

Priest Workgroup in Priest, ID
Meeting Notes
11/05/03

Attendees: Forest Service – Kathy Murphy and Gary Ford. Public – Joann Hirabayashi, Richard Benscoter, Family Booth, Loren Kendall, William White, Lucas Wingert, Vince Aquirre, Mike Sudnikovich, Steve Anderson, Margy Hall, George Friebott IV, Mark Kabush, and (Pell and Hall – don't understand this person's name from the sign-in sheet and only have email for them)

Kathy welcomed and went over the agenda:

- Introductions and welcome
- Old Business
- Ground Rules
- Forest Plans
- Revision Process
- Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS)
- Next Steps

Gary Ford led a discussion about 1) Forest Plan and Planning Process, 2) Forest Plan Revision Process, and 3) Current situation as described in the AMS.

- 1) Forest Plan and Planning Process: handouts included:
 - a. What a Forest Plan Does and Does Not Do
 - b. The six Decisions made in a Forest Plan
 - c. Table Contents from 1987 Forest Plan
 - d. Example of MA1
- 2) Forest Plan Revision Process:
 - a. Discussed “stepdown”, looking at broadscale assessments as part of revision.
- 3) Current situation as described in the AMS
 - a. Handout of the KIPZ powerpoint presentation from the June meetings that discussed what is in the AMS.
 - b. Gary discussed the AMS process, basis and results.

Questions:

- Should more enforcement be included in monitoring?
- Should budgetary constraints be used to set priorities in plans?
- Are any adjacent plans doing that?
- Will same MA delineations be used in the new Forest Plans?
- How is ICBEMP used in the Forest Plan revision process?
- Is there a rate of return (\$) displayed through/in the Forest Plan?

- Were watershed assumed to be “functioning properly” prior to European settlement?
- What are workgroups going to be able to do? Will products be used?
- If workgroups can’t correct flaws in the process, then were wasting our time.
- Is the workgroup Desired Future Condition going to be the DFC used for the GA?

Next Meeting: Nov. 19th at 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Priest Lake Ranger Station Cookhouse.

Agenda:

- Planning Team Schedule (steps)
- Bring a specialist to talk about Vegetation and Fire Risk
- Run through an example for coming up with Desired Future condition.
- Select the revision topics that the group wants to address first.

Needs:

- URL list of links to important KIPZ and other sites (ICBEMP, Lynx Amendment etc.)
- Want a neutral (Forest Service) notetaker.