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

Welcome!

Chris French, Associate Deputy Chief
USDA Forest Service
# Roundtable Agenda

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## AFTERNOON

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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)
Partner Perspective Panel and Dialogue

**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*
Partner Perspective Panel and Dialogue

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
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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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?
Quick Solutions Sharing

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Concluding Remarks

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## Next Steps

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