

## PANHANDLE FOREST COLLABORATIVE (PFC) MEETING RECORD

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. PDT

<https://www.nationalforests.org/collaboration-resources/panhandle-forest-collaborative>

### ATTENDANCE

**Members:** Brad Smith, Liz Johnson-Gebhardt, Alan Harper, John Finney, Tom Dabrowski, Phil Hough, Laura Wolf, Jeff Connolly,

**Technical advisors:** Jeff Lau, Jeanne Higgins, Felipe Cano, Michelle Norton, Kim Pierson, Molly McCahon, Andrew Moore, Ed Wingert, Idaho Department of Lands (IDL), Jacob Garringer, Mitch Silvers, Karen Roetter,

**Guests:** Susan Bates, Erin Plue, Bob Smathers, Paul Seracki, Marck Kilmer, Jace Hogg, Mary Everett, Stan Meyers, Jake, Nature Plants

**Facilitators:** Ben Irely, National Forest Foundation

### SHARED STEWARDSHIP

- Governor Little told the Idaho Forest Restoration Partnership (IFRP) that Shared Stewardship remains a priority for him.
- There is a newly created Shared Stewardship Advisory Group for Idaho. The group is made up of small and large landowners, the IFRP, industry, and the conservation community. The Advisory Group has created a Principles Committee, an Opportunities Committee, a Metrics Committee, and a Communications Committee.
- The Principles, Opportunities, and Communications Committees have draft products available.
- Tom Ashcroft has been hired by the state to focus on Shared Stewardship.
- Jeff Lau is the Forest Service's Shared Stewardship Point of Contact (POC) in north Idaho.
- Lynn Oliver is the Shared Stewardship POC in southern Idaho.
- [Jeff Lau shared a map of the Shared Stewardship focal areas]

### COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROGRAM (CFLRP)

- There are nine members on the CFLRP Federal Advisory Committee. The Committee is to meet in June and make their decisions on recommending applicants, including the Idaho Panhandle National Forest (IPNF), to the Secretary.
- Congress appropriated \$40 million this year and the vast majority of that was designated to support the projects authorized in 2012, for their final two years. The remaining balance is \$2.7 million. The Committee will rank project to receive funding as it becomes available.

### PROJECT UPDATES

#### Buckskin Saddle

- Specialists are wrapping up their response to comments. The IPNF dropped 182 acres and 3.8 miles of new road construction from the project.
- The IPNF would like to have a field trip in July.

- The IPNF would like to do some monitoring of the project area, so that might be a good subject for the July field trip.

### **Chloride Gold**

This is the next, large project on the Sandpoint District after Buckskin Saddle. Specialists will be starting their field work this year. The first sale from this project is scheduled for fiscal year 2023. The IPNF would like to do a field trip to Chloride Gold as well and would like to get more engagement by the PFC during scoping.

### **Honey Badger**

- Scoping finished this winter. The Fernan Office received 120 comments on this project. The Honey Badger Project Subcommittee has been invaluable in this process. This is the most comments the Fernan Office has ever received on a project in District Ranger Scaife's time here. Most of the comments were focused on recreation.
- The PFC will still send some comments in.
- The decision will be out in December.
- Dan Scaife will send the briefing paper on this project.

### **Bottom Canyon**

- The project design is complete. The IPNF would welcome doing a field trip to the project area to look at the design.
- Money is available for Phase 1 of this project.

### **Kaniksu Community Forest Restoration**

- The PFC's Forestry Subcommittee met about this before COVID-19.
- The Kalispel Tribe might do some fisheries data collection in the project area.
- IDL will help with some of the polygon layouts.
- The IPNF and NRCS are working on a Joint Chiefs Restoration Initiative proposal. Phil will share the application with the Forestry Subcommittee before it goes out.
- Felipe is working with NFF's Dani Southard to secure a grant for a third-party facilitator for public meetings for this project. Felipe is also working on a communications plan for this project.
- There has been a change in the timeline for this project. Chloride Gold is a higher priority for the Forest and the COVID-19 situation may further change the timeline.
- Felipe would like to invite the hydrologist to the next Forestry Subcommittee meeting to explain why the IPNF is using WEP instead of GRAIP Lite.
- There may be some minor data collection on this project this summer.

### **Potter's Wheel**

There have been some contract developments and there are certainly some field trip opportunities to look at this project.

### **Old House**

- This project involves two parcels NE of Apple.

- The original plan was to do fuels work only on this project, but the IPNF decided there was too much slash, so it was turned into a small-diameter sale.

### **Scattered Lands**

- This project is within the Scattered Lands priority area. The IPNF is working with IDL on this project.
- The PFC could help with prioritizing the work that gets done on this project – the focus needs to be narrowed down.

### **Kaniksu Winter Travel Plan**

This effort will likely restart this fall and needs to be completed in the next couple of years or by 2023.

### **Bog Creek**

- The decision on this project has been released and a complaint has been filed.

### **Five-Year Action Plan**

- The IPNF really appreciates the PFC's involvement in the Five-Year Action Plan.
- Scattered Lands is an addition to the plan.
- There is no plan to get together this year to update the Action Plan. The thought is to update it every other year.
  - Is there an updated spreadsheet that can be shared?
  - Yes.

### **Prichard Creek**

- Idaho Forest Group (IFG) is currently going through steps to put this area into a conservation easement. IFG is working with Kaniksu Land Trust. IFG is going to donate half of the easement to Kaniksu.
- The project did not receive the Forest Legacy grant IFG applied for.
- IFG did get \$300k to get the project rolling.