

+ Better negotiations.
Better decision making.
Better results.

SOFAR Fall 2017 Stakeholder Assessment



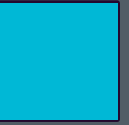
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12 Interviews with 14 Individuals



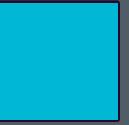
Benefits + Surprises

Benefits

- Expanding our work to **integrate all lands** and add benefits
- **People are talking respectfully**, diverse folks coming together
- Moving toward **healthier forest**

Surprises

- **Slower** than expected
- Heavily focused on Forest Service – not helping Forest enough



Key Themes: **Identify Priorities + Develop Projects**

Participants are excited to **identify priorities + develop projects** in 2018

- **Identify priorities for treatment + protection**
- Consider re-prioritizing strategy to **focus on communities first**
- For each project, include a component connected to **economic and community benefit**
- Consider how to advance the work given **limited fuels staff availability**
- Consider how best to create an “**all-lands approach**” given large amount of private lands



Key Themes: **Partnerships + Collaboration**

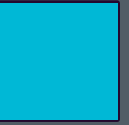


Participants excited to **advance the Cohesive Strategy, partner + collaborate**

- Develop collaborative **projects with** (other) partners
- Need for USFS/Eldorado National Forest **champion** at the leadership level
- Balance **flexibility** to shift with a commitment to **advance** areas of agreement
- Call for **transparency and capacity building** within the Collaborative.
- *Interviewee: County has a history of discourse, but SOFAR has been a unique opportunity where people are willing to come to the table to be solution-oriented to find complementary goals around three main objectives for strategy*



Key Themes: Meetings + Facilitation



- At outset of each meeting, remind participants of the **overarching goals** and “**where we are**”
- Refocus the meeting on **discussion of issues** rather than updates and report-outs on committee work. **Find another tool to provide updates** rather than group meeting time.
- Utilize **small group discussions**
- Continue to develop and **enhance communication materials**, including **website, project maps**, etc.



Potential Goals + Priorities for 2018

SOFAR Cohesive Strategy



Finalize
**Landscape
Strategy**

Identify
**Priorities +
Project Locations**

Advance
**Projects across
Landscape**
Collaborative-Led /
Developed + Others

Advance
**Biomass
Technologies +
Pilots**

Identify
Implementation Plan
including \$\$ to increase
Pace + Scale

Help
ENF Accomplish More
Mechanical Treatment +
Burns