

Brief Summary of Douglas Collaborative Alternative Team (CAT) Process

Prior to the May 8, 2012 Douglas Ranger District CAT meeting Core and Douglas District CAT members performed pre-work which included reviewing maps, routes, and information about the routes in the Douglas District's proposed action. At the meeting, at the request of CAT members, District Ranger Bill Edwards and staff from the Douglas Ranger District provided an overview of the District's Travel Management Process to date, described in general the current system of routes, and answered questions from the CAT about specific routes and rationales for the District's proposed Action. Based on these resources and getting input from others, CAT members determined which routes in the proposed action they disagreed with. Members of the public present were given the opportunity to attend and provide written comments. Also, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) staff helped CAT members locate routes on maps, answered questions, and served as resources for CAT information requests at all three meetings. For a list of CAT members, U.S. Forest Service staff, and U.S. Institute staff attending the meetings, please see Appendix A.

At the May 8 meeting, CAT members placed dots on spreadsheets on the wall indicating routes where they disagreed with the proposed action. Using the results of those spreadsheets, areas of agreement and disagreement were enumerated, CAT members discussed 20 routes about which there was the most disagreement, and achieved consensus on 17 of the 20 routes. At the end of the meeting, CAT members agreed that their work on the Douglas Ranger District's collaboratively developed alternative was complete.

Statistics

Statistics for the Douglas Ranger District's proposed action are as follows:

- The total number of routes in the Douglas proposed action is 255.

Statistics for the CAT's collaboratively developed alternative for Douglas are as follows:

- CAT members reached consensus on 171 routes. These routes automatically go into the collaboratively developed alternative. (See Douglas Ranger District CAT Results Appendix B.)
- CAT members did not reach consensus on 84 routes from the proposed action. The Douglas District Ranger will now decide how to address those routes in this alternative. (See Douglas Ranger District CAT Results Appendix B.)
- Once the Douglas District Ranger completes work on the remaining routes for this alternative, the final alternative will be presented to CAT members and the public and analyzed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Appendices

- Douglas District Report Appendix A: List of Core and Douglas CAT members, number of public attendees, and list of USFS staff present at each meeting
- Douglas Ranger District CAT Results Appendix B: Results of Collaborative Alternative Team Consensus Building Process on the Douglas Ranger District