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Group 1: 9 participants 6 Federal & 3 Tribal

1.a. ? – What do you like & what would you want changed?

* – Place tribes in a higher status or position in the document – emphasize their role more.

– ID tribes as co-managers of the resource

– ID tribes as not locked in w/ local State i.e. not just another interest group

* – Some tribes have rights outside the bounds of their reservation & are involved w/ local cities...

– Unified approach is good

– Notice to tribes got late. It's so important that some steps should have been made to get or assume tr participation

* – Good to see watershed based boundaries

– Easier to work w/ those boundaries

– Want to establish std definitions of terms being used; unify the Fed. position re Tribal rights.

– Good to see it's watershed based

– Want more interaction w/ FS; almost no connection. They don't seem to care what we are doing.

Want to compliment one another.

1.b. What Direction should we be heading? (next steps)

– Hard to say how & where we start; get tribes involved need a Natl inventory for these areas. (they have no #'s)

– Missing integrating this w/ other initiative already in place, esp. implementing it w/ concurrent work.

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- Feds need to look at structures of their agencies i.e. EPA, FWS, FS, all have diff. geographic areas (Regions) & need to approach consistently
- Need to be Forest level local meetings, prior to final draft
- Liaisons need to contact tribes - that's not being done.
- This would pull several tribes together 8-10 tribes
- EPA should come to Coast (Indian County) ..
* - Standardize terms is needed.
- Missing: how is this really going to affect us? give examples, FS & Timber sale? how to apply this?
- i.e. Clarify responsibilities locally & see how they line up w/ Tribes. It takes $'s to do this.
* - Turn the responsibility over to Tribes. PL.93-638
Restoration project level or basin wide or?
i.e. they are local & know the area; they have expertise.
- Don't see a commitment to work w/ Tribes in this.
- Some actions have potential to affect trust resources.
- Agree to use Tr expertise & need $'s to go w/ it.
- Need a clear definition of BIA & Am. Indian Env. Offic
- e.g. Trustee to monitor other feds.
  BIA is a "co-mgr" of Quinault Res resources.
  QIN allotment are held in trust, but Indnid manage.
- Indian Land in PNW = 53% of Oregon in acres.
* - BIA should be equal partner w/ other Feds. Define Role

Phase
2. Most effective process for ~~meaningful~~ meaningful consult State w/ Tribes & how to pay for restoration
- #1 = water quality / ecosystem
  2 = economic self suff. ensure sustainable
  3 economic sustain
  4 cultural sustain
  5 Indian Water Rights need to be acknowlg.
* - Direct communication Feds need to know tribal leaders & resource staff; reg. meetings
- Focus on local contacts direct w/ leaders, not groups.
* - Feds. need training & ed. "Consultation 101".
- Call tribes first! before acting; not to comment on draft
- Emphasize that Tribes are sep. govt.
- protocol, return the calls! from tribes.
- Consultation: Tech level, Policy level, like w/ NMFS, FS ... 2 tier approach.
- underscore "meaningful" i.e. early in planning
- Consultation, at State level? since States are part of this process? Need States to approach similarly.
- i.d. Tribes as co-mgrs will help communications.
as Feds acknowledge Tribes as govt helps Tr's talk to States.

2a. Priorities for funding forest. projects
- If Feds want Tribes to participate need to send help and/or $'s to get to a solid plan
- How Tr's will be integrated
  Fed ~~State~~ Tribe
- Feds. ~~Fr~~ who have a project in or near Tr, find additional contribution of $'s, a distribution method or mechanism.
- How do priorities get funded? via a task force to help allocate.
  i.e. within the funding or appropriations may be non-BIA agencies could transfer funds to BIA, who could then contract w/ tribe
- May have to assess $ own budget, have agency prioritize one indian project. When i.d. a program make sure address 1st project as a pilot.
- projects? priorities see 5 points earlier
- or find other ways to distribute $'s Multi agency group to look at projects & priorities.

Partnerships

Best way to develop w/ others
- Open communication in timely manner.
e.g. roadless area - not a telephone survey!
Need letter, maps, time to respond.
Use web sites!
- Develop a trust relationship
- " " " best done locally
- Partnerships Conferences in FS have been missing Tribes!, So, include tribes in these efforts, get better at it.

Collaboration ? means
- a) get together & hug
b) all compromise & go away wanting more
- Means working together, side by side
not just looked to for input.
- Honest dialog (not nice discussion (not too gooey)
"Help me do this", not send me your comments!

Examples where & why worked:
- reason, because focus on common area & what we could do or can do.
- Restoration w/ local timber Co. rather than court. put diff aside, go for common goal. even though each had diff reasons for that goal
- get to a level of trust, so can work together
- Wetland admin near K. Falls. from design to finish, using Tr member as part of work force

QIN, Park, ? , Road decommission
had good working relation w/ local staffs.
- Tribal Bio's had hands on work.
NPS & cultural sites use Tr technicians.
what part to play; role?
- Being at the table (being told the table exists)
on a gent to gent basis
- Work w/ other agencies to help get more #'s
to Tribes. BIA request. CWAP ....
to discuss next step that will or could help Tr's
i.e. get anything/something → 638, early in FY.
- What Feds. allow. good start in Draft Fed Regist
- Tr as co-decision maker & help manage water ~~[illegible]~~
Tribe is a teacher for Dist Ranger ... etc. we do
have that info & background to offer; our Role

Bruce: Consult.
tiered approach, contact official first
Then Feds. need tech. consultation, & policy next
NMFS & FWS works well on resource issues.

> Role of Tribe = work w/ tribes. co mgr.
but may be not a co decision maker.
Tr = educator too. e.g. new Ranger.