

March 19, 2012 4FRI NEPA Update Public Meeting

Arizona Department of Game and Fish

0900 – 1200

**Attendees:**

Amy Waltz – Ecological Restoration Institute

Sara Reif –AZ Department of Game and Fish

Steve Gatewood – Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership

Ed Smith – The Nature Conservancy

Larry Stephenson – Eastern Counties Organization

Marcus Selig – Grand Canyon Trust

Taylor McKinnon – Center for Biological Diversity

Alicyn Gitlin – Sierra Club

Sharon Galbreath – Sierra Club

Henry Provencio – Forest Service/4FRI

Paula Cote – Forest Service/4FRI

Mary Lata – Forest Service/4FRI

Dick Fleishmann – Forest Service/4FRI

Bill Noble – Forest Service/4FRI

Neil McCusker – Forest Service/4FRI

Mark Nigrelli – Forest Service/4FRI

Topics:

- Draft Working Analysis Update – Issues and Alternatives (see handout)
- Draft Cumulative Effects (see handout)
- Draft Approach to Climate Change – Discussion
- Timeline – July 2012 DEIS published
- Public comments from August 2011 and FS responses to comments – will be posted on web soon
- Fire Ecology and Silviculture briefly discussed where they are in terms of their effects analysis

Comments:

- References to CWPP and WUI and HFRA are minimal in cumulative effects
- Highlight past wildfire that has resulted in current fire risk in cumulative effects
- Savanna amendment language – acres affected should be clear, add context
- Canopy Cover amendment language – need to see amendments in order to review definition on interspaces, extent of the amendment, what is defined as non-significant and why
- Effects analysis should include maintenance burning post 2020 to 2050 since this is restoration - use both modeling and qualitative
- April 30<sup>th</sup>, 12pm – students report out on climate change emission contributions using 4FRI as the boundary
- For April 19<sup>th</sup> NEPA update – have David Seesholtz report out on status of national Adaptive Management project
- Stakeholders would like to host a pre-DEIS meeting that is widely publicized to share/discuss effects analysis

Meeting adjourned at 12pm

Notes taken by Paula Cote'