

	Quarterly Meeting	Roundtable Executive Team
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Meeting Name	Roundtable Executive Team Quarterly Meeting
Meeting Date	Friday, February 28, 2014
Meeting Time	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Venue	GoTo Meeting
Attendees	Gali Beh (Beh Management Consulting), Glenn Casamassa (USFS, ARP), Jerri Marr (USFS, PSICC), Carol Ekarius (Coalition for the Upper South Platte); Mike Lester (CSFS); Paige Lewis (TNC); Terra Lenihan (Beh Management Consulting)

Meeting Notes

1) Welcome and Ice Breaker

2) Update on Working Teams and Partners:

- a. BUSS Team – future? Gali asked if we should take this team off of our “current team” list. Mike thinks at this time, but we can revitalize it some time. There is no team working on BUSS at this time. Carol added that if we don’t have anyone on the Roundtable leading this team we should take it off. CUSP doesn’t have capacity to work on this team at the time.
- b. Partners – Gali brought up our current “partners” as listed in Roundtable material: FRFTP, CWWPWG, NFRMPBWG. These partnerships are not active right now. How do we show what Executive Team members are part of those groups?
- c. LR team is changing its form. Gali explained that it’s growing in its vision/purpose with more sub-teams: Understory, Wildlife, Operationalizing AM, CFRI, other (SE Monitoring, UMC, etc). At the last LR team meeting we discussed these changes. The LR team has become more of a committee. The working groups are now the subteams. The LR team may start meeting less often, but will be agenda-driven.
- d. Wildlife team is preparing to move into implementation.
- e. Community Protection Team – what’s next? Carol said not much to update on, but this weekend is the FAC event scheduled in Woodland Park.
- f. Glenn said they are trying to set up (with Paige) another similar project to UMC in the AR – within Gilpin, Clear Creek and Boulder counties. With people’s focus on the floods, it hasn’t moved forward much. Also Glenn mentioned the new program based on Farm Bill that is relevant to treatment areas here. With the designation of treatment areas, this will be another tool in the toolbox, Mike added. They have 60 day deadline until the Governor moves forward. Glenn said if the Governor moves forward, may have an impact on different collaborative groups. Funds have been authorized but not appropriated. It’s aligned with the goals of the Roundtable. Glenn explained that the area is 200,000 acres and identified as part of the CFLR, from north end of Boulder County, south to almost I-70, and is lower montane. It’s a “restoration assessment area.” Follows requirements in the Farm bill of being a “collaborative” restoration project. If Governor sanctions it, they would treat it as part of the CFLR: develop a proposal that would be similar to UMC. Mike

mentioned that there are limitations, and 3000 acres would be actually treated, similar to the UMC model. Gali asked about next steps. Glenn said it's moving quickly, some folks are moving on it at Department of Natural Resources. They will want support from the Roundtable. Mike explained that DNR is coordinating it. Criteria is collaborative. Glenn said it's a good opportunity for us; he will let us know status.

- g. Carol asked Glenn and Jeri about the 2 forest chiefs collaboration (NRCS and USFS) – and \$30m for improving forest health and fire risk. Glenn explained that objective is to integrate things on a broader landscape on private and forest land. Glenn will find out more about it. Carol said that Jonas is involved and if there is a potential funding source we already have pieces in place (to move forward).

3) Goals: Gali explained that it's time to clean these up. See page 6 of the presentation. Will go over at 4/11 meeting.

- a. Proposed we take BUSS and the Implementation Initiative off. Gali has some communication with communities but take this off.
- b. What about the 40-year treatment plan, prescribed fire initiative, and policy initiative? Need to clarify these. Hal passed the "torch" of Goal 12 – update the FR 10-county map of completed treatments to Mark Martin. Hasn't been updated since 2009. Paige said the goal was to update it annually. The group agreed to take off goals 6 and 14. What about goals 11, 12 and 13 (40-year plan, prescribed fire and policy?) Glenn will help Mark prioritize the roadless maps; treatment map. Paige said we need to refine our treatment priorities; 1.5 million acres – how can we refine that into strategic work? Gali said that's part of the 40-year treatment. She went over what has been done. What do we do now? Paige thought we should do this at the Roundtable meeting. It's updating the original process. Mike agrees; these are overwhelming goals. Maybe a smaller group needs to figure it out. Gali asked who would do this? Carol suggested it needs to be subsequent with county maps of completed areas. Treatment maps are a step but there is new analysis. Paige said it doesn't have to be the LR team. Maybe it's broader. There's a community protection element. Make this a discussion for the 4/11 meeting. Carol agreed.

4) April 11 Roundtable Meeting Planning:

- a. Gali went over the agenda items that are on the backburner (UFC, UNC, Buttonrock, Missoula Fire Lab, Working teams). She proposed we update our scorecard for 2013.
- b. Priorities – 40 year treatment plan: Mike mentioned the FS risk map showing shorter term dangers as a background item. He said looking at the COWRAP portal could be helpful in that discussion, focuses on fire risk. Mike will ask someone from COWRAP (Rick homent) to join us.
- c. Missoula Fire Lab – Paige will invite Mark Finney and Dave Caulkin.
- d. Moving Forward – group agreed to do a breakout session to brainstorm "moving forward."
- e. Scorecard for 2013 – Carol suggested we do this without showing previous year rankings.
- f. Location – Denver/Golden area. USFS, or USGS, or Alpine Mtn Club. Gali will ask Alpine Mtn Club first.

5) Executive Team changes:

- a. Pam Motley had to step down. Her seat was designated as being a liaison to the LR team. She suggested Chuck Dennis but he's not part of the LR team. Carol and Paige suggest it's important that we have a representative from the LR team. Team can ask LR and if no one offers, ask Greg, Jenny or Casey.
- b. The group looked at attendance over the past year. Although County commissioners have a hard time making every meeting, Carol said it's important that they continue their seats. A "northern" county commissioner seat was formalized; do we formalize a "southern" commissioner seat?
- c. We can add a seat. Paige suggested if we do add seats, we need to bring this up at a Roundtable meeting.
- d. Jeri will also be leaving her post. Sara Maybe will take over for her at the FS until a successor is found.

- e. The team also discussed having representatives from industry and fire protection districts would also be important. Carol suggested Randy Johnson (he was at the last Roundtable meeting) would be a good FPD representative.

6) Housekeeping:

- a. Team discussed if they want to meet in person, or more by conference call? Paige said she likes to meet in person, Mike suggested we mix it up. He agreed meeting in person helps build relationships. Team agreed to meet in person 2 times a year, and meet virtually 2 times a year.
- b. Next meeting is 6/27 and will be in person in Denver from 9:30-12:30.
- c. Morning meetings are better for folks coming from the south.
- d. 9/26 meeting will be by phone (9:30-11:30).
- e. Add a December meeting for early December in person. Terra to find a date.
- f. Fundraising – Carol got a long-term contract with Denver Water for 5 years.
- g. Budget – Gali discussed to plan for rates to go up in 2015. We're committed to continuing at present levels in 2014, but will they think about raising rates in 2015. Gali's rates from \$55-90, and Terra's rates from \$35-55.
 - They will have an off-line meeting on this. Carol to lead. Executive team members can meet either before or after 4/11 meeting. They will need a separate room.

7) Action Items: The group went over old action items.

- a. Jefferson County did pay. Sally is working with Greeley Water. Carol will get an update from her.
- b. Carol and Paige will talk about funding.
- c. Letter on prescribed fire – talked about at last Roundtable meeting. Mike said it looks like DNR is very supportive of pile burning. Broadcast burning is going to the governor. Carol asked who can we lobby about this? Suggested that letters may motivate them to spring into action. At this time state employees cannot broadcast burn, but can pile burn. Mike said in general send to DNR, but Governor should see letters too. Start with folks in the general assembly.
- d. Crystal Lakes letter of support. Carol suggested we have some type of policy for supporting communities. Mike said staff works with a lot of these and if they are doing something to support these goals we should support them. Carol said another alternative is a standard letter that we can send whenever someone asks. Mike suggested coming up with some criteria that we could use, such as Firewise as a bar. Gali said we can come up with a list of criteria. She said Crystal Lakes has done a lot.
- e. 4/11 RSVPs – Mike and Glenn said yes they can be there.
- f. New Action Items:
- g. Glenn:
 - AR / Farm Bill designation project: Let ET / Roundtable know status of project and need for support as needed
 - Let Carol et al know what you learn about the USFS/NRCS 2-Chief collaboration – find out mechanics of the program and how we can be a part of it
 - Help Mark M. prioritize updating the treatment map
 - Make sure Hal groups
- h. Gali
 - Ask Roundtable who can join a new team to launch a process to update the 40 year vision (including updating the treatment plan, using new USFS tools to identify areas of greatest exposure to fire risks)
 - Ask LR team to designate new liaison to ET → ask LR team to come up with their nomination, if none, ask Greg, Casey, Jenny

- Ask American Alpine Club about meeting space 4/11
- i. Terra
 - Add Roadless Rule map to “About Roundtable” documents (replace old treatment map)
 - Add other next steps based on RT agenda
 - Find out if any ET members need to be recused from Crystal Lakes letter
 - Put on future ET agenda to define criteria for when to write letters for future community requests (e.g., community specific CWPP, in RT vision area, Firewise community, active participant in county wide CWPP)
- j. Paige:
 - Ask Mark Finney & Dave Caulkin from Missoula Fire Lab (Paige)
 - Call Carol to talk about Funding
- k. Everyone on ET:
 - Come early or state late on 4/11 to talk about 2015 contractor billing rates
- l. Jerri:
 - Ask Sara to serve on ET until Acting Sup in role
- m. Carol:
 - Ask Donna at Greeley water to donate
 - Coordinate pre- or post- 4/11 meeting with ET to discuss 2015 contracting (reserve a private room at meeting location)
- n. Mike:
 - Ask COWRAP to share data/options for us to consider - ask Rich Holman: