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Dear Stakeholders,

The Public Lands Partnership (PLP) is soliciting individuals who represent specific stakeholder interests to serve on a collaborative Adaptive Management Group (AMG). The primary purpose of the group will be to assist the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest in the implementation and monitoring of treatment projects designed to respond to the spruce beetle epidemic and decline of aspen stands occurring in specific priority areas on the GMUG. The anticipated timeframe for full implementation is anywhere from 8 to 12 years.

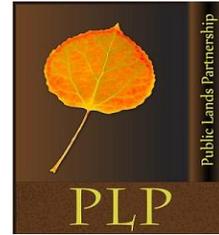
In the fall of 2014, PLP convened a Spruce Beetle Epidemic and Aspen Decline (SBEADMR) Working Group to provide education and public outreach during the planning process (NEPA) for this forest management response plan. Now that the final Record of Decision (ROD) has been signed and implementation is underway, the SBEADMR Working Group recommends the transition to a more formalized collaborative group (AMG) to work with the Forest and SBEADMR Science Team. The following interest groups have been identified to have “seats” at the AMG table to ensure diverse and consistent representation throughout the multi-year implementation process:

- County commissioners or designee – 7 seats depending on interest from counties in which projects are occurring (Delta, Hinsdale, Gunnison, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel)
- Environmental/conservation groups – 2 seats
- Forestry processors – 1 seat
- Forestry loggers – 1 seat
- Community member-at-large from each timber zone: - 3 seats
- Water resources – 1 seat
- Recreational user groups – 1 seat
- Wildlife and fish interests – 1 seat
- Education – 1 seat

The PLP is inviting you to recommend an individual to represent your interest at the “table” and to designate an alternate position as well. PLP will convene an initial organizational meeting in late January, 2017 to invite all interested individuals to learn more about the role of this SBEADMR Adaptive Management Group in the implementation process. At that meeting if there are more individuals interested than seats available for a given interest group, that group will caucus among itself/themselves to select individuals for the designated number of seat(s) and their alternates.

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Please submit the name(s) of individual(s) you would recommend and contact information to Public Lands Partnership at info@publiclandspartnership.org no later than January 13, 2017.

If you or an interested individual desires more information about SBEADMR and/or the Adaptive Management Group, you may contact Chris Miller, PLP Coordinator at 970-640-7076.

Thank you,

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