

BDWG Capacity Committee ACTION PLAN

Committee members: Darcie Warden, conservation organization representative; Tony Colter, timber representative; Karen Laitala, quiet recreation representative

Mission: Seek funding and build more capacity for work on the BDNF.

Vision: Together, BDNF staff and partners have the capacity to implement a shared restoration strategy. The restoration strategy addresses multiple resource needs, not just vegetation treatments.

Goals: Advocate for more funding and capacity for the BDNF; leverage resources, opportunities, and efficiencies to increase the BDNF's ability to get work done; work with the BDNF to increase transparency around capacity bottlenecks and ways to overcome them.

2021 Goals:

- Engage early in projects on the BDNF. Capacity Cmte. gets involved at the beginning of the project so we have a vested interest. Meet with rangers several times on a project before the comment period.
- Support for BDNF's Out-year planning and prioritization process for vegetation management
- Meet with Regional Forester and MT Congressional Delegation to advocate for more funding and capacity on the BDNF
- Raise awareness of the need to complete a Travel Management Plan

Issues:

At this time, the BDNF does not have the capacity to fully implement the restoration strategy.

Specific actions

- Advocate for funding for monitoring on the BDNF
- Advocate for funding to maintain roads and trails and other critical infrastructure on the BDNF
- Advocate for projects on field trips and in other meetings
- Identify capacity limitations on the BDNF
- Advocate for ways to overcome capacity limitations on the BDNF

- Lobby members of congress for funding
- Lobby regional forester for funding
- Identify and advocate for the most effective ways to use existing authorities (stewardship, GNA, etc.)