

# Front Range Roundtable

Outcomes from Quarterly Meeting  
September 18, 2009



# 2010 Roundtable Priorities

 Current teams

Phase of Implementation	
Higher	Lower
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> tier priorities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Redefine purpose: stay focused</li> <li>6. Clarify relationship with FRFTP</li> <li>7. Clarify relationship with FRWWPWG</li> <li>8. Clarify relationship with NFRMPBWG</li> </ol>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> tier priorities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementation project (supported by mapping)</li> <li>2. Outreach to elected officials supported by external communication</li> </ol>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> tier priorities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Clarify/improve organizational structure</li> <li>10. Improve Roundtable operations</li> <li>11. Acknowledge/celebrate progress</li> <li>12. Expand membership diversity</li> <li>13. Incorporate into a nonprofit</li> </ol>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> tier priorities</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Biomass utilization and slash sites</li> <li>4. Science education, collaboration, and monitoring (including expanding area of consensus by defining terminology)</li> </ol>

**Lower**

**Higher**

## Importance to Roundtable Members



# Implementation and Mapping Team Outline

## Name

Implementation and Mapping Team (IM)

## Goal

Identify overlapping priority areas between the Roundtable, the FRWWPWG, and the NFRMPBWG in order to focus Roundtable resources and identify landscape-scale areas that could be part of a Forest Restoration Landscape Act (FRLA) or similar funding proposal.

## Background

In 2006 the Roundtable prioritized 1.5 million acres for forest treatments. Many acres have been treated since that time and potential new priorities have emerged. The Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership Roundtable has identified the need to refine these original priorities so as to better focus available resources, improve the rate of accomplishment, and identify opportunities for landscape-scale emphasis.

## Questions to answer

1. Where do the Roundtable's priority acres overlap with the priorities of the Front Range Watershed Working Group (FRWWPWG) and the Northern Front Range Mountain Pine Beetle Working Group (NFRMPBWG),
2. Are there any landscape scale (e.g., 50k+ acres) areas that overlap between the three groups and are also within treatment areas of approved Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs)?
3. Within any of these possible landscape-scale areas, where are the places where mechanical management would be easiest and where are there possible future prescribed fire or wildland fire use areas?
4. What should be the grant proposal strategy and timeline for the three groups for 2010 (i.e., which grants should we apply for together and when are they due?)

## Team members

Org Type	Full Name	IM	Organization
Conservation	Carole Ekarius	X	Coalition for the Upper South Platte
	John Chapman	X	Southern Rockies Conservation Alliance
County	Karen Berry	X	Conservation Districts and Colorado Geological Survey
	Mike Babler	Map Lead	The Nature Conservancy
	Paige Lewis	X	The Nature Conservancy
	Therese Glowacki	NFRMPB	Boulder County
Federal	Aaron Ortega	Map Lead	US Forest Service, PSI
	Brian Kent	X	Rocky Mountain Research Station
	Brian Banks	X	US Forest Service, PSI
	Hal Gibbs	X	US Forest Service, AR
	Jeff Kitchens	Map Lead	US Bureau of Land Management
Private	Jenny Briggs	X	US Geological Survey
	Gali Beh	Coordinator	Beh Management Consulting, Inc.
Science / Academic	Jessica Clement	X	Colorado State University
	Tony Cheng	X	Colorado State University
State	Chuck Dennis	X	Colorado State Forest Service
	Scott Woods	X	Colorado State Forest Service

## Deliverables

1. **By January, 2010?** A map of the overlapping priority areas of the Front Range groups with available data (Roundtable, FRWWPWG, NFRMPBWG, CWPPs as available)
2. **By March, 2010?** An update of the Roundtable's 2006 map with additional legend colors to show (a) areas prioritized due to ease of mechanical treatment, and (b) areas where prescribed fire or wildland fire use may be preferred to mechanical treatments; and
3. **By December 2010?** Funding secured for at least two landscape-scale implementation projects, one each in the northern and southern counties of the 10 county region.

Note: Park and Grand counties are also in the CBBC which plans to publish new priority maps in November 2009. For areas that don't have 6<sup>th</sup> level watershed assessments, CSFS state-wide 5<sup>th</sup> level assessments may be used instead. NFRMPBWG maps are currently based on aggregated priorities of individual agencies.  
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# Outreach to Elected Officials Team Outline

**Name**  
Outreach to Elected  
Officials Team (OEO)

**Goal**  
TBD

**Background**  
TBD

**Questions to answer**  
1. TBD

## Team members

Org.Type	Full Name	OEO	Organization
Conservation	Carole Ekarius	X	Coalition for the Upper South Platte
	Paige Lewis	X	The Nature Conservancy
County	Ben Pearlman	X	Boulder County
	Megan Davis	NFRMPB	Boulder County
Federal	Bob Leaverton	X	US Forest Service, PSI
Private	Gali Beh	Coordinator	Beh Management Consulting, Inc.
Recreation	Bryan Martin	X	Colorado Mountain Club
Science / Academic	Irene Shonle	NFRMPB	Colorado State University
State	Dave Hessel	FRWWPWG	Colorado State Forest Service
	Jan Hackett	NFRMPB	Colorado State Forest Service
	Jeff Jahnke	X	Colorado State Forest Service
	Katherine Timm	FRWWPWG	Colorado State Forest Service
Timber	Kelsey Alexander	X	Colorado Timber Industry Association
Water	Don Kennedy	FRWWPWG	Denver Water Department
	Michael McHugh	X	City of Aurora

## Deliverables

1. A documented outreach strategy with XX names of elected officials
2. Communication materials to go with each name in the outreach strategy (i.e., up to five versions for different audiences)
3. 50% success rate in implementing the outreach strategy by 20XX



# Biomass Utilization and Slash Sites Team Outline

**Name**  
Biomass Utilization  
and Slash Sites Team  
(BUSS)

**Goal**  
TBD

**Background**  
TBD

**Questions to answer**  
1. TBD

**Team members**

Org Type	Full Name	BUSS	Organization
County	Andy Hough	X	Douglas County
Energy	Mike Smith	X	Colorado Renewable Resource Cooperative
Federal	Bob Leaverton	X	US Forest Service, PSI
Private	Susan Ford	X	US Forest Service
Science / Academic	Gali Beh	Coordinator	Beh Management Consulting, Inc.
	Irene Shonle	X	Colorado State University
	Tony Cheng	X	Colorado State University
State	Craig Jones	X	Colorado State Forest Service
Timber	Carl Spaulding	X	Colorado Timber Industry Association
	Phil Guthrie	X	Colorado Renewable Resource Cooperative

**Deliverables**  
1. TBD



# Science Education, Collaboration and Monitoring Team Outline

## Name

Science Education, Collaboration and Monitoring Team Outline (SECM)

## Goal

Short-term: Evaluate progress against Roundtable priority treatment acres and 10 recommendations from 2006.  
 Long-term: **TBD**

## Background

In May 2006, the Roundtable recommended 1.5 million acres as prioritized for forest treatments in the 10 county area. The Roundtable also recommended 44 specific actions in 10 areas for partners to take to reduce obstacles to accelerated forest treatments. In May 2009, the Roundtable decided to assess progress against treated acres and recommendations.  
**Other Science goals background TBD**

## Questions to answer

- Has forest treatment progress since 2006 been consistent with Roundtable recommendations?
  - How many acres have been treated?
  - What percentage of treated acres were in Roundtable priority areas?
  - How many acres were treated with prescribed fire
  - How many acres were treated with stewardship contracts
  - What percentage of priority zones are planned for treatment?
- Has significant progress been made on the 44 specific action items that the Roundtable recommended in 2006?

## Team members

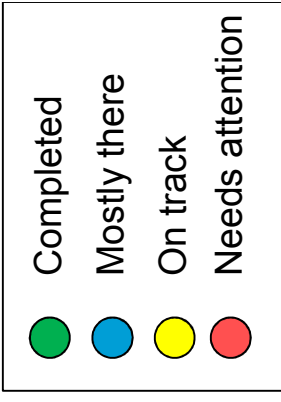
Org.Type	Full Name	SECM	Organization
Federal	Glenn Casamassa	X	US Forest Service, AR
	Hal Gibbs	Monitor Leader	US Forest Service, AR
	Jenny Briggs	X	US Geological Survey
	Leslie Ellwood	X	US Fish and Wildlife Service
	Nathan Williamson	X	National Park Service
Private	Gali Beh	Coordinator	Beh Management Consulting, Inc.
Recreation	Bryan Martin	X	Colorado Mountain Club
Science / Academic	Bob Sturtevant	X	Colorado State University
	Jessica Clement	X	Colorado State University
State	Allen Owen	NFRMPB	Colorado State Forest Service
	Chuck Dennis	FRWPPWG	Colorado State Forest Service
Timber	Phil Guthrie	X	Colorado Renewable Resource Cooperative
Water	Michael McHugh	X	City of Aurora

## Deliverables

- By end of January 2010: Tabular estimate of acres treated by county since 2004
- By end of February 2010: Map of treatments accomplished since 2004 (update planned each year for spring Quarterly meetings starting in 2011), overlaid on 2006 Roundtable priorities
- By end of February 2010: Assessment of accomplishments against 2006 recommendations and action plan for filling remaining gaps (or revising any outdated recommendations)



# Progress against 2006 Roundtable Recommendations



## Roundtable goals

Increase funding for forest treatments

## Recommended initiatives

1. Identify new state and local funding sources for treatments on state and private land. ●
2. Increase forest treatment incentives for private landowners. ●
3. Advocate for additional federal funding for Front Range forest treatments. ●

Reduce the cost of forest treatments

4. Increase appropriate application of prescribed fire and wildland fire use as a management tool. ●
5. Increase utilization of woody biomass for facility heating. ●
6. Increase contract sizes and durations with stewardship contracts on federal land. ●

Ensure local leadership and planning

7. Limit the growth of fire risk in the Wildland-Urban Interface. ●
8. Promote the development of Community Wildfire Protection Plans for Front Range communities-at-risk. ●

Set clear priorities and ensure progress against common goals

9. Adopt a clear and common framework for prioritizing treatments. ●
10. Convene follow-on Roundtable to ensure implementation of recommended initiatives. ●