



Improving our Environmental Analysis & Decision-Making Processes

Eastern Region Partner Roundtable

Date: March 12, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST/8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CST

Location: Forest Service units across the Eastern Region

Objective: Collect feedback from a diverse set of Forest and Tallgrass Prairie partners to inform our environmental analysis and decision-making processes.

Purposes:

- Share why changes are important for achieving the Forest Service mission.
- Identify, discuss, and capture partner perceptions on barriers and solutions.
- Explore what roles partners can play moving forward.
- Support dialogue to strengthen relationships.
- Explain how partner input will be incorporated.

Format: This Roundtable design includes presentations to provide participants with background information across all units in the Eastern Region followed by forest conversations to share perspectives between different partners and to capture ideas and have deeper discussions about specific issues.

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. EST/8:30 a.m. CST Opening– *Local unit welcome*

Purpose: Welcome participants.

- Thanks to Forest staff and participants
- Provide context of meeting

9:40 a. m. EST/8:40 a.m. CST – Leadership Overview

Purpose: Leader’s Intent

- Describe rationale for change

9:50 a.m. EST/8:50 a.m. CST Logistics and Agenda- *NFF Facilitator*

Purpose: Orient participants to the meeting.

- Safety message
- Review agenda and logistics
- Introduce NFF role in regional partner roundtables

**10:00 a.m. EST/9:00 a.m. CST National Overview and Introduction of EADM Effort–
*Washington Office***





Purpose: For Washington Office leadership to convey to partners the national importance of this effort to achieve our mission and help develop agreement around a common problem definition.

- What is EADM? Why is it important that efficiency and effectiveness of agency systems are improved? Why are we doing it now? What is not being addressed through EADM?
- How will input from the Partner Roundtables feed into FS efforts in project design/decision making, rulemaking, other system change?
- How do the Partner Roundtables fit within the broader External Engagement (and communications) efforts?
- What other modernization/improvement efforts are underway?
- Why are the attendees an important group to help the Forest Service with this change effort?

10:40 a.m. EST/9:40 a.m. CST
Effort- Regional Leadership

Regional Overview and Perspectives on the EADM

Purposes: For Regional Leadership to convey the importance of this effort, highlighting Region-specific perspectives.

- Top issues related to EADM.
- Opportunities the Region is currently exploring to increase effective decisions.
- Key questions the Region would like to explore with their partners.

11:00 a.m. EST/10:00 a.m. CST

Forest Conversations – Forest/Prairie Supervisors

Purpose: Give participants an opportunity to learn about the EADM effort on the Forest/Prairie, and provide input on barriers.

- Participants share their initial perceptions of the barriers.
 - What are the barriers to effective environmental analysis and decision making EADM in the Forest Service?
 - What obstacles prevent us from addressing forest health and customer service needs?
 - Can you give an example or provide more details?
- Forest/Prairie Supervisors share and validate the 2-3 key themes for end of day report.

12:30 p.m. EST/11:30 a.m. CST

LUNCH

1:30 p.m. EST/ 12:30 p.m. CST
Supervisors

Forest Conversations Continued – Forest/Prairie

Purpose: Give participants an opportunity to learn about the EADM effort on the Forest/Prairie, provide input on solutions, and learn how they can continue to participate in Forest/Prairie conversations.

- Participants share their perceptions for solutions
 - How would you address barrier? What would you change?
 - What resources do we need to succeed?
 - Who can help? What role can partners play in EADM change innovations?





- Forest/Prairie Supervisors share and validate 2-3 key themes for end of day report.

3:00 p.m. EST/2:00 p.m. CST Each Forest shares key themes of barriers and proposed solutions from their discussions (5 min each)

4:30 p.m. EST/3:30 p.m. CST Leadership remarks to closeout, including “Thank You!”, and what people can expect – *Regional Leadership*

Purpose: Regional leadership closes out the Roundtable and conveys broader Forest Service next steps in terms of feedback generated through Roundtables.

- Address pending questions from morning presentations
- Explain how input will be used and next steps

5:00 p.m. EST/4:00 p.m. CST Adjourn

