

SWCC Executive Committee
Meeting Notes
October 11, 2011

Present: Sandy Mack, Cory Davis, Anne Dahl*, Gary Burnett*, Megan Birzell, Amber Kamps*, Debbie Austin*, Scott Brennan*

**Indicates voting member.*

- I. Review/approve notes from last meeting
 - a. The notes from the September 13, 2011 Executive Committee meeting were approved unanimously.

- II. Updates/New information/Review action items from last meeting (pasted below for reference)
 - a. The Washington Office has asked us for the following information: 1) whether we think it would be helpful to have national GIS support, and 2) what NEPA work is ongoing in the SW Crown as well as future needs related to NEPA. Sandy provided responses to these requests as follow: 1) local GIS support is more appropriate than national support, although we could benefit from additional funds to enable our designated local GIS support person (Lisa Blackburn) to more fully engage, and 2) we provided the WO with a list of current and upcoming EAs and EISs and explained that we project a need for \$1.7 million/year in planning money through FY 2014 to do these analyses.
 - b. Bridget Johnson sent Sandy some flow charts (which she passed out to the Executive Committee) that clarify what aspects of timber sale contracts can be used as CFLR match.
 - c. The Regional Office is being asked to include spatial information along with database statistics to report SWCC accomplishments. The forests already do this, and so the spatial information should be available. The group agreed that it is important to have this spatial information presented on the website, and the Data Management subcommittee of the Monitoring Committee is working to ensure that this happens.
 - d. America's Great Outdoors (AGO) is an initiative of the Obama Administration to develop a 21st century conservation and recreation agenda. Initial listening sessions in 2010 led to the creation of five pilot landscapes around the country. One of these landscapes is the Crown of the Continent, and the FS has been identified as the lead federal agency for AGO in this landscape. Last Friday, a meeting was held at the RO to brainstorm ideas for what the AGO initiative could look like in the Crown of the Continent. Approximately 25 people attended, and some initial themes that emerged were: engaging with youth, eradicating weeds, and preventing the establishment of aquatic invasive species. The FS will take all the ideas presented, categorize them, and continue working with interested parties to move it forward.
 - e. Action items remaining from the last meeting include:

