



National Forest Management & Collaboration in the Interior Mountain West

Collaboration and NEPA Roundtable

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Missoula, Montana

Project Level Economics

- WHY?
 - Implementation of Project & Meeting Project Objects
 - Funding Land Management Activities (Stewardship Contracting)
 - Funding Reforestation, Brush Disposal, Future Salvage Needs, etc.

Project Level Economics

- WHEN?
 - Timber Sale Planning – Gate System
 - Six Gates – from NFMA to Sale Award
 - Gate 2 – NEPA
 - Most important Gate in terms of the collaborative effort
 - Tradeoffs
 - Costs, Revenues & Benefits

Project Level Economics

- HOW?
 - Timber Sale Feasibility Tool
 - Grounded in the Gate System
 - Based on the Forest Service Timber Sale Preparation Handbook
 - Uses Residual Value Stumpage Valuation
 - Costs collected from MT & ID Logging Industry (U of MT, BBER)
 - Forest Product Journal Article, July/August 2002
 - Revenues (Delivered log prices, locally determined)



Project Level Economics

- **QUESTIONS?**