

Framework Committee Report

December 3, 2007

Since the last meeting of the full roundtable in September, the Framework Committee has met in Juneau on October 4th for a half day session with several members joining by teleconference and held a two-day field session via the Highbush Fools sub-committee in early November in Wrangell. Several committee members also met with the Mapping Committee on October 3 in Juneau and members were also active participants in the ad hoc committee on the Chabot Amendment.

As noted in our last report to the full Roundtable, the Committee's efforts were focused on beginning collaborative work on individual timber sale projects. The Highbush Fools sub-committee is being co-chaired by Mark Hummel and George Woodbury. A verbal report by one of the co-chairs (George) will be made at the Seattle meeting to update TFR members on the status of this project. A small group with good representation across the spectrum of interests was able to participate in the Wrangell field trip.

At our Juneau meeting, we discussed a wide range of topics and toward the end of the meeting made a list of some short-term and mid-term goals or ideas for potential collaborative projects. I've listed the agenda topics from our last meeting and interested TFR members can read committee notes and related information on the website for detailed information. You can also call me or any of our committee members for information.

- FY 08 USFS timber sale schedule
- FY 08 Chabot-Andrews spread sheet showing affects on USFS sales
- Update on Three Mile sale ruling
- Mapping Committee update
- Funding for professional forester from the conservation organizations
- Appraisal issues related to VCU's and economics of Alt. 7
- Update on MOU between the State and USFS

Three Mile Project

After our discussion on this item a suggestion was made to take a closer look at planning cycle demand vs. annual demand. This topic continues to cause a lot of discussion and debate and having a technical committee take a closer look at this item may be beneficial.

Depletion Schedule

The most recent depletion schedule for timber sale volume is attached. Sale offerings and volume continue to decrease; this is a critical issue to the industry. The committee discussed what sales could be worked on in the immediate short-term to improve the FY 08 situation. Scott Peak, Gravina, Overlook and Mad Buck were potential candidates. One suggestion was to take a look at road standards for these sales to see if that would improve overall sale economics. Other sales with potential were: Logjam, North Thorn and Election Creek.

Attachments:

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