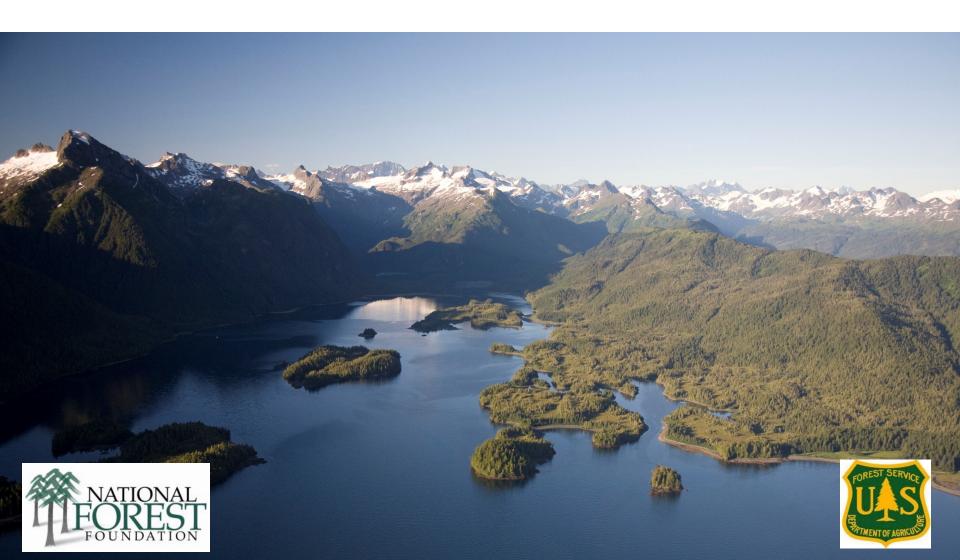
Environmental Analysis & Decision Making Alaska Region Partner Roundtable March 22, 2018



Roundtable Objective

Collect diverse partner feedback to inform EADM processes on local, regional and national scales.

Purposes

- Share why changes are important for achieving the USDA 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 between partners and the USDA Forest Service
- Explain how partner inputs will be incorporated





Roundtable Agenda - Morning

8:00 a.m. Check In and Networking

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Meeting Overview

8:45 a.m. Meeting Orientation and Logistics

9:00 a.m. National Overview and Introduction of Environmental Analysis and

Decision Making Effort

9:45 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. Regional Overview and Perspectives on Environmental Analysis and

Decision-Making Effort

11:00 a.m. Interactive session: Gathering Participant Ideas

11:45 a.m. Lunch on your own





Roundtable Agenda - Afternoon

1:00 p.m. Break-out Sessions Explained

1:05 p.m. Break-out Session #1 and Quick Reports

2:15 p.m. Break (exact time of break is subject to change)

2:30 p.m. Break-out Session #2 and Quick Reports (same topics as Break-out

Session #1)

3:45 p.m. World Café Session: Ideas for further engagement

4:30 p.m. Reflections and Close-Out

5:00 p.m. Adjourn





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Gathering Your Ideas

- What do you see as barriers to efficient and effective environmental analysis and decisionmaking by the Forest Service?
- What innovations or solutions could help improve the efficiency or effectiveness of the Forest Service's environmental analysis and decision-making?





Breakout Sessions #1 and #2:

- 1. Training (Lindsay & Sarah): How can we prepare or equip Forest Service staff to conduct environmental analysis and decision-making in ways that enable us to care for the land and serve people more effectively?
- 2. Analysis (Dru & Robin): How can the Forest Service work with our partners to better frame our analysis needs to focus on truly significant issues?
- **3. Performance (Maia & Sharon):** What performance measures can the Forest Service use to strengthen accountability and assess the efficacy of environmental analysis and decision-making?
- 4. Policy and Consultation (Dave & Gregg):
 - How can the Forest Service improve our consultation processes under the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, or other laws to improve interagency communication and enhance transparency?
 - How can the Forest Service reform our policies to improve implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act and other environmental laws?
- 5. Partnerships and Collaboration (Perry & Sue J.):
 - How can partners play a role in improving environmental analysis and decision-making?
 - How can the Forest Service best communicate with partners during project design, planning and implementation to assure awareness and engagement?
 - How can collaborative efforts support the Forest Service in improving project design?





FRAMING QUESTIONS FOR BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Barriers: What is getting in the way of effective and efficient EADM

processes?

Evidence: Examples of barriers and challenges

Desired Outcome: If things were working well, what would it look like?

Strategies: How do we get to the desired outcome and who would be involved?

<u>Tools & Resources</u>: What are some tools to implement the strategy? Can we realistically achieve the proposal?





World Café: Ideas for Further Engagement

FRAMING QUESTIONS

- **1. Rulemaking Process:** What points in the process are important for focused engagement (e.g., are participants focused on formal comment process? Information sharing? Etc.)
- 2. In-person engagements: Are there upcoming events (meetings, workshops, conferences, etc.) that you know about that might be a good opportunity to share and discuss EADM efforts? Who else should be engaged who is not in the room?
- **3. Leveraging partner networks:** What can each participant commit to do within our own networks to support further engagement? (For example, serve as a point of contact for a meeting).





