

Forest Management Plan Revision

Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative

SCALE Workshop

November 2, 2017

2012 Planning Rule

- Provides a collaborative and science-based framework for land management planning in order to sustain and restore ecosystems and watersheds, protect wildlife, respond to a changing climate, and connect people to National Forest System lands.
- Emphasizes balancing economic and social values with ecological integrity by supporting sustainable recreation and rural job opportunities.
- Recognizes the importance of working with State, local, and tribal agencies in creating plans that meet a wide range of community needs.

- Requires reaching out to partners to look for opportunities to meet joint objectives and build efficiencies in planning, implementation, and monitoring.
- Strengthens the role of public involvement in the planning process and provides numerous opportunities for public participation and dialogue.
- Includes a strong emphasis on protecting and enhancing water resources.
- Establishes a pre-decisional administrative review process to provide individuals and groups an opportunity to resolve concerns before final approval of a plan amendment or plan revision.



- Convened Fall of 2014
- General Purpose: Enhance Regional Recreation Opportunities Through Focused Engagement and Collaboration with Stakeholders and Gateway Communities of the Eastern Sierra

- Series of public meetings in September, October, November 2014 and January 2015
- Open public forums, professionally facilitated - focused on key sustainable recreation values/desired conditions to develop a recreation strategy proposal submitted to the Inyo National Forest
- Lessons learned during the development of the Travel Management Plan for the Inyo NF (2009) showed that a community-based collaborative effort can deliver recommendations that help inform a management decision that will be supported by diverse interests and user groups after a decision is made.

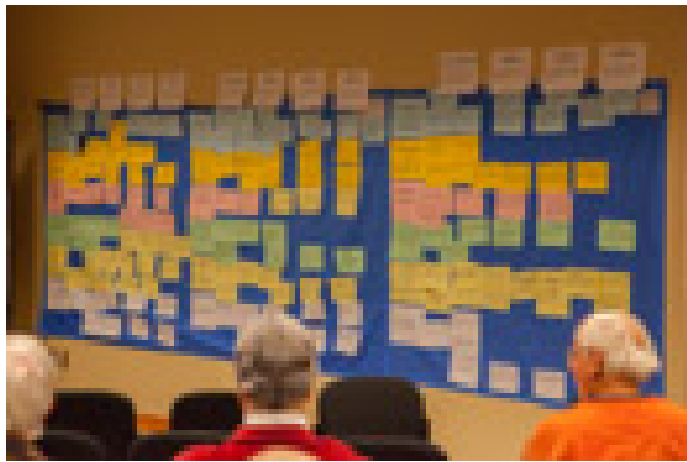
- ESRC offered a forum for diverse interests (local and national) and stakeholders to engage with the forest management plan revision process.
- The ESRC Proposed Recreation Strategy offered a path for achieving core conservation values by engaging recreation stakeholders and identifying the symbiotic relationship between recreation and conservation interests.
- The ESRC collaboration model offers a scalable approach for the forest management plan revision process.



Lessons Learned

- Engage with Forest Staff Early and Often/Establish Sideboards
- Robust Outreach/Communications Plan
- Professional Facilitation
- Room for National and Local Interests to Engage - Create Neutral Space
- Establish Values From Beginning - Foundational
- Substantive Comments







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