p>Manage wildlife populations</p> <p>Migration of wildlife here</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>
	<p>Long term grazing goals</p> <p>When renew permits, issue (change hands) give AUM back</p> <p>Use up allowable AUMs</p> <p>Water development</p> <p>Water locations</p> <p>Clean up downed trees or trees that have come down</p> <p>Weeds</p> <p>Desired conditions – focus on enhancing grazing and sustainability of industry</p> <p>Long term plan for forested vegetation too</p> <p>Economic impact if there is any form or reducing levels of grazing</p> <p>Powder River County economics – increased numbers</p> <p>Keep working relationships</p> <p>Use grazing for fire management</p>

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<p><b>Ekalaka</b></p>	<p>Continued livestock grazing</p> <p>Economic return</p> <p>Endangered Species Impacts – impacts of sage grouse on grazing, limiting, cutting, management requirements</p> <p>Roads, campgrounds, springs not maintained</p> <p>Noxious weeds</p> <p>Conifers need to be thinned, reduce fuels</p>
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	<p>Livestock grazing impacts from Endangered species act</p>

	<p>Airsheds – new concern – what does that really mean?</p> <p>Grizzly bear relocation, does fs have any say?</p> <p>Wilderness process?</p> <p>Allotments and impact from wilderness recommendations</p> <p>Off road use from motorized vehicles, hunters using the land on the rise, visitor use is also increasing</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>
	<p>Grazing is our livelihood, continue it</p> <p>Concern small populations are heard too</p> <p>Thin conifers</p> <p>Maintain what we already have out there</p>
<p><b>Buffalo</b></p>	<p><b>What Heard (7 people)</b></p> <p><b>What is important to you about all topics (1 table):</b></p> <p><b>Recreation, Infrastructure, Land Status &amp; Special Designations</b></p> <p><b>Ecology, vegetation, air, soils, system drivers and stressors and baseline assessment of carbon stocks</b></p> <p><b>Social, economics, multiple uses, renewable and non-renewable, along with Tribal and cultural</b></p>

	<p>Grazing is our livelihood</p> <p>Looking for holistic plan, integrated plan</p> <p>Extremely diverse forest</p> <p>Equal weight among interest groups</p> <p>Enforcement (motorized closures)</p> <p>FS tie to fish and game – manage cow elk – majority of the tags are for private land but the cow elk hang on forest, many requests to go on private land</p> <p>How does it all come together into one plan</p>
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	<p>Road maintenance</p> <p>Pine tree encroachment, fuels, thin trees</p> <p>Elk depredation – long pines</p> <p>Weed encroachment</p> <p>Some areas need to burn</p> <p>Don't want brucellosis here,</p> <p>Fire resources – work between MT and SD needs to improve, coordination, distance to Bozeman, complicated jurisdictions for fire resources</p> <p>Most species are still here</p> <p>Forest Supervisor showed up</p>

	Forest service open to listening
	<b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b>
	Value in format of meeting, forest service listening
	People are open-minded
	The land limits management, small narrow land units – no streams
	Interagency coordination – fwp (elk), blm (sage grouse)
	Spring development into plan?
	Flexibility – big plan to local level – area specific, keep it local
	Work with fish and game on elk

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<b>Big Timber</b>	<p>Don't want to see development that precludes grazing. Concerns about effects of mineral development on water and soil</p> <p>Want to ensure plan recognizes many benefits</p> <p>Ensure livestock grazing continues at current levels and that plan recognizes how public grazing supports ranching and open space, also understand that public land management has effect on private land resources, wildlife for example</p> <p>Impacts/balance between grazing and public use on adjacent private lands, recognizing impacts or rules and regulations</p>

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**What surprised or challenged you?**

How do we determine baseline information, we need to consider past baselines (recession too)

Love of the outdoors, didn't know the forest was so big, don't think climate change is human caused though

Access – no one locked gates when I was young – you can't make money keeping people out of the forest

Many other mineral resources beside platinum and palladium – make sure the forest plan maintains mineral development

How do these conversations play into plan?

**What is the big takeaway for you?**

General emphasis on recreation, access, supplanting land management recreation as opposed to weeds, timber, grazing

Should manage what we have

Enforcement

Reluctance on part of land owners to open up access

More conversation would be good

Emphasize importance of social economic factors – hardrock minerals as important resource, plan needs updating

Get it right, doesn't come around often

	<p>Make it flexible not too rigid, simple is better, few management areas</p> <p>Wildfire management and air quality – what is going to be done here?</p>
<b>Big Timber</b>	<p><b>What is important to you about ecology, vegetation, air, soils, system drivers and stressors and baseline assessment of carbon stocks?</b></p>
	<p>Weed control – better means to control weeds on forest, big problem Utilize multiple means, not just spraying</p> <p>Whitebark pine – what affect will climate change have on it?</p> <p>Fire Funding – more than weeds – people need to care as much about weeds, more concern</p> <p>Visitors are increasing, resources are decreasing</p>
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	<p>More fuels reductions and fire prevention</p> <p>Fire budget diverting funds from forest needs</p> <p>No room in recreation sites, no funds to build more sites</p> <p>Loss of district locally</p> <p>Changes in landscape – traffic increasing, recreation increasing, invasive weeds increasing, use of campgrounds increasing, loss of 1 – 1 contact</p> <p>70% of the forest is already is a designation of some sort</p>

	<p>Increase in climate change</p> <p>Restocking of native fish is good – keep it up</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>
	<p>Use of pesticides for invasive species and how long term affects might play out</p> <p>Good about feeling heard here in the format</p> <p>Endangered and threatened species should get their own area to thrive</p> <p>Public access being reduced – not helping teach future generations</p> <p>Change in demographics, affecting ecology negatively</p> <p>Volunteering should be explored, more to help facilitate needs on the forest (friends groups)</p>
<p><b>Big Timber</b></p>	<p><b>What is important to you about Recreation, Infrastructure, Land Status &amp; Special Designations</b></p>
	<p>Makes sense to study rivers, waterways, wilderness</p> <p>Past recommendations – can those be used?</p> <p>Not a fan of additional designated management – have not seen it work well for the Lee Metcalf</p> <p>Increase day use/activity for outfitter and guides, (backpacking)</p> <p>Keep access points and look into opening more, ones that were once open but are no longer, need to educate generations, maintain history of enjoying public lands</p> <p>Control the damage of overuse (big timber canyon) – only access now</p>

	<p>Recreation opportunities are harder on this forest than compared to other forests/states</p> <p>FS easements created in past for trail maintenance may need to be improved – has effects on permit holders and general public</p> <p>Lack of management of access points – particularly where access goes through private land</p> <p>Account for increase in population growth</p> <p>Better understanding of historical access, public needs</p>
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	<p>Budget needs to be addressed for better management of facilities</p> <p>Before seeking more access manage current access better</p> <p>Increase in use (up 38% since 2009)</p> <p>Decrease in roads</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>
	<p>Wild and scenic river eligibility – Boulder – concerned restrictions that come with it- improvement impacts – 12 eligible miles – maybe narrow it down?</p> <p>3.1 million visitors here to recreate</p> <p>Concerned about mineral use</p> <p>Losing local offices</p>

	<p>More comfort in smaller group to speak – format good</p> <p>Need economic input to maintain forest service – grazing and other means</p> <p>Through forest plan revision can we re-look at eligible rivers to see if improvement impacts would happen – looking at 7-10 miles of more road improvement if eligible?</p> <p>Concern about grazing, mineral and timber production if river (boulder) is found eligible</p>
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<p><b>Red Lodge</b></p>	<p>Horses in the Pryors for their genetic purity and strong cultural ties</p> <p>People want to see wild setting</p> <p>Wilderness is multiple use – recreation, wildlife, water, protection of cultural resources</p> <p>Tribal management of Pryors – work with Tribe, NFS</p> <p>Multiple uses have 2 degrees – protect what’s here, second to protect cultural sites, tribal sites, medicinal, tepee poles (specific sizes – 16-18-20=24’), spiritual connections, need to protect Crow connection to the Pryors, how is FS integrating the Tribes</p> <p>Determine desired conditions and manage accordingly</p> <p>Manage across boundaries, work with the BLM, 3 WSA’s adjacent to, paleontological sites</p>

	<p>Pryors have spiritual, ecological and cultural uniqueness – need big picture vision to protect</p> <p>Opportunities for tourism – wild horses, many international visitors to area already,</p>
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	<p>Infrastructure maintenance is going down, budgets</p> <p>Adjacent communities and economic impact is huge, reach out and work with communities</p> <p>Sustainability – encouraging visitors, but impacts our resources, not sustainable</p> <p>Assessment is cursory, don't know a lot yet</p> <p>Wildlife spiritual</p> <p>Weeds being spread</p> <p>Erosion on roads</p> <p>Seek help from the public to fill your gaps</p> <p>Technology creates challenges, plan has to be flexible</p> <p>Public lands big driver to state economy</p> <p>Enforcing plans and policies</p> <p>Budget, staffing, agency efficiencies, getting people who use the forest to be involved</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>

	<p>FS needs to interact and educate public, permitting process for universities needs to be easier, - go to classroom outside – remove barriers</p> <p>Management in 86 plan – grazing big emphasis in Pryors – fs needs to manage land for appropriate uses, recognize unique areas, designate area as unique, not just mining and grazing and timber</p> <p>Need more biologists</p> <p>Managemetn and enforcement in Pryors – higher intact – smaller size, no FS presence over there</p> <p>Restore the pyrors so can support what existed – designation to protect some areas</p> <p>Sign areas where people can walk and drive so people know</p> <p>Pryors vegetation is important and forest service not paying attention – too many roads exist, only 1 mile of hiking trail</p> <p>Listen to and involve advocacy groups</p> <p>What other groups need to be in conversation? – motorized, extractive?</p>
<p><b>Red Lodge</b></p>	<p><b>What is important to you about ecology, vegetation, air, soils, system drivers and stressors and baseline assessment of carbon stocks?</b></p>
	<p>Water sources</p> <p>Active restoration management</p> <p>Weeds assessment in pryors</p> <p>Botanists – protection, monitoring, rare plants, vegetative communities, favored conditions in 30 years, effect all resources</p>

	<p>Security of habitat</p> <p>Climate change</p> <p>Increase in number of specialists</p> <p>Natural resources areas,</p> <p>Impacts on vulnerable areas, human encroachment, weeds, wildlife</p> <p>Protection in global language</p> <p>WUI – management of fuels in urban interface</p>
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	<p>Convergence of basins, creating diversity in habitat – creating new habitat and plant life</p> <p>Watersheds protection</p> <p>Pryors seem to be getting forgotten</p> <p>Loss of unique plants and wildlife need restoration</p> <p>Vertebrate and non-vertebrate inventories, entomologist management</p> <p>Beetle infestation, need management</p> <p>Water resources – management techniques</p> <p>Need signs – similar to big horn canyon, pryors needs signs</p>

	<p>Lack of research, restoration and protection in the pryors – serve as low priority, needs to be highest,</p> <p>Awfully complex</p> <p>Fs plan needs to recognize biodiversity in the pryors</p> <p>Coordination with all agencies</p> <p>Management areas – building them with management different</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>
	<p>Impact vulnerably by human encroachment</p> <p>History has not been well told, learn the story, get a bigger picture, long term</p> <p>Flexibility to deal with the unforeseen</p> <p>Make plan manageable</p> <p>Concern with the non-predictable future</p> <p>Mention the pryors – the public does, make them a separate management area, super important for everyone</p> <p>Lack of oligists is frightening</p> <p>Don't forget the beartooths</p> <p>Not enough research has been done to go towards a plan</p>
<p><b>Red Lodge</b></p>	<p><b>What is important to you about Recreation, Infrastructure, Land Status</b></p>
	<p>Unique geology in the pryors and opportunity for teaching</p>

	<p>Impacts, FS tends to be reactive, often due to lack of resources, sometimes budget, lack of planning, inertia – no signs in advance</p> <p>Can be difficult to predict</p> <p>Preservation of existing and non-motorized recreation</p> <p>Scenic character – out of control dispersed recreation, fire rings spreading</p> <p>Preserve easy access for both non-motorized and motorized, including landing point from roads and non-motorized winter/summer use</p> <p>Pryors accessed by various motorized vehicles – they don't stop to observe place, how can FS get motorized users to get the awe appreciation</p>
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	<p>Increase in tourism from other countries, increase signs and languages needed</p> <p>How does the forest service determine the threshold for human intrusion to ecological values</p> <p>When is it determined density of use, where going and by what means</p> <p>Pryors have road counters could be good idea</p> <p>Places other than the pryors can demand more attention from the FS</p> <p>Tourism – ice canyon</p> <p>Too many roads leading to important cultural sites</p>

	<p>Monitoring with triggers, invasive weeds, number of people</p> <p>Desired future conditions need to have people to accomplish those goals</p> <p>Need better education, interpretive sites</p> <p>Protection of archeological sites</p> <p>Recreation is secondary after protecting resources</p> <p>Match blm and fs plans – road closure timing example</p> <p>BLM WSA – snowmobiles allowed on the 2 roads – no cross-country in that, conflicts with mgmt. direction</p> <p>Sites vandalized – that are revered by Tribe, south of sage creek – canyon – place where Big Ox fasted, not acknowledge by recreationists</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>
	<p>Electronic trail reports to report damage – app (trails, roads, signs)</p> <p>Use the neighbors to help volunteer where needed</p> <p>FS apps that are educational and interpretive</p> <p>Apps don't take the place of maps though – generationally people going that way</p> <p>Cultivate partnerships and volunteers, public step up to help</p> <p>Pryors are a special place, protect sensitive places – 1<sup>st</sup> and not facilitate more use</p> <p>Roadside dispersed use can spread invasive due to roadside corridors</p> <p>Geotourism guide – expand area into larger “old wild west”</p> <p>National parks example of overwhelming use including % of bad behavior, violations,</p> <p>Signs explaining why restrictions are in place</p>

	<p>Sometimes foreign visitors are more respectful</p> <p>Meeting work well more interaction, small groups good, maybe increase time to discuss</p>
<b>Red Lodge</b>	<b>What is important to you about designated areas?</b>
	<p>Would like to see more designated wilderness, special designations, fasting sites, vision quest sites</p> <p>Would like to see more protections providing emphasis on natural processes, watersheds, be big enough to be functioning ecosystem and diversity of habitat, large special designations</p> <p>Pryor mountains protection for non-motorized use, wild horse mgmt. area on forest, uniqueness of landscape, move attention to isolate areas, benefit of the unique character</p> <p>Potential wilderness areas could be compromised, keep them pristine and protected</p> <p>Would like FS to look beyond boundaries working with other agencies that are adjacent to the pryors, looking at it long term</p> <p>Would like the tongue river analyzed for potential wilderness and wild and scenic designation</p> <p>Wild and scenic designation for crooked creek, bear canyon, punchbowl</p> <p>Acknowledge treaty rights and culturally important areas and plants</p>
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	<p>Special places – the pryors in larger context with unique attributes</p>

	<p>Scenic and recreation values on the forest across all of it need to be valued</p> <p>Ranger could start tomorrow to put emphasis on pryors not wait until 2019</p> <p>Surprising that the pryors are a focus of most groups not just designations</p> <p>Pryors are not being paid enough attention too</p> <p>Acknowledge special places and manage for long term</p> <p>Review of management for special area designations – management area K</p> <p>Decide if WSA are or are not wilderness and move on</p> <p>Public access</p> <p>Special designation areas are harder to get to and recreate in, people who recreate would be more likely to support it.</p>
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	<p>Pryors need a lot more attention and protection</p> <p>Recognize treaty rights in designated areas and elsewhere</p> <p>More coordination across agencies and communities</p> <p>Look at and incorporate multiple use in designated areas, and management techniques to protect cultural and other special places</p>
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<p><b>Gardiner</b></p>	<p>Wilderness habitat, connectivity, open space, multiple uses, recreation, water quality for preservation, ecology, grazing, invasive weeds, special use permits -new ones wanted for outfitter and guides</p> <p>Economics – people need to make a living</p> <p>Provide for a stable foundation for businesses</p> <p>CGNF part of Greater Yellowstone Area and northern Rockies, include tribes, sustainability of adjacent uses (Yellowstone national park, not all uses are suitable near park)</p>
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	<p>Homes adjacent to forest, effect on budget and fire suppression</p> <p>Invasives - impacts on grazing and from fire</p> <p>Budgets related to each use</p> <p>Economic value of forest – people move here for the forest</p> <p>Public lands belong to all</p> <p>FS – habitat maintained, FWP animal mgmt. – big government getting bigger, people paid to attend – not hearing from many</p>

	CGNF can take pressure off the park – mountain biking, outfitter and guiding, snowmobiling
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	Format good – nice to be able to talk  People may not speak if in direct opposition to each other  Might be more useful if discussions by topic

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<b>West Yellowstone</b>	<p>Concern for the amount of noxious weeds introduced by multiple uses including cattle</p> <p>West Yellowstone as a town realizes the importance of and the reliance on the use of the national forest</p> <p>Important to be open to all uses</p> <p>Share the forest</p> <p>Timber based economy is not as important as recreation based economy</p> <p>Can we try to do more designations of seemingly incompatible uses with the same management area? (not necessarily alternating days)</p> <p>Shared use can look like many different things</p> <p>Sacrifices – don't feel that there is a balance when it comes to motorized use – motorized use always gives</p>

	<p>Need to get back to a balance of the multiple uses, trail conditions and designations for use.</p> <p>Has to be a much better way than “my way of the highway”</p>
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	<p>West Yellowstone and its economic future needs to be represented and supported in this next forest plan</p> <p>On multiple use poster – fishing and hunting not represented – for need to change</p> <p>Forest Service flexibility in new plan versus very specific hard standards in old plan</p> <p>FS can do more to stabilize and enhance this community – sawmill and more of a year-round workforce, FS recognize obligation to rural community</p> <p>Decline in active management of forest</p> <p>Habitat connectivity is an issue, now what?</p> <p>How many recommended area there are that have not been designated by Congress</p> <p>Increasing pressure of use of the forest (recreationally) yet declining budgets</p> <p>The challenge in finding a balance with the multiple use concept</p> <p>Challenge of being free to use the forest and not be like the park but also not to ruin it</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>
	<p>Thinking about what restrictions in the forest plan mean to the economic well-being of that town, county, school, ect, learn from what other forest have done.</p>

	<p>Two way street, partnerships, the forest recognizes and supports local communities and in turn local communities are invest in the forest</p> <p>Budget – discrepancy between increase usage and decrease budget, lack of funding</p> <p>FS has done a better job recently of communicating, stretching their dollar and investing back in the community</p>
<p><b>West Yellowstone</b></p>	<p><b>What is important to you about ecology, vegetation, air, soils, system drivers and stressors and baseline assessment of carbon stocks?</b></p>
	<p>Forest plan with site specificity but also elasticity</p> <p>Forest Health</p> <p>Bison – focus species</p> <p>Minimize lawsuits – minimize management</p>
	<p><b>What strikes you or had real meaning about the Assessment of Existing Conditions to date and Need to Change ideas?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>&amp;</b></p> <p><b>What surprised or challenged you?</b></p>
	<p>Amount of recreation</p> <p>Habitat connectivity</p> <p>Improve migration corridor for wildlife, livestock conflict with them</p>

	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>
	<p>Communication important</p> <p>New and different perspectives, diverse forest and public</p> <p>Blessed with public land, trend for more use of the Forest, not compatible uses/demand</p> <p>Multiple uses still useful</p> <p>Format of meeting was useful</p>
<p><b>West Yellowstone</b></p>	<p><b>What is important to you about Recreation, Infrastructure, Land Status</b></p>
	<p>Opportunities provide enrichment but concerned about conflict and impacts resulting from rapid growth</p> <p>Rec opportunities important</p> <p>I pay taxes, no more fees</p> <p>Plans and manger – access for minorities and underprivileged – concern about four – wheelers</p> <p>Recreational taking of products</p> <p>It is our forest – concern about increase use, maintain balance</p> <p>Public unless I do something about it</p> <p>Philosophy – multiple use is a blessing and a curse – should uses be separated? Revise – segregate uses that are different by landscape and incompatible</p>

	<p>Connect with forest – designate uses, access points, limit use overall</p> <p>Concern responsible to manage forest – don't just leave alone</p> <p>Public access and maintain multiple use</p> <p>Increase handicap access- ability to maintain safety for disabilities</p> <p>Concern for budget to manage forest – keep improvements to minimum</p>
	<p><b>What strikes you or had real meaning about the Assessment of Existing Conditions to date and Need to Change ideas?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>&amp;</b></p> <p><b>What surprised or challenged you?</b></p>
	<p>Need for more volunteer opportunities</p> <p>Why not sooner to make new plan</p> <p>Forest swaying toward motorized use – closing and restrictions of motorized</p> <p>Education about noxious weeds</p> <p>Provide community forums</p> <p>Create improvements to deal with</p> <p>Abilities of users – wide skill base</p> <p>New technologies</p> <p>Number of new users and population</p> <p>Impact of climate change</p>

	<p>The increase of recreation</p> <p>Economy of communities is important</p> <p>Limiting because of budget and policies</p> <p>Maintaining ecosystems</p> <p>How to accommodate increase of recreation</p> <p>Creating a plan that can be flexible under changing budgets</p> <p>Wildlife corridors</p> <p>Listing to concerns from tonight</p> <p>Worried about loss of more motorized use</p> <p>Amount of recreation has increased and will continue</p> <p>Dealing with new technology</p> <p>Struck by the challenge of budgets, politics, climate change</p> <p>Green belt on corridor on old rail beds – need new bridges</p> <p>Evaluate areas that would lead to more land and spread out multiple uses, demand,</p> <p>Minimize dangers with more use especially public byways</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>
	<p>What is important – potential distribution of public lands and state take over of public lands – example fire suppression – debt incurred by states</p> <p>Access issues – fluid definition –decreased access</p>

	<p>Education – about designated areas</p> <p>Great uniformity across forest service of definitions</p> <p>Public access – last plan site specific should it be carried forward or highlighted – are more areas we need to incur access</p> <p>Green, conflicted, necessary, adventurer, multifunctional, important piece of more</p> <p>Adaptive management so where something new happens can be changes</p> <p>Politics</p> <p>Continue land swaps to reduce checkerboard- with private land, keep access open</p> <p>Education to public about noxious weeds</p>
<p><b>West Yellowstone</b></p>	<p><b>What is important to you about designated areas?</b></p>
	<p>Interested to learn about what the plan is</p> <p>Co-owner of local store – special use permit for winter sports, designated areas as applies to businesses and personal recreation</p> <p>Works for wilderness organization looking at changes in the last 30 years – looking out 20 years from now – need for change in designation- good opportunities for growing</p> <p>Very important personal and religious reason to preserve wilderness without human impact</p>

	<p>Designation for Lionhead to look to other than wilderness for example – cabin creek recreation management, allow mechanized and motorized use whatever happens should coordinate with targhee national forest –</p> <p>Areas open aren't being harvest as is, fire before harvest occurs</p> <p>Wilderness is too permanent of a decision</p>
	<p><b>What strikes you or had real meaning about the Assessment of Existing Conditions to date and Need to Change ideas?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>&amp;</b></p> <p><b>What surprised or challenged you?</b></p>
	<p>Concern about mis-use in wilderness</p> <p>Work regarding local railroad trail and ashton – mountain biking</p> <p>Lots of interest in current management of Lionhead, not designated can it be “unrecommend” congressional designation eliminates flexibility</p> <p>Less opportunities for motorized use, more kids in woods but less area for use of motorized sports</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>
	<p>Business owner - mountain biking – support more</p> <p>Lionhead would rather give up the mountain biking opportunity if the designation would take away motorized/mechanized but skiing allowed</p> <p>Does mountain biking on liionhead – why do horses go everywhere –debate about horses vs mountain biking in wilderness</p> <p>Not very well informed yet about designated areas but from what heard – concern about loss of motorized uses – not getting same chance to visit areas in the national forest</p>

	<p>Not a motorized user, personal level its important to know that wilderness exists, seeking a balance, compromise to have both</p> <p>Rotate thru areas (open/closed) to use</p> <p>Enforcement – lack of understanding of closures</p> <p>Need more conversations among user groups</p>
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<p><b>Community Conversation Chart</b></p> <p><b>Community</b></p>	<p><b>What Heard (112 people)</b></p> <p><b>What is important to you about social, economics, multiple uses, renewable and non-renewable, along with Tribal and cultural</b></p>
<p><b>Bozeman</b></p>	<p>Forest products in a sustainable way</p> <p>Sustainability is important both of resources and economics, communities, understanding historical uses</p> <p>Tribal importance and providing for those interests</p> <p>Economics of recreation</p> <p>Sustainable grazing</p> <p>MUSY act – sustainable uses developed</p> <p>Explore locations for renewable energy sources</p> <p>Use most up to date economics</p> <p>Social and cultural draw for people to come here</p>

Base recreation analysis in all areas of forest – even lower populations

Permitting process – game retrieval, elderly and disabled

Managing for multiple uses, recreation, currently dominates, needs more balance – need to manage as priority – (grazing, timber and mining)

Climate change affects all topics

Grazing hurts watersheds, damages roads

Consider the economic impact of mining – some recreationists may not want to go there anymore

Domestic livestock – open range doesn't charge enough – yes historic use, but also encounters with recreationists

These topics here affect the character of the forest

Flexibility in plan

Historical uses should take precedence – Tribal too

Process skewed under influence

Economic impacts – mountain bike community

Community benefits – natural attractions as a benefit – concerns on litigation and compromises

Large access areas

Manage the scale of disruptive change

Benefits to communities, not just the money

Preservation of wild areas, and connectivity for wildlife, still provide for resilient ecosystems and balance of humans

Where do the benefits come from, balancing the financial benefits with the ecological needs

**What strikes you or had real meaning about the Assessment of Existing Conditions to date and Need to Change ideas?**

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**What surprised or challenged you?**

Focusing area in smaller vs more areas and spreading it out

Impacts of all the general uses and recreational/human uses

As population grows how do you not overrun it?

Need to provide jobs, mining, logging, Montana is low on the income wage scale

The breadth of this forest and balancing it all is surprising

Improvements in the Bridger's – more money goes where the population is

Fire prevention – so much money spent on fire

People really care a lot about this forest

More trails and opportunities as population grows

Use emerging technologies where can help

Balance recreation and all multiple uses

This plan is not driven by production, sustainability instead

	<p>15 Tribes – historic uses, don't lose cultural ties</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Access in the Crazyies</p> <p>Balance so many interests</p> <p>Keep flexibility in order to be adaptive to the needs and changes that happen</p> <p>Jobs are important (goods) while always keeping in mind the drivers of wild areas, Recreation opportunities, bringing people</p> <p>Forest service thinking about climate change</p> <p>Size of forest, diversity, management are challenge on the combined forest – how do you manage that?</p>
<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>	
	<p>Biology, habitat, resources – first priority, before adding people, users, uses</p> <p>Number of organizations, interests, be flexible and come together</p> <p>So many people working on this</p> <p>Nobody wants to degrade the resources, find the commonality in people's interests</p> <p>Consider your limited resources</p> <p>Finite resources, can't do everything everywhere</p> <p>All groups need to talk with each other, do better job solving problems</p> <p>Budgets are not adequate, pay for services?</p> <p>Many of the same concerns, we come from different interests but similar concerns</p>

Maintain balance

Health of ecosystem over “my interests”

50 years from now what you want it do look like – then work backward

Population growth – respect all, flexibility, work together

Impressed by community being able to listen to one another

Look at solar, geothermal and wind energy on forest

Multiple competing uses – sustainability over the long run

Health of the forest should always trump everyone’s wants/needs/expectations

Need adaptability, flexibility

Closing areas only shifts it to other areas – lighten the footprint over greater areas, in light of population

Do we have the tools available to even defeat change soon enough – data, monitoring?

Changes need to be identified also things that need to stay the same

What a tough balance when you really think about all the competing uses

Way more to it than just recreation

**Bozeman**

**What is important to you about ecology, vegetation, air, soils, system drivers and stressors and baseline assessment of carbon stocks?**

Area is keystone – need to protect it

Landscape level perspective is critical

Climate change

Effects of weeds on resources

Invasive weeds are getting away from us, losing the battle

Flexibility in plan

Emotional connection to nature – need for refuge

Science behind – oversnow motor vehicle use

Some of last untamed wild areas

Water resources

Value of silence – increase in number of people

Plan and forest should be integrated in Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

Connectivity = critical in low lands too

Invasive species = humans

Concern in increasing population, stressors on ecosystems

Whitebark pine decline – small trees left – beetles climate dependent species – griz bears, long term viability modeling

Address fuel concerns – flexibility to address wildland urban interface, management and flexibility to address vegetation management

Manage drivers and stressors, ash borer example, coherent approach to invasive species

Wildland fire – resources to manage need to have tools available to address fire concerns

Growth and watersheds

Water quality – quantity – with fire budget – growing population

Climate change – conservation of watersheds and properly functioning – address parameters for watershed resilience and climate change

Manage, study, understand look with new lens – soils, trails where soils are compacted or disturbed, soil protection

FWP Data gaps – can assist with information

Keep habitat managed for threatened and endangered, proposed and candidate

Recreation in balance – impacts from recreation

Precaution and monitor – be careful – science and latest technology

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**What surprised or challenged you?**

Glad to see climate change – a little vague – will continually change – plan adaptability

Gaps in knowledge, some fundamental data

Aquatic ecosystems – what is at risk and how are they managed – at risk vs fully functioning – priority in management strategies – how categorize?

	<p>Potential of species of conservation concern – how selected and process, decision maker</p> <p>Cutthroat trout – and streams</p> <p>Forest wildfires – where are we with funding</p> <p>Water supply – bozeman, hyalite, managed for water supply for community</p> <p>Thresholds and hard targets</p> <p>Budget implications and priorities – why not part of the process</p> <p>Holistic approach of forest biology – not just uses</p> <p>Difficulty of tradeoffs</p> <p>Silence and emotional connection to ecosystem services</p> <p>Flexibility vs no change</p> <p>Use MSU to help fill information gaps</p> <p>Need to keep some roads for fires</p> <p>Drop in forest funding</p> <p>What about timber production</p> <p>Lack of fire in bridgers in surprising</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>
	<p>Need more transparency</p> <p>Layout context of forest plan better, what it is and what it is not</p>

So much information – a lot on table – how do we make a plan for all this

Build more partnerships

Too much info

Population increases, resources are going down, how do you take this into account in plan?

Need to communicate process better, how is this different than the 82 rule or regular project planning?

Population demands on forest – manage so that forest remains intact

Important ecosystems intact here in Bozeman, pressure from population growth, challenge moving forward – find balance and preserve

How to manage the population pressure, competing demands, how does community address, ecosystem sustainability

Preserve wild areas and climate change – collective concern – resources balanced over the long term

Species of conservation concern

Concern how fs intends to make hard choices, and who making them? Public input, how balancing all requests, desires, competing interests, what criteria, weight to make hard choices?

Concern from users – how we can make it happen together, conflict with uses – all in this together – no favoritism – personal responsibility

Eyes open to the increasing population – good to get people in the wood – concern direction of public and responsibly of forest service

**Bozeman**

**What is important to you about Recreation, Infrastructure, Land Status & designated areas**

Get out and do a lot, floating, camping, etc, the population increase is causing competition for resources and degradation is happening. Need more and to preserve what we have, interest is increasing

Recreation is driver of our economy. Technology is allowing further and higher access

Flexibility

Largest unprotected land next to Yellowstone – wilderness is one resource

Interested in clean, cold, connected waterways, warmer temperatures coming

Interested in increasing quite recreation – winter waterways too, going slower, backcountry horseman clubs access for traditional access although egress with multiple uses- want to keep local trails open and volunteer efforts

Backcountry horseman do for horses and equine – but have friends that do for motorized

Focus on education and share rather than compete not degrade, share non-wilderness trails, backcountry horseman largest group cleaning trails

Trail use conflict is increasing

Right opportunity in right place at right time

Education and etiquette are key

Meet the needs for changing population uses, demographics

Maintain ecosystems – not finite resources

Outfitter and guide policy

Access non adequate

Recreation – condition or opportunity available e, expand the opportunities for more access

With growing populations and more people doesn't necessarily mean more trails, remember other resources and natural environment

WSA has been studied for 39 years – would like to see some type of advancement, long term of HPBH

Recreation pressures have skyrocketed its everywhere and too much

Forest has mismanaged recreation and wilderness, neglected, would like to see more designation as wilderness

Travel plan ignores the needs of hikers as hikers

More wilderness – Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn designated

Sustainability of growing population and how were going to better manage recreation, like to see some strong actions taken to consolidate particularly the crazy mountains, making it difficult to manage otherwise, and provide opportunity – need more public awareness

Access

Balance – as population expands we need to maintain trail system to maintain resources and opportunities, provide access to new areas, trails as it is built or available

Look at data and determine impacts by use

Have appreciation for wild and want better access

Not many opportunities in lower 48 for wilderness make those happen

Trail maintenance – need to get more people (FS employees to manage the resource)

Look at sustainability between mix of recreation and special areas, special areas don't stay special when they get hammered, follow and improve and adhere to regulations around special designations and wilderness areas

With population growth and people moving here for recreational opportunities would like to see front country areas put under special designations status, (moser) – want to involve clubs, engage clubs in a special designation that involved clubs in management

North side of HPBH needs access, desire re-opening, re-routing trail #182 to open access, west pine would be great for hunting and fishing

Mountain bikes miss access to the Gallatin crest and big creek trails

Forest plan is an opportunity, certain areas may need direction and designation but may not fit into the future

Be careful of protecting for only human values and recreation, some places more wilderness other just for human values and recreation but also what is the impact, homes are not the most important or are they?

Forest plan is a once in a generation opportunity, types of designations protect the reason people are using the forest, create a certainty for the future, that values will be there for the future

Recreation increasing, population is stress on forest, ability to enjoy

Recreation and wildlands are what define this region and make this a great place to live, it's our backyard, very important, makes it a special place, define communities

Moved to area because of what forest provides, concerned about designated uses, Wilderness and WSA's are very important, recreate in diverse ways, need to preserve wilderness, so available for future generations

Multiple use component, 5<sup>th</sup> generation Montanan and seen the change in growth, diverse opinions, representation of some opinions might be smaller but diverse users – forest plan is opportunity to think proactively about increasing population and how to

	<p>manage the forest considering the different uses. Uses for different types of recreation zones</p> <p>Think about recreation as a primary use and filter, new planning rule helps forest look at recreation as important use,</p> <p>Have something for everyone out there, access for everyone, important for health, can't get to many places for the use we wish to have,</p> <p>Flexibility</p> <p>Maintain access</p> <p>Education important,</p> <p>Concern that certain groups deserve an area, don't exclude anyone or use</p> <p>Respect comes from education and management</p> <p>Enjoy activity, some designations are necessary to protect wildlife, plants</p> <p>Recreation is more than just an activity</p>
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	<p>Recommended wilderness – wondering if established uses will have an effect on designation</p> <p>Expand the number of trails, increase access, limit use, make more areas accessible, help alleviate some pressure</p> <p>Use the concept of how grazing is managed – rotations for looking at recreation too.</p>

Keep in mind we want this place to exist into future.

Recreation is a community builder, balance the use, wilderness excludes people, WSA allows some uses, doesn't tear community apart, everyone's voice must be heard, where do we decide as a community certain places are appropriate

Consider tradeoffs of unintended consequences

Declining budget and effect on opportunity to maintain what we have

Overwhelmed by other interests

Forest has a huge job, how much can we change with forest, plan, recreation budget stays the same, population continues to increase, - need more \$, sustainable and constant

How do we create a forest plan that is sustainable given the financial limitations, identify new partnerships, that can help address the needs, recognize various types of special designations and use them,

some recreation uses can displace other uses recognize that, climate change is important to consider as well, we know changes are occurring, account for this.

Determining what landscapes can sustain is difficult

Forest plan considers connectivity for wildlife, maintain and protect

Protect watersheds, main source of water for county and surrounding areas, improve native fisheries,

Think about increasing recreation as an economic driver for place like Bozeman but look beyond fs boundary to develop opportunities

Think about greater good of the areas and unintended consequences to other areas if some areas are shut down

Need more mountain biking opportunities

Access and opportunity

	<p>Share specific examples of tradeoffs, impacts in community forum when come back</p> <p>This is complex, the more people involved the better the solutions,</p> <p>Recreation opportunity spectrum</p> <p>Increase in use and changing demographics</p> <p>Different base levels of knowledge at each meeting</p> <p>Surprised to hear the segregation among user groups</p> <p>Integration of all lands, not isolation, partnerships, beyond boundaries</p> <p>Interested in backcountry horseman, equestrian use</p> <p>Education of bikers and responsible use</p> <p>All groups seem interested in health of forest</p> <p>Don't understand why anyone would be against wild and scenic designation</p> <p>Enforcement</p> <p>Winter snowbikes on cross-country groomed – Bozeman creek and West Yellowstone</p>
	<p><b>What is the big takeaway for you?</b></p>
	<p>Many user groups, interested in preserving their specific use</p> <p>Collaborate, work together, balance uses, avoid conflicts</p> <p>Everyone loves the forest</p> <p>This format helps everyone more, open to listening to other people in the conversation, talking to each other, instead of talking at agencies</p>

Challenges on east side of the forest, Bozeman based view of the world could take over areas, but plan will recognize diversity of community and landscape – the plan is not a one size fits all, different economic drivers

Immense scale of the land area, user groups, daunting task

Budget access and usage areas

FWP perspective – forest is multiple use, wildlife interactions with all of these, diverse groups are here, hard to get people to some meetings and have that diversity

Science behind wildlife and recreation, social conflicts, information may be more relative to where conflicts arise

Overwhelming how much dealt with in the plan

Population change and climate change are common themes

FS has a long history of screwing up ecosystems removing a species and consequences can be huge – must balance everything

Connectivity of diverse types of forest – critical for future

Would be interest in learning about conflict like wildlife corridors with recreation – where can we get this?

Interest in seeing an condensed EIS for trail use

Intersections of diverse uses and resources – this is often a place where conflict happens

Recreation and conservation where is the conflict happening

Technology has changed – forest plan has to change, interface with different user groups in new ways, agencies are behind

Common themes in room – sustainability, climate change, increase in population/pressure

Outfitter guide policy

More on WSA

Focus on what's existing

Settings and access not reflected – show in consideration

Remove barriers for non-profits, youth, underprivileged

User groups need to explore ways to share, rotation? Not everyone at the same time

Interest in rosebud creek drainage wild and scenic

Everyone loves the land and we care about it

Meeting style great – have conversation, worked well, lot of communicating going on

More access and more trails

Taking away access can affect communities

Need opportunities to spread the love of area out

Perspective is good, taking others perspectives into account and trying to understand – helps people get along and compromise

Good thing so many people love our public lands, need to think about how to engage our youth

Funding is a big hurdle, start thinking about how to fund maintenance and cost issues, partnerships

Importance of maintaining ecological integrity with all recreational uses, recreation is the primary use of forest tin this area, how do we sustain all types of uses with ecological integrity

WSA – the integrity of these wildlands can become more important as use increases, maintain opportunities for solitude,

Budgets vs. recreation – great opportunities for volunteers, tap into this resource

Dispersed recreation – there is a periphery of these areas that are love to death (first 3 miles) – think about how we can spread out the love and overuse, impact first 3 miles