

## SWCC Prioritization Committee

### Meeting Notes

4/4/2011

Seeley Ranger District

**Present:** Gary Burnett\*, Rich Kehr\*, Rob Ethridge\*, Jon Haufler\*, Tim Love\*, Megan Birzell\*, Amber Kamps\*

(\*Indicates voting member.)

- 1) Baseline analysis contract
  - a. The Blackfoot Challenge solicited proposal from four area groups and received two bids. The contract has been awarded to EMRI, but the contract has not yet been signed.
  - b. The due date for this work is now the end of September.
  - c. Amber reported that there may need to be some changes made to the Challenge's participating agreement relative to payment to EMRI for work completed would come directly from the FS, not the Challenge. The details are unclear, but **Amber, Gary, Jon, and Matt Gordon** (agreements specialist) will work to resolve this issue quickly.
- 2) Review status of FY 2011 – 2013 projects
  - a. FY 2011
    - i. Districts are comfortable with FY 11 plans but will check back in with the Prioritization Committee once FY 2011 funding levels are solidified to ensure that the right projects are targeted for funding.
  - b. There was broad discussion about whether a need exists to develop criteria for ranking CFLR projects. Some in the group would prefer to wait until the baseline analysis is complete and use that work as a starting point for identifying priority projects. Others would like to move ahead with developing project prioritization criteria. The dilemma of wanting to base criteria on specific objectives in the absence of having specific, quantifiable objectives was raised.
    - i. **Gary** will raise the issue at the Executive Committee and SWCC meetings to try to get a general sense from the membership about whether they are supportive of the general concept of developing criteria against which to rank potential CFLR projects.
  - c. There was also discussion about needing to have monitoring plans developed for upcoming projects (i.e. Colt Summit). It was suggested that the next Monitoring Committee meeting should focus on Colt-Summit to help tie together the abstract discussion of monitoring needs with specific project needs.
    - i. **Gary** will bring up this issue with the Executive Committee and at the next SWCC meeting.

- ii. **Megan** will talk to Jim Burchfield about the possibility of focusing the next monitoring committee meeting on the Colt-Summit project.

d. FY 2013

- i. Rich, Amber, and Tim recently supplied the WO with a template of projects from FY 2011 – 2013 based on a request by the CFLR RAC to see proposed FY 2013 projects.
- ii. Megan has a copy of this spreadsheet and can make it available to committee members.

3) Next meeting

- a. **Jon** will present EMRI's baseline analysis of the Clearwater and Blackfoot Watersheds in the context of the Colt Summit project to inform a beginning discussion about developing specific objectives and prioritizing projects across the landscape.
- b. **Upcoming meeting dates: May 3, June 2, July 8, August 4**
  - i. All meetings are 12 – 2pm at the Seeley Lake Ranger District.