

El Yunque National Forest Collaboration Workshop

Segment One: Setting the Tone

Desired Collaboration Workshop Outcomes

- Enhance the ability and likelihood that the El Yunque National Forest (EYNF) will be successful throughout the forest plan revision effort, and beyond into implementation and monitoring.
 - Improve knowledge and understanding (both internal FS and external participants) of the forest plan revision process.
 - Begin to identify how, where and when various stakeholders desire to be engaged; i.e., the focal points and priorities for the more intensive collaborative work.
 - Develop new and enhance existing stakeholder relationships and partnerships to be more positive, productive, efficient, and enduring.
 - Recognize and enlist community stakeholder capacity to assist in the analytical and procedural facets of planning effort.
 - Achieve agreements on desirable and feasible collaborative expectations for the revision process. Feasible approaches recognize governing time, budget, and EYNF planning team and stakeholder capacity constraints that are surfaced through collaborative dialog and deliberation.
 - Identify a range of potential methods and concrete collaborative actions to utilize in the revision process.
 - Develop collaborative process monitoring actions and approaches for addressing process adaptation needs.

- Use the forest planning revision process to increase linkages between the (EYNF) and the forest's diverse stakeholders.
 - Identify and improve understanding of shared values, attitudes, beliefs, and uses of the forest.
 - Develop new and enhance existing stakeholder relationships and partnerships to be more positive, mutually beneficial, efficient, and enduring.

- Identify means and commitments for working on stakeholder concerns that are not properly addressed through a 3-5 year strategic planning effort.

- A tangible outcome from the workshop will be a collaboratively developed draft outline of the public participation and collaboration plan--how the agency and stakeholders will conduct their collaborative efforts. It will be general and lead to additional collaborative events that create more depth. The current concept is that issue or topic working groups will flesh-out the more detailed collaborative action plans.