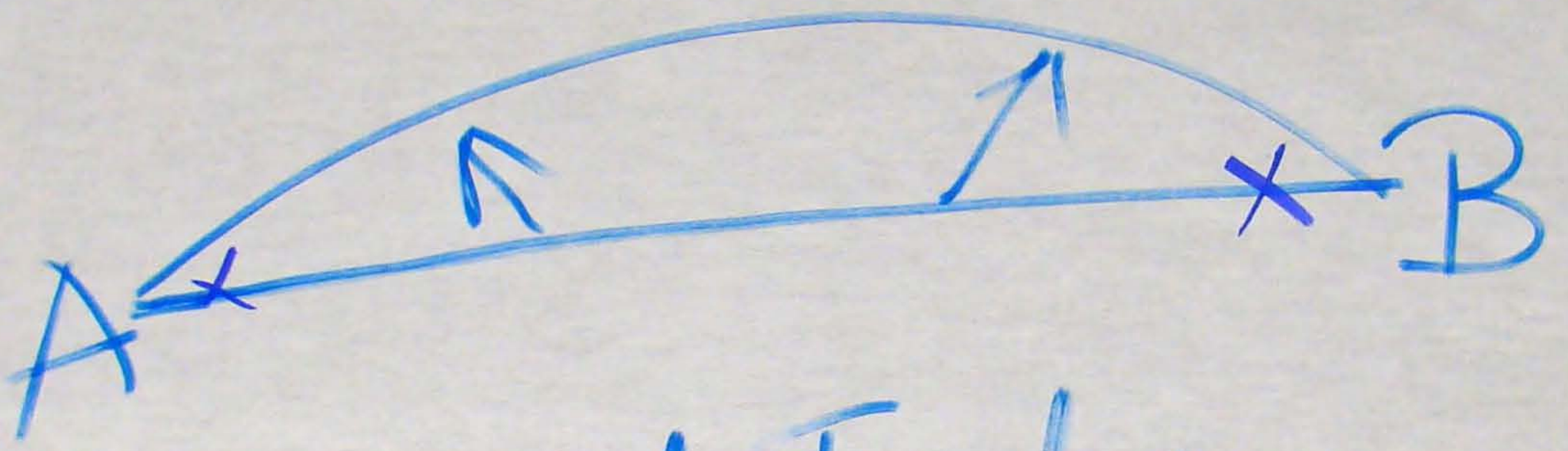

1 Fed Judge
2 Congress
3 Agency
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Understanding Winter Recreation in the Lake Tahoe Basin

• Mapping Exercise •

- Communities
- Interests
- Relationships
- Significant land + resource issues
- "Dynamics"
- Stakeholders

- Be Creative!
- "Interactive" map
- Picture worth a thousand words...

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#2
TRUCKEE
PCT
TRT
Reno
Alpine Meadows
Squaw Valley
T.V.
M&R
Donner Pass
431
FB.
267
Meyers
Sue R
Tahoe
Black Mtn
Lake
Tahoe
STONEWER
50
Carson City
HW
28
OSV
89
28
HEAVE
207
TRT
Minden
GV
50

#3
Sleigh rides
Developed Ski Areas
guided commercial snow mo opportunities
winter snowplay opportunities (sledding)
ice climbing
Backcountry Ski Access
Snow Access
Meiss Roadless Area
Wilderness
Lake Tahoe
Commercial snowmobile rental
Snowshoers
Tahoe Meadows
Mt. Rose Wilderness
Incline Lakes
Ice skating opportunity
06 Rd.
Winter Access to Lake
Wilderness
GC Wilderness
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PET
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Historical Timeline

- Winter Recreation -

- Key community or regional events

⇒ Affected communities

⇒ Affected Nat'l Forest lands

Occassions when community & FS worked together (challenges + successes)

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Policy / Long Term

SP

PROJECT / Short Term

Tahoe Meadows

INSTRUCTION

* How do existing relationships affect what is possible for collab dialog about winter rec?

* What sorts of processes have been used to resolve winter rec issues in the past? How well did they work? What might we try here?

* What issues at hand today lend themselves to collab dialog? Any that might be challenging?

A B

Values

- Respect (listen, treat people the way you wanted to be treated)
- Honesty / Frankness
- Saying what is on your mind, no games,
- Hard Truth
- Rudeness vs Frankness

  ↓ criticizing a person

  ↓ criticising an issue
- Compromise
- Commitment to finding a solution

- looking for new possibilities
- helping my partners get what they want
- no suprises
- understand + respect the boundaries
- patience
  - don't jump to conclusions
- commitment to the effort (don't quit) - reasonable timeline
- listening to all voices regardless of those parties being in the room
  clarify who is talking for whom

- "Skin in the game"
  something to win / to lose
- recognize that there are different levels of risk
- documentation
- expectations that FS agency folks will stay committed despite moves.
  (transitioning / integrating)

Principals

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Rules of the Road

RESPECT

- Don't raise your voice
- Speak "I talk"
- Don't talk over people

HONESTY/FRANKNESS

- As scary as it is, don't triangulate
- Acknowlege when saying something tough
- Don't attack people, argue the issues
- Keep emotion out
- Don't have outside conversations on subjects or people that you can't have within the group

- Agreement to review + comment in a timely fashion

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Why a collaborative effort?

Compelling Reasons:

- ~~offers the USFS~~
- encourages users to "buy in"

  People tend to support that which they create.
  - everyone can participate
  - if they participate, they have ownership
  - gets more ideas – broader perspectives

Compelling Reasons Against:

- time – hard if you work!
- don't buy in
- distance – drive time; bail out on the process
- potentially not all inclusive
- "just one more meeting"
- betrayed if it results in litigation anyway

opportunity: electronic input?

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Issues / Topics to Address:

> limited space / loved to death

> I.D. every kind of over-show activity in LTB

> snowmobile trespass that occurs in Wilderness / non-motorized areas that is not being enforced

> "bad apples" for all uses

> S.P.C is a requirement: how will this process inform it?

> vehicle pollution - snowmos? busses / cars entering Basin

AIR QUALITY

> effects to other public & private ownerships from USFS decisionmaking

> What are the "limits of acceptable change"?

10/18 subgroups

(2)

> Water Quality / remote WQ
- from vehicle emissions
- from sanding roadways
- from ???

> What are economics of winter sports in the area?

> analysis of the terrain – What does the terrain lend itself to?

> Opportunities for quiet motorized recreation

> commercial / non-commercial use
private

> staging / parking opportunities (how to fund const. + maintenance) how to find it, too!

> how will other governments interact with this process

cooperating agencies

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(3)

> law enforcement

> public education / information

> what is the decision space
- what do land allocation represent

> how can user groups help public agencies to be proactive / serve and be better stewards of our public land

Like SAC

and incorporate the public being "the eyes/ears"

> "adaptive management" - demographics change often, but land allocations aren't as responsive to change
- changing equipment changes use patterns

10/18 big groups (different subgroups than 10/19)

What is our geographic extent of the issues/topics to address

SCALE ~ SCOPE

Basinwide or smaller/larger

Land classifications

Geographic:

- Forest Service
- State Parks — CA
- Tahoe Conservancy
- Local Gov.
- NV State Parks

other public ownership

Private Lands

- rec lands like golf courses for winter nonmotorized
- neighborhoods abutting public lands

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Other citizen collaborative efforts

? > 1987 Consensus Building for Regional Plan

F > Shorezone Partnership Committee

> RPU / Pathway

? > Cave Rock

S > Alpine Co. Winter Rec Project

S > BWRArea (Bridgeport)

> Failures resulted when "partners" or external organizations litigated

> Failure when people get "meeting-ed out." Disillusioned over time/lack of progress.

Issues / Topics to be addressed

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- Access / Parking (NEED For More w/in LTBMU?)
- Impacts to PCT (NEED For Standardized Wide
  * Larger Scale?
- Clarity of Open/closed OSV areas
  ↳ Conflicts
- Quality of Experiences (Being degraded due to interraction)
  * Larger scale?
- Manage Expectations of Visitors/Users
  ↳ Knowledge Sharing
- Separation of USE - Time/Duration v. Geographic
  * Larger Scale?
- Certainty in Mgt of Motorized v. Non-Motorized
  * Larger?
  ↳ What are the trigger Points to Revisit the Plan?
- Ecosystem Values
  - MYLF
  - Drabble
  - WBPT
- Enforcement v. Trespass

→ Reasons to Collaborate?

- Share info of impacts of Motorized : Non-Motorized Activities on:
  - Ecosystem Values
  - Operations (e.g. Plowing/Access)
  - Other User Experiences
- Develop <u>Proactive</u> Solution now...
  (don't wait 20+ yrs)
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Fair

Listen Factual | Non Hypocritical
Respectful

Accountable

Communication
Verifiable
Followthrough

Inclusive

Open
Representative
Actively reaches out

Transparent

Open
No surprises
Records fair
No hidden
(decisions
rationale

Honest

Factual
Forthcoming
Safe
- Limits of knowledge
True/Verifiable
Integrity
Acknowledge Biases
- Open to learn

F.S. help me help you

Everyone needs more
- Wants to do better
Just get along

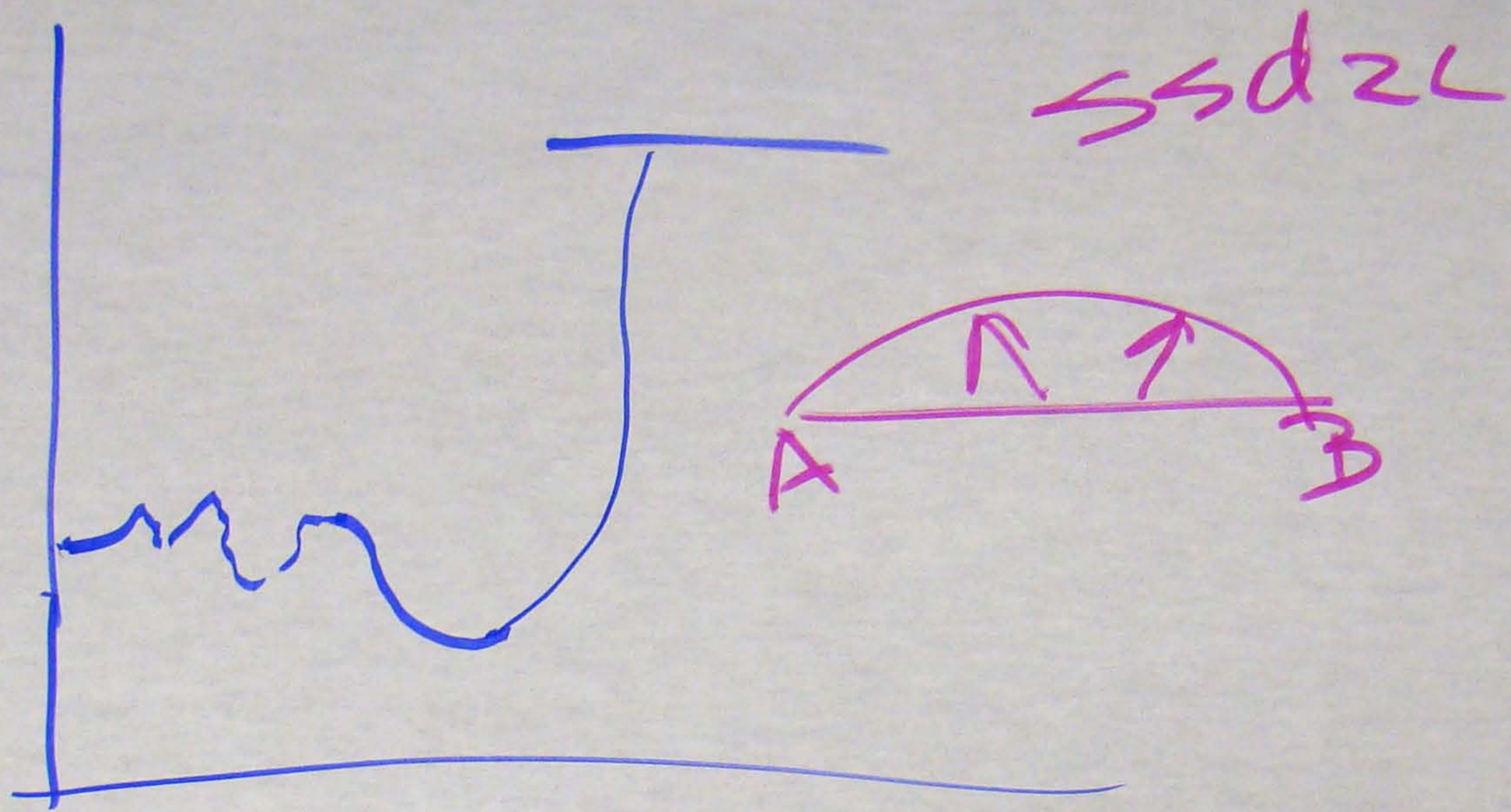
want = all
Know before u go
quit
fibbing
reports → credibility
not actionable

Motorized
equal access
Δ perception
Rights/fairness truth

tired of yelled at
enough land &
treated fairly by FS

Non Motorized
equal access
fairness
tired of noise & smell
a resource damage

rec free
from
noise + pollution
speeds
doesn't
know boundaries



Now do we learn
to all enjoy an
area we love?

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Outcomes

- Better understanding of various positions
- understand of how to work together

- Realistic Menu of activities

- Data (visitor use days, etc)
  + science (taking some time, to review + consider the science) Fresh look at
- Understand the legal mandates
  " + the intent of the law
- People are drawn to do something (or behavior) because it is fun.
- Law Enforcement (more effective law enforcement in the context of compliance education)

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Outcomes

- Stop the polarization of parties

Ex: taking part in another partys' sport/activity

- wearing the other shoes