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What I really want to share is our plan to host a workshop (probably World Café style) in June to discuss the needs for Dinkey evolution. The Forest is hoping that as funding for the Dinkey project winds down, that the Collaborative themselves want to continue as a Forest-wide group. We're planning a June 22 meeting for Collaborative members, Forest employees, and other interested parties to discuss what our work could be in the next decade. I've attached a quick document we handed out at a recent meeting.



June 22, 2017 Dinkey Collaborative Family Reunion

Collaborative efforts on this landscape began in 2009, with the Dinkey North and South Project and the Sierra Kings Canyon Planning Forum. The Planning Forum applied for funds from the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) (2010). At the time stakeholders began to work collaboratively, the goals were to encourage collaborative, science based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes.

The CFLRP emphasized that by working collaboratively, stakeholders could:

1. Encourage ecological, economic, and social sustainability
2. Leverage local resources
3. Facilitate the reduction of wildfire management costs
4. Demonstrate:
 - a. How to achieve ecological and watershed health
 - b. Use forest restoration byproducts to offset treatment costs while benefitting local rural economies and improving forest health.

On June 22, 2017, Dinkey Collaborative Members and other interested people will be asked to think about the issues currently facing this area of the Southern Sierras in order to help chart our future course.

The June 22 Collaborative will be a Dinkey Family Reunion, a chance for old and new family members to spend time with each other thinking and envisioning the future.

We will be asking for your input on:

1. What are the most pressing issues facing the Sierra National Forest, and how could you engage with the Forest to seek solutions?
2. How can a Collaborative group that has focused on one footprint transition to a Forest-wide Collaborative, helping to guide the efforts of a new Forest Plan?
3. How would you organize a Forest-wide Collaborative group?
4. What challenges do you foresee from this transition, and what recommendations do you have to address them?
5. How would you define success for this Forest-wide Collaborative?