

## FOREST PLAN WORKGROUP MEETING

### YAAK GEOGRAPHIC AREA

10/02/03

Workgroup Participants:

Rick Bass  
Linda Stehlik  
Jim Mayo  
Pam Fuqua  
Mary Campbell  
Robyn King  
Roger Gilligan  
Gena Gilligan  
Bill Wilson  
Steve Garrett  
Dennis Welch  
Steve Eisenberg  
Christina Eisenberg  
Todd Tanner  
David Cronenwett  
Brian Lawson  
Meghan Gill  
Scott Daily  
Randy Beacham  
Carolyn Bennett  
Gordon Christianson  
Joan Christianson  
Randy Pennock  
Sherry Pennock  
Dana Wallace  
Wade Kidder  
Chris Desorey  
Mike France  
Chuck Leidigh  
Camille Leidigh  
Joanne Linehan

Forest Service Representatives:

Mike Balboni, Three Rivers District Ranger  
Jack Zearfoss, Forest Plan Transportation Specialist  
Willie Sykes, Forest Plan Public Affairs Specialist  
Russ Gautreaux, District Silviculturist  
Kathy Mohar, District Planning Staff  
Joni Manning, District Wildlife Biologist

Following introductions the group watched a powerpoint presentation on the Forest Planning process, summary of Yaak Geographic Area comments from the last meeting, and the purpose of the workgroup.

The DEIS is scheduled for release 9/30/04, with the FEIS and ROD 9/30/05. Mike explained that the Forest Supervisor has expressed that if a diverse community group

submits a product that was reached through collaboration, he will take it very seriously in making his decision.

The following questions or statements were discussed:

- There was a question on whether the ecological, social and economic components of the plan would be considered equally. The response was that, yes, they would, as laws allow.
- Some members felt that the comment summary from the first meeting represented their input. Mike explained that that gave us their concerns, but specifics are needed to develop the desired future condition statements and other aspects for the revised Forest Plan.
- It is possible that the group could develop a product but then be litigated anyway by an outside party. Mike explained that litigation is always a possibility. The point was made that the Forest Service would have a stronger case with a community-based solution.
- Jack stressed the importance of the members becoming familiar with the “Analysis of the Management Situation” available on the KIPZ website and on CD or hard copy.

Discussion followed on how the group wanted to proceed, and the following decisions were made:

- A desired future condition (DFC) for the Yaak GA would be a good first product, then they will work toward developing DFCs for each issue. The group will begin the first meeting by discussing what is important to each member and how they think the group should be organized and proceed. Specific timelines will be developed.
- The group will work together as one large group, rather than smaller groups.
- The group will meet once a month, with the next meeting 10/29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Upper Yaak Work Center. (The Forest Service will start the woodstove:}) Meetings will be restricted to 2 hours duration. Members will handle the meeting notifications.
- The district will provide a facilitator and notetaker for the first meeting.

#### Information Needs:

- Good examples of DFC statements from other forests.
- General information on forest plans, ESA, CWA, etc.
- A list of things that cannot be changed and/or are worthless to discuss; show areas of flexibility
- Information from recent site-specific projects to gain an understanding of how forest plan DFCs, goals, objectives and standards apply.
- A summary of other comments the forest has received to date.

- Map or maps of:
  - IRAs
  - Contours
  - Roads (open/restricted, etc.)
  - Streams

*S/Kathy Mohar*