

BDWG Partnership Committee ACTION PLAN

Committee members: Commissioner Dan Allhands, Madison County; Willy Peck, timber representative; Commissioner Tom Rice, Beaverhead County

Mission: Build relationships to leverage work done on state, Forest Service, BLM, and private lands. Build relationships to identify opportunities for cross-boundary work.

Vision: BDWG has a working relationship with all landowners within and adjacent to priority areas for restoration treatments identified in out-year planning efforts. BDWG has a working relationship with all organizations with a stake in the restoration of areas identified as priority within out-year planning.

Goals:

- Have comprehensive documentation of partnerships and partner investments that could be used as a match in seeking funding for cross-boundary work and work on adjacent lands.
- Build awareness within all adjacent landowners for the work being done on BDNF lands and the opportunities for partnerships to accomplish cross-boundary work and work on adjacent BDNF lands.
- Gain support among all adjacent landowners for out-year planning efforts, which includes the use of fire.

2021 Goals:

- Get involved early in planning projects to ID cross-boundary and partnership opportunities
- Invite partners to present at meetings
- Work with BDNF to coordinate with landowners on Potential Operational Delineations (PODs).
- Build monitoring partnership with UM Western and MSU extension to document the effects of fire.
- Outreach to landowners and watershed groups in areas targeted as priority within the restoration strategy for future work and seek their input on the restoration strategy.
- Outreach to landowners surrounding projects being implemented now or in the near future and seek opportunities to partner.

Issues:

- At this time BDWG does not have sufficient information about work that has been done on state, BLM, and private lands.

Actions:

- Identify existing partnerships.
- Identify other opportunities for partnerships.
- Invite new partners to each meeting to build those relationships
- Build partnerships to maintain roads
- Build partnerships to maintain trails
- Coordinate with Montana Forest Action Council
- Work to overcome the insurance hurdle regarding fire use by non-federal entities
- Attend meetings of partner organizations
- Assist Forest Service with drafting the restoration strategy
- Build a list of other groups and affiliations of BDWG members
- Invite partners to participate in BDWG meetings