



Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project
First Stakeholder Meeting
12-9-05, UC Davis

Meeting notes (by Deborah Bendinelli)

10:00 am, UC Scientist meeting

I. Introduction: Kim

1. Agenda Review:
2. Roles and Responsibilities:
 - A. The interaction method – collaborative attitude, strategic thinking, facilitative behavior
 - B. Measuring the success of a meeting – dimensions of success – results, process, relationship
 - C. Meeting agreements – we are not here to discuss the Record of Decision
 - D. Setting up – public participation, ecosystem health, water quality/quantity, wildlife

II. Development of MOU partnership: John

We all care about and want to find the best way to manage the Sierra Nevada.

1. Goal: research proposal signed by/agreed to by USFS/state/UC.
Controlling documents – Mou, proposal, contract between FS and UC – on public website
2. UC's role (per MOU) - a process, not answers or management plan.
Scientists role to learn and share what we learn with stakeholders
 - a. Restore/protect valued natural resources
 - b. Reduce threats to these resources and communities
3. Working definition of Adaptive Resource Management - What do we mean by adaptive management
 - a. We don't have the answers
 - b. Use tools of science, indigenous knowledge, and experience from public stakeholders
 - c. Understanding, policy, science, will of society might change over time
 - d. Steps in adaptive management and monitoring (UC responsible for bolded actions below)
 - i. **Determine**
 - ii. **Gather**
 - iii. Design

- iv. **Monitor**
- v. **Incorporate**
- vi. Adjust
- 4. Current management plans
- 5. Key elements
 - a. Adaptive management...experiment, see what happens
 - b. The process...incorporate inclusive knowledge base
 - c. Any monitoring...can't focus on one element
 - d. The spatial...BIG!...not a lot of experience with this scale of treatment areas
 - e. Plan must...highly diverse
- 6. Timeline to date...get notes from PPT

III. Defining Adaptive Management:

IV. Public participation: Lynne

1. Goal – integrate participation into adaptive management ongoing process throughout whole project
2. Working definition of adaptive management – steps agreed upon by all
 - a. Incorporate stakeholder participation
 - b. Participation is not a short cut
 - c. Risky
 - d. Build a process that creates trust
 - e. Involve participation early on to shape agenda/process/steps, goals, etc.
 - f. ID tradeoffs your tradeoffs
 - g. Work together
 - h. Want you to know how your feedback is being used or not used and why
 - i. Proposal needs to constantly adapt to new info
 - j. Public needs to be involved in every step
3. Methods
 - a. Website with map data, posted info from UC, accepts info from public
 - b. How can groups be inclusive and exclusive at the same time
 - c. Create positions for UC coop personal to live and work at treatment study areas

V. Forest Ecosystem Health: Scott

1. Define forest health –
 - a. Resistance to changes/