

Cabinet Ranger District
Forest Plan Revision Public Meeting
07/27/2005

Started @ 7:10 P.M.

Ground Rules:

- Not everyone will agree
- Agree to disagree
- What is on the table? Clark area & what is going to be changed.
 - Looking at whole area or smaller sections
 - Open to changing any of the MA's
 - Can't change boundaries
- Weight of meeting vs. writing in?
 - Meetings to look at map
- Why were acres for MA's never displayed?
- Regulated resources.

Starting Option Map

-Can't Change:

-Grizzly Bear Core

-WUI

-Bull Trout

-Inventoried roadless

-Designated Wilderness IA

QUESTIONS ON MAP

- What level of motorized activity in backcountry?
 - Answered site specifically later through travel management planning- separate NEPA process.
- How much will be changing? Where is motorized travel allowed?
 - Cesar: In travel management planning, motorized use can occur in 5a? A: Yes, potentially. Cesar: Then reverse should be true, that motorized use is not guaranteed in 5b.
- Travel management planning -public involvement? Yes. Closing more roads than are already closed was a concern of some..

WANT TO CHANGE OR TALK ABOUT (Participants given opportunity to identify one or two areas where they would like to see something changed on Starting Option map.)

- Economy of country
 - run like a business
 - rights & privilege & responsibility as citizen
- How many acres 48% roadless.
- How do you determine by area best management?
- WUI-What were criteria to determine?
 - Federal 200 National Fire Plan
 - County Fire Plan
- WUI lines in proposed wilderness—wildland fire use
- What is counted as roadless?
- What is area of Wild and Scenic River corridor?
- Proposed Wilderness Area- have they been withdrawn from mineral entry? A: No.
- Proposed additions go through congress? A: Yes.
 - Congressional EIS must be done first.
- Motorized backcountry-mixture of roadless & roaded areas display.
- Maps for next meeting.

- Impact & how go through eligibility of Wild and Scenic Rivers
- WUI-treatments: thinning, pre-burning-(Fire wise)
- Financial Plan-how to fund, optimize timber
- Grizzly Corridors
- WUI/Fire preparedness
- Treatment zones allowed in proposed wilderness if becomes wilderness.
- More detailed map-take home size
- Wilderness Fire Management Plan Draft
- Scotchman large-Trout Creek 5a
- More wildlife areas-Game management-look carefully at “Blanket” monotony of trees. Forage availability declining.
- How is it going to be financially implemented?
 - WUI/responsibility of landowners for defensible space.
- Scotchman & Trout Creek roadless/proposed wilderness to maximum expansion.
- Spend money wisely
- No open areas, forested areas increasing. Need to keep some open for wildlife.
- Weeds/in any open areas

- Roads opening & closing. Handled though Travel Management Planning. (After FP revision)
- Scotchman Peak-map is a lot different than what had discussed earlier.
- Bloom Peak corridor not open if mapped as 5a.
- Snowmobile access (more)
- Gated roads-need more open for game and firewood
 - More open roads-
- Financing: no such thing as a small timber sale- would like to see more available for locals.

- No agreement with Northern portion of Scotchman’s Peak to keep snowmobiles out- Mountain Goat Mgt. Plan.
- Vermilion rationale on 5b vs 5a
- Dry Creek rationale for 6a-go to 5a
- Benefit for wilderness access
- Percentage of people to be able to access wilderness/roadless.
- People being discriminated against what they are paying for?
- Trout Creek Drainage.
- Black Peak trail
- Amount of wilderness trails vs ATV accessible trails
- Which Management Plan is best for Forest Service? Let them manage ground as they need to.
- Grizzly Bears-
- Management Intensity. How is it defined?
- Access
- Face of Berray Mountain

Summary

Access and wilderness/roadless were key topics. It was noted several times that specific changes to current access would be handled after Forest Plan revision through a travel management planning process. Travel management planning will require public involvement and comment and be a separate NEPA decision. It was noted that management area allocations could provide direction for future access management decisions but there are no guarantees.

Wildland/Urban interface (WUI) areas were also the focus of some discussions related to the specific locations, extent, and future management objectives and treatments. The point was made that areas closer to developments (houses, etc.) would likely be managed more intensively for fuel reduction/fire

management purposes, and that a continuum exists where future management would be influenced more by other resource considerations and not necessarily be pure fuels reduction projects.

Very few site-specific comments were offered regarding specific changes to the starting option map. Various requests for maps were made and will be honored as time and resources permit.

Next Meeting

8/6/05- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

8/11/05 -7:00-9:00 P.M.

8/16/05- 7:00-9:00 P.M.

What is on for Next Meeting?

Start where there is some agreement in an area

- Whitepine & Beaver for next meeting
- Trout Creek South
- Hand out maps