SIERRA CASCADES DIALOG

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U.S.D.A Forest Service REGION 5

Values, Attitudes, & Beliefs

SHAPING THE ASSESSMENT FOR REGIONAL FOREST PLANNING...

WELCOME!

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A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

Social Conflict Mngmnt.

- Mediate Polarities

"The World is Run by those who show up—"

SNAPSHOT of WHO IS HERE

- Eco-Sytem Planners
- Fire Safety Council
- Urban Communities
- Water Agencies
- State Government
- Urban Communities
- Recreation Grps.
- Public Safety
- Scientists
- Contractors to Forest Service
- Steering Committee
- Urban Environmental Officer
- Forest Service Industry
- County Goverment
- Environmental Conservation
- Land Management
- Rural Communities
- Private Land Owners

"...a respectful, meaningful Dialog, Diversity of Thought!"

"Draw on the good thinking across the Sierra Cascade..."

Collective Expertise

Balance Advocacy with Listening!

"We will:
Explore the range of Social Values in this room—"

Dialog to inform Region 5 Planning

Make Eco-systems in the Forest more sustainable in managing PUBLIC LANDS

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VALUES, ATTITUDES, AND BELIEFS-- THE CONNECTION TO FOREST PLANNING

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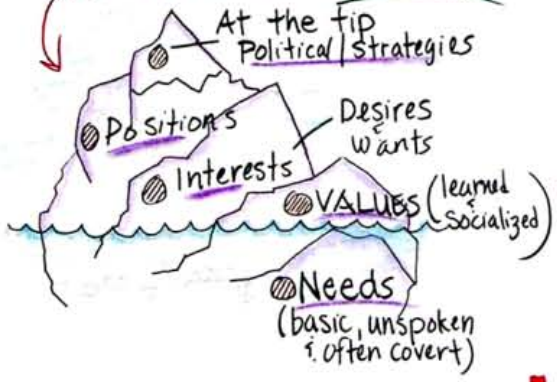
Conflict

"Only part of the conflict is on the surface
It is like an iceberg..."



Conflict results from a clash of Values.

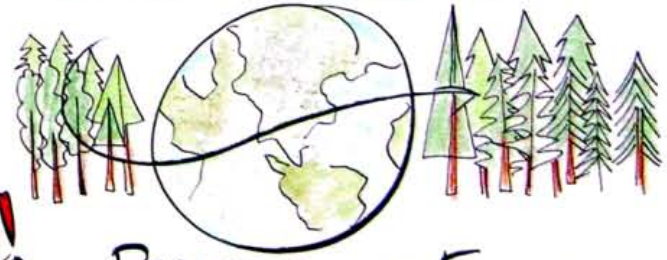
"What you value on forests & forest eco-systems matter."

- What Will You Do?
- inspire optimism
- Hope
- Courage & the ability to Change!

"A sustainable future is at risk... acquisition & consumption..."

"Build relationships, Civic & Personal, Builds Communities"

"Learn from NATURE..."
BE ADAPTIVE
MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE WORLD



Preserve our Forests

TABLE RESPONSE:

Private Land vs. Public Land

"What about all of our economic commodities? What to do with that? i.e. wood products!"

"We need a broader perspective..."

A need for a healthy resilient forest that has diverse vegetation ~ high quality wildlife habitat and healthy watersheds that can survive → the impact of economic demand and changing climates!

"There's a disconnect in basic forest management positions.

HABITAT is a part of the restoration..."

"The forest for me is a spatial relationship..."

"Our values are based on our current relationships with the forest."

"We need more understanding, more MUTUAL understanding of timber perspectives..."

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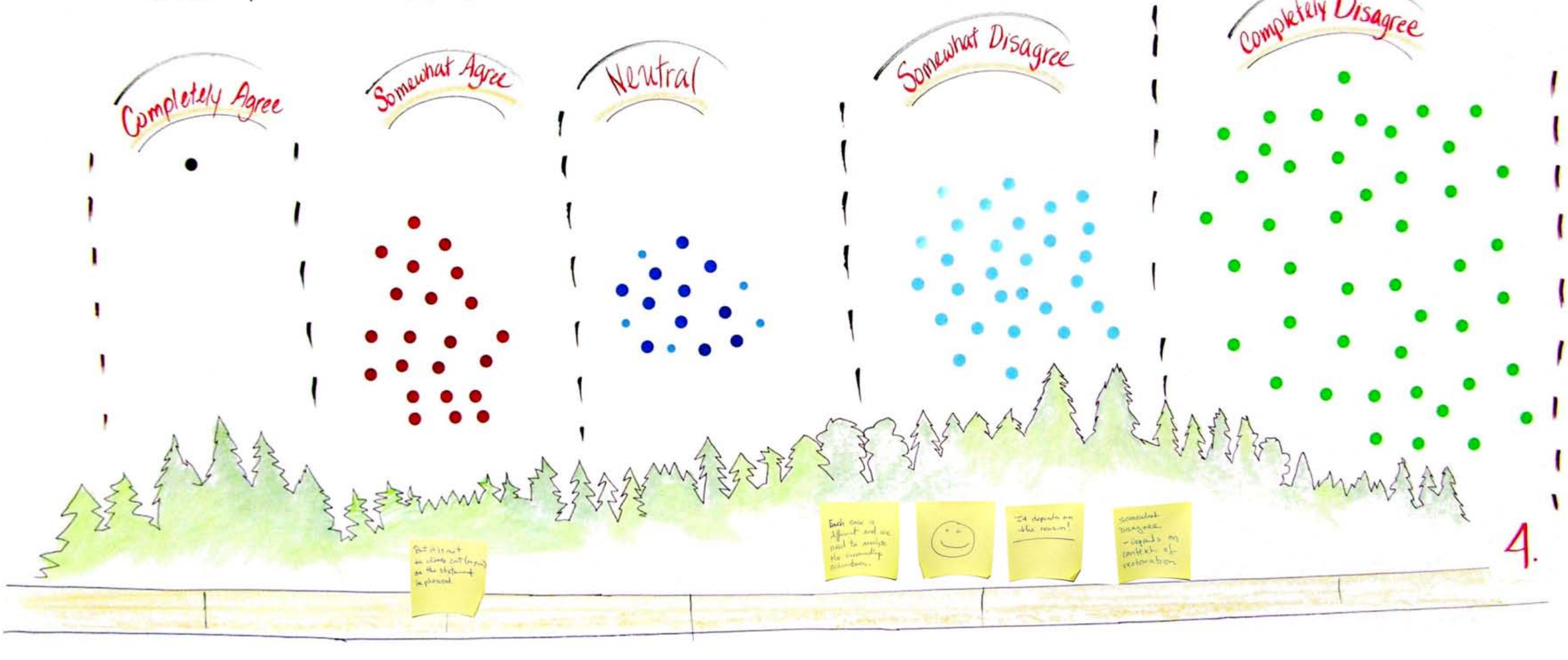
LARGE trees Should Never be Removed in Restoration Efforts...

WHERE DO YOU PLACE YOURSELF ON THE CONTINUUM? ⇒



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GROUP DISCUSSION on Continuum

"How Do We reserve & respect each other's values & still preserve our level of interests?"

A REQUEST: "A more nuanced discussion on large snags & large tree removal..."

"people are polarized with general groups..."

WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT?

"There are different perspectives on ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT depending on where one stands..."

"What is a large tree? what isn't a large tree? How do you define removal?"

EXPLORE further.. "We are thick in the woods on this issue right now."

"What are the consequences of saying "NEVER" remove an old tree?"

We need sunshine to get to the forest floor... We haven't identified the specifics ✓

"Its the conversation that matters, not the number we chose..."

"Wild fires have no values- they dont know when a tree should be cut..."

"When we talk about Large trees, we have to talk about the Fuel component, A RISK TO THE POOR!"

"different interpretations of the same question, but we still agreed"

"lets redo the iceburg model as a tree."

"We don't always fit neatly on a continuum... The word "never" stops us... Ask → Retention is the issue!" What is the ISSUE we can all agree on?

"There is nothing magical about Large trees... the issue is on management."

It's important: "Being able to come to the TABLE and bridge the GAP on what we do have"...

"Bridge the gaps between the government & the private sector and cooperate..."

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I Value the Forest Because...

When they (THE FORESTS) are properly managed, then They will meet the environmental, social & economic needs of a growing society

I own it & I have a voice in how it is managed

children have a chance to connect to the land + become happy, productive citizens

A national treasure!

It nutures local communities & opportunities for the future

Wildlife viewing coyotes, foxes, deer

RECREATION

UNITY

we all value it
we all own it
provides us an opportunity to come together for something bigger than ourselves

Its our last opportunity to support resiliance in our landscape

Its a recreation area - hunting fishing

Keeps rural lands RURAL

ENTRANCE

HUMILITY

Its a reservoir for wildness + nature

It provides production of goods + services

Independence to nation

Beauty of all Gods creation

DIVERSITY

"I love it because it is there! It is safe. THANK YOU"

I value the forrest service for their education + expertise

It provides the setting for my experiences along the Pacific Coast Trail

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WHAT TYPE OF PUBLIC LAND BENEFITS DO YOU BELIEVE ARE MOST DESIRABLE?

"The Forest Belongs to everyone
Represent all points of view..."

MUTUAL RESPECT
Consider Requests and explain "Why"
LISTEN/ACT
EXPLAIN

Multiple-Use Concept - keep hunting!

DIVERSITY
Plant & Animal Diversity... we are the last refuge for wildness...

processes of ecology and management
Ecological Restoration

FIRE SAFETY
Protection
- recreate
- play
- respect
- manage in the lower places
- control & thin for fires

WILDLIFE
A respite from Civilization into the Natural Land, Preserve this use

Protected Wild life Corridors

Build resilience - FIRE AT THE APPROPRIATE SCALE

WATER MNGMNT
High Quality water from our watershed...

"I trust that together we will get to unity & Commonality..."
more dialog like this one...

MORE O.H.V trails

"Keep roadless areas roadless..."

restore unneeded roads back to natural habitat!

ACCESS
EXPAND ROADED AREAS

ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION
Support A functioning Eco system that still has integrity!

TRAIL RIDING
EQUINE & MECHANICAL
Parking for loading safely & unloading horses...

GRAPPLE WITH THE COMPLEXITY
Social & Economic health for the forest use -

COLLABORATE
Support Collaborations
coordination

local collaboratives
Private/Public to preserve a Habitat/History

ECONOMIC RESOURCES
Balance between urban area recreation & providing economic benefits locally...
local economics = maintaining jobs

Goods & Services
"Good" defines itself--
Wage the Forest System to get back to it...
To BASICS

VALUES...
Respect individual values - (input -) that are different but need to be heard;
FORMAL vs INTEPERSONAL

DIVERSITY
Provides us opportunity for DIVERSITY

RURAL COMMUNITIES
Benefits:
"Not producable on non-public land"
Connection to the Land
Maintain the rural communities,
Locals should have some deference

FOREST & RURAL Comm.
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An intimate relationship
- Heating oil
- Road Dept. Budgets
- tax-base
- loss of timber receipts

FUNDAMENTAL CONNECTION TO THE LAND
Stewardship Contracts
You have a depth of knowledge & energy to bring forward
Use us for LABOR & Management

WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM TODAY?

"I learned Something from the VALUE COMPARISONS and Score Cards. The activity brought divergent positions together..."

"I learned that a fire resistant Forest is the ultimate goal here..."

"United we stand... I think we found solid common ground..."

"I suggest a better education model..."

"Teach the public as if they were children. Start with a clear understanding of how to maintain a FOREST"

"We need to welcome and recruit new, young people to Forestry. We are losing quality people on the ground..."

"When there are conflicts, find out if there are outside forces who do not want us to agree. What's behind the conflicts?"

"More of these kind of DIALOGS."