

FOREST PLAN WORKGROUP MEETING

BULL GEOGRAPHIC AREA

9/30/03

Workgroup Participants:

Bob Blanford
Cindy Betlach
Karla Barnes
Robyn King
Tom Perlic
David Cronenwett
Ron Dudley
Brady Marken
Steve Bowen
Jim Winslow
Bud Thomas
Ron Downey
Matt Franke
Toni Franke
Rick Bass
Steve Garrett

Forest Service Representatives:

Mike Balboni, Three Rivers District Ranger
Joe Krueger, Forest Plan Team Leader
Jack Zearfoss, Forest Plan Transportation Specialist
Lee Brundin, Forest Plan Wildlife Specialist
Willie Sykes, Forest Plan Public Affairs Specialist
Kathy Mohar, District Planning Staff
Mark Natale, District Resources Staff
Joni Gilbert, District Wildlife Biologist

Following introductions the group watched a powerpoint presentation on the Forest Planning process, summary of Bull Geographic Area comments from the last meeting, and the purpose of the workgroup. Joe Krueger updated the group on the Planning Team's work.

The DEIS is scheduled for release 9/30/04, with the FEIS and ROD 9/30/05. Joe explained that it would be beneficial to the planning team if the workgroup produced a desired future condition statement for the Bull GA. A product that represents a consensus from differing viewpoints would be most valuable. The objective is for the group to be self-directed with information needs supplied by the district or planning team as needed. 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.

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

- The group will meet once a month, with the next meeting 10/28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Troy Ranger Station Conference Room.
- The district will provide a facilitator and notetaker for the first meeting.

- The topics will be 1) participant values/goals, 2) access management, and 3) workgroup product.

Information Needs:

- A map showing roads open/restricted, etc.
- What laws come into play
- A list of things that cannot be changed and/or are worthless to discuss; show areas of flexibility
- Map or # of roads by decade from the 1940s or 1950s on.
- Recent decommissioning costs

Jack Zearfoss recommended that the group read the AMS Summary and/or Technical Report. He passed out copies of the CD and summary. The Technical Report is available on the web.

S/Kathy Mohar