



PAB Meeting Minutes – 21 April 09

1. **Attendees:** Pascal Berlioux (AZFRP); Mike Elson (USFS); Elliott Pickett (Flagstaff Fire Dept/PFAC); Mark Brehl (City of Flagstaff); Steve Gatewood (Wildwood Consulting); Scott Harger (Coconino NRCD); Alan Kauffman (CREC); Keith Pajkos (AZ State Forestry) Carolyn Hull Sieg (RMRS); Linda Wadleigh (USFS); 7 voting members; Quorum met.
2. **Review & approval of meeting minutes:** Meeting minutes for March were not distributed so were not approved.
3. **Financial Review:**
 - a) **Account status:** Approximately \$41,500 in bank. Steve handed out the most current “Profit and Loss” Report for the GFFP.
 - b) **Annual Work Plan:** Annual Work Plan was reviewed. Steve updated the PAB on two decisions the BOD made regarding funding: up to \$350 was approved to support the FireWise Landscaping contest – GFFP logo will be on outreach materials; \$2,500 was approved for the application fee for the APS Small Renewable Energy RFP if NAU or Flagstaff are proposed for biomass energy plant locations.
 - c) **Grants report:** The “Grant Program Report” has not changed from March 2009.
 - d) **Service Agreement report:** The Service Agreement Report for April 09 was handed out. Steve noted four new “projects” added to the list for which proposals are requested from Partners by May 4.
4. **Project Updates:**
 - a) **Proposed Scope of Work with NAU-ERI:** Anne M-L has submitted three proposals for ERI to consider as requests for assistance from ERI (e.g., funding, students, staff time, etc.). ERI was very supportive and wanted an estimate of time required. This is being provided.
 - b) **Service Agreement proposals:** Requests for proposals (RFPs) for three projects (Treatment Gap, Monitoring Effectiveness Workshop, and Monitoring Efficiencies Report) were sent out. Responses are requested by May 4.
5. **Adopt Position Statement** – The “Volunteer Management” position statement was reviewed and approved.
6. **Project Overview:**
 - a) **Four-Forests Accelerated Treatment Project** – Steve discussed progress with the project since the last PAB discussion. Pascal has asked the Board and PAB to address the issue of social agreement in this project as related



to the social agreement reached in the *Wood Supply Study*. Most discussion revolved around the cap issue, adaptive management, social agreement itself, and the urgent need to move forward with landscape-scale restoration. Steve first presented the BOD Discussion paper without the 5 points. Considerable discussion ensued. We then discussed the five points that the Board developed and the language of the BOD Discussion paper. There were still concerns about either having to approve a cap, or halting the process by not approving a cap. All agreed the project needs to move forward, so how do we make that happen. It was proposed that for subsequent meetings of both the ad hoc Interim Steering Group and larger stakeholder group that we start with what we (GFFP) agree on and not get into protracted debate about the few areas where there is not full agreement. We worked on draft language that did not use the BOD Discussion paper per-se, but we want to make sure those key points come up in collaborative discussion in a non-debate way. Here is what was proposed:

- 1) GFFP supports the use of best available science, adaptive management, flexibility in land management activities, consensus decision making, and in principle on the sideboards/social agreement achieved in the WSS.**
- 2) We agree that this landscape-scale restoration initiative needs to move forward and we will do whatever we can/whatever it takes to make sure that implementation starts by the end of 2009.**
- 3) We believe that a collaboratively developed and consensus based “social agreement” (similar to what was achieved in the WSS) must be the framework to move forward with implementation.**
- 4) We recognize that there will continue to be disagreement within such a complex initiative/project, but we must move landscape-scale restoration forward.**

Steve and Shaula Hedwall, as BOD members, were asked to report back from the 4/23 ad hoc ISG meeting and potentially foster further discussion within the PAB prior to development of a “position” for the May 1 larger stakeholder meeting.

7. **Future Events:**

- a) May 13th Arboretum Kiosk Grand Opening*
- b) May 19th PAB Meeting at the Arboretum to see the kiosk & potential field trip*

9. **Adjourn @ 12:15pm**

NEXT MEETING: *Tuesday, May 19, 2009*
9:00 – 12:00, Arboretum