

Environmental Analysis & Decision Making Washington Office Partner Roundtable March 14, 2018

Welcome!

*Chris French, Associate Deputy Chief
USDA Forest Service*



Roundtable Agenda

MORNING

9:00 am	Welcome and Roundtable Overview
9:30 am	National Overview and Environmental Analysis and Decision Making Effort and Open Discussion
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	Partner Perspective Panel and Dialogue
Noon	Break for Lunch on Own



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Roundtable Agenda

AFTERNOON

1:00 pm	Breakout Session #1 – Identifying Challenges Partners Face in Environmental Analysis and Decision Making Efforts
2:00 pm	Remarks by Victoria Christiansen, Interim Forest Service Chief
2:30 pm	Break
2:45 pm	Breakout Session #2 – Working Groups on Generating Solutions to EADM Challenges
3:45 pm	Fast-Paced Solution Sharing
4:15 pm	Concluding Remarks
4:30 pm	Adjourn



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Cadre Members

- **William Carromero** – *National Botanist, Rangeland Management (Cadre Co-Lead, National Forest System)*
- **Eric Davis** – *Assistant Director, Integrated Vegetation Management (Cadre Co-Lead, NFS)*
- **Toral Patel-Weyn** – *Director, Forest Management Sciences (Cadre Lead, Research & Development)*
- **Rick Cooksey** – *Acting Director, Forest Health Program (Cadre Lead, State & Private Forestry)*

➤ **Niraj D. Dhillon** – *Principal, Forest Management Sciences (Cadre Lead, Research & Development)*

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Partner Perspective Panel and Discussion



Moderator – *Chris French, Associate Deputy Chief, USDA Forest Service*

Panelists:

- *Geraldine Link, Director of Public Policy, National Ski Areas Association*
- *Bill Imbergamo, Executive Director, Federal Forest Resource Coalition*
- *Peter Nelson, Director of Federal Lands Program, Defenders of Wildlife*



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Partner Perspective Panel and Discussion



FRAMING QUESTIONS

1. What do you see as opportunities to make EADM more effective?
2. What specific actions would you take in the next 100 days to improve EADM?
3. As a partner, how do you want to be a part of making the change?
4. What do you think our agency's blind spots are to doing this work well?



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LUNCH BREAK – On Your Own

*Please head back by 12:45pm, and join
your Breakout Session by 1:00pm*



Breakout Session #1: Identifying Challenges Partners Face in EADM



Proposed Breakout Session Topics:

1. Training & Staff Capacity
2. Policy
3. Research & Science
4. Engagement & Partnerships
5. Technology
6. Culture Change
- ...can you think of others?*
7. Other(s) Selected by Participants



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Breakout Session #1: Identifying Challenges Partners Face in EADM



FRAMING QUESTIONS

Barriers: *Why is this challenge important – what are its impacts and who/what does it affect? What is getting in the way of effective and efficient EADM?*

Evidence: *What evidence of the challenge can you cite? Can you provide some concrete resource values- or place-based examples of the challenge?*

Desired Outcome: *How will things work when this challenge is addressed?*



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*Remarks by Victoria Christiansen, Interim Chief
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Breakout Session #2: Working Groups on Generating Solutions to EADM Challenges



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Breakout Session #2: Identifying Challenges Partners Face in EADM



FRAMING QUESTIONS

1. Potential strategies for addressing the identified challenge. What strategies are needed to remove/reduce the barrier?
2. What are some tools to implement the strategy proposed?
3. Who will need to make changes to achieve the outcome? Role of USDA Forest Service and role of partners.
4. Feasibility of implementing strategy. Any capacity limitations?



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Quick Solutions Sharing



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Concluding Remarks

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Next Steps

Complete Roundtables

- February 22 & 23, 2018, Portland, OR (Pacific NW)
- March 12, 2018 (Northeast Area)
- Mar 14, 2018, (Northern)
- March 14, 2018, District of Columbia (Headquarters)
- March 19, 2018, Denver, CO (Rocky Mountain)
- March 20, 2018, Chattanooga, TN. (Southern)
- March 21, 2018, Albuquerque, NM (Southwestern)
- March 22, 2018, Juneau, AK (Alaska)
- March 29, 2018, Salt Lake City, UT (Intermountain)
- March 27, 2018, Rancho Cordova, CA. (Pacific SW)

Reports

- Regional Summary Reports
- National Summary

Presentation to Leadership

- Chief of the Forest Service
- National Leadership Council
- Staff teams working on change efforts

Proposed New Rule

- **New Proposed Rule will be based on:**
- Comments submitted on ANPR
- Internal expert review
- Related ideas from Roundtables & partner conversations
- External Technical Workshop results
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- **Final Proposed Rule will be based on:**
- Comments and feedback results from formal public participation

Forest Service Change Efforts Continue...

- Environmental Analysis and Decision Making
- Forest Products Modernization
- Oil and Gas Leasing
- Land Exchange Process
- Land Authorization and Access
- Efficient Infrastructure Delivery

EADM change efforts continue..

- Agency Culture
- Agency Structure
- Decision Making
- Training
- Project Management
- Public Engagement
- NEPA Rule Making
- Consultation

THANK YOU!



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