

## August 13, 2012 4FRI NEPA Update Meeting Notes

### Present

Dorothy Holasek (phone), Ed Smith (TNC), Sybil Smith (ADEQ), Henry Provencio (4FRI), Paula Cote (4FRI), Neil McCusker (4FRI), Mark Nigrelli (4FRI)

### Updates

- Regional Office (RO) is reviewing our draft specialist reports – due back from RO on 8/24/12 – IDT will review/make edits – we will build chapter 3 of the DEIS – chapter 3 discloses effects –
- Recent press release (see page 3) sent out on August 10, 2012– many draft analysis documents are on line on the 4FRI website (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/4fri/planning>)
- Specialist reports – not all reports are posted- contact us and we will email copies to interested folks
- Encouraging everyone to review the reports now as they can and ask questions
- 4FRI is about to send out an email to a much wider mailing list advising people that reports are on the DEIS and we can add people to the mailing list
- The news release from August 10, 2012 already generated a comment and request to be added to the mailing list (Utah State Forestry)

### Upcoming Field Trips

- August 23 – 4FRI field Trip – Neil coordinating with Ed Smith, TNC – will occur on the Kaibab NF - looking at a UEA treatment
- September 6 – 4FRI Field Trip – on the Coconino NF with location TBD
- September 27 – 4 FRI Field Trip – location to be determined

### **Action Item: Field trips will continue into October – will put on basecamp and will do a news release for the public**

Field trips will provide overview of what treatments look like implemented – will demonstrate how the implementation plan would be applied

Once the DEIS comment period is underway, we will host public meetings –4FRI will make sure they are scheduled after hours and on weekends. The public meeting will be an opportunity to show results of field trip

**Sybil Smith:** Made calls and emails to Phoenix to ARRA – trying to get a contact name – is trying to get a meeting or phone set up with ADEQ and ARRA to discuss the concern on emissions from prescribed fire. Sybil is going to call the Director, Aubrey.

Dorothy had called ARRA and only asked if they had detectors in the area – all shut down except in Palo Verde area

Henry – not a FS requirement not a regulatory agency we have to comply with ADEQ (which means we comply with EPA)

Our efforts to reach out to ARRA was to let them know of the concern and see if they would want to install a monitor

ADEQ utilizes a referral procedure –cant make them install a monitor but can ask them to consider a response

**Action Item:** Sybil will contact Northern Arizona Institute for Tribal and Environmental Professionals to see if any monitoring has been conducted - perhaps someone would be interested in completing a masters degree on the issue

1986 –last time soils were tested - Dorothy – just sampling soils is not adequate –what is coming off of the prescribed burn is what needs to be monitored

Re: disclosure of potential impacts to public health –it was addressed by Mara Lata, the fire ecologist – Mary Lara contacted matter specialists – the potential impacts are disclosed in the draft fire report analysis

**Action Item: Paula Send Dorothy the fire ecology report and the alternatives considered but eliminated for smoke**

**End of Meeting**

# NEWS RELEASE

## Four Forest Restoration Initiative

Website: [www.fs.usda.gov/4fri](http://www.fs.usda.gov/4fri)



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### **Forest Service Releases Four Forest Restoration Initiative Draft Landscape Restoration Documents**

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. – The Forest Service is preparing to release a landscape restoration draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) in the early fall as part of the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI). The DEIS, which covers portions of the Coconino and Kaibab national forests, documents the analysis of three alternatives considered but eliminated from detailed study and four alternatives considered in detail.

As a precursor to the release of the DEIS, the Forest Service is sharing draft working documents including several draft DEIS chapters and draft specialist reports. These documents are available on the 4FRI website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/4fri/planning>.

Reports currently posted on the website include silviculture, fire ecology and air quality, wildlife, soils, socio-economics, and transportation. To request a specific report that is not currently posted, or to be added to the 4FRI mailing list, please call the Forest Service 4FRI interdisciplinary team at (928) 226-4686. Additional contact information is available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/4fri>.

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