

Checkerboard Partnership Planning Committee
8.27.19

- Review TNC framework
 - [Click here for slides and background on TNC's Community Forest research so far](#)
 - Questions:
 - How does TNC quantify their 'must haves' for transferring the land? What counts as satisfactory meeting of 'conservation values'?
 - This may be addressed via the vision of the Community Forest steering committee
 - Suggestion that 'conservation values' be reworded so that it does not summon to mind wilderness management - these lands can be actively managed for fire, recreation, etc
 - How is the 'fair market value' of properties determined?
 - Via fair market appraisal at time of sale
 - Estimates are currently pulled from appraisal of properties being transferred to the USFS
 - What is the end goal for the forest?
 - For the community to decide
 - To maintain control over use of the land – if nothing is done, TNC loses this and community may no longer have input
 - "If this were still economically viable landscape, Plum Creek would still have it." These lands likely are not able to pay for themselves for X years
- Where are we NOW?
 - Outcomes from August
- Group Planning
 - Group Name
 - Kittitas Checkerboard Challenge
 - Headwaters
 - Kittitas Stewardship Group
 - Central Cascade Collaborative
 - Checkerboard Stewardship Committee/Group/Partners
 - **Checkerboard Partnership**
 - Are we a leadership team, steering committee, advisory committee, etc?
 - Advisory Committee
 - No, sounds like we're an advisory body to an agency
 - Exploratory Committee
 - Steering Team
 - Advisory Team
 - Transitional Work Group
 - Jump Starters
 - Land Transition Work Group
 - Collaborators

- Transitional Planning Group
 - **Planning Committee**
- **Result: CHECKERBOARD PARTNERSHIP PLANNING COMMITTEE**
- Task force assignments (lead in bold)
 - Draft Board - will meet before Sept meeting
 - **Gary**
 - Danny
 - Laura O
 - Jay
 - Governance - will meet before Sept meeting
 - **David**
 - Mitch
 - Larry
 - Danny
 - Vic
 - Gary
 - Darcy
 - Tristan
 - Jonathan
 - Public Engagement - will meet before Sept meeting
 - **Nicky**
 - Brian
 - Melissa
 - Jamey
 - Survey/Values
 - **Nicky**
 - Jay
 - Danny
 - Michael
 - Funding - will meet before Sept meeting
 - **Darcy**
 - Larry
 - Michael
 - Mitch
 - Jane
 - Jamey
- Funding efforts
 - FY21 Forest Legacy Grant Proposal
 - ~6,000 acres in Cabin Creek area
 - Requires there be no development
 - Made a run at FLP in 2019, but FLP was not funded so it languished
 - Got community support at that time, TNC hopes it will continue to be supported

- Differences: if it is accepted this time, we will need to navigate differences in management between community forest and DNR (and we do not yet know what community forest management will look like)
 - Goal: the county will designate a % of the revenue to support public recreation on the rest of the community forest lands. Could be any below, but at county's discretion:
 - An endowment
 - Funding for Parks and Rec
 - A land steward position
 - Other??
 - How does trust land management differ from community forest lands?
 - All management decisions are made to maximize revenue per acre
 - Ex: rec takes backseat to timber/grazing rather than balanced use.
 - Is it part of the community forest?
 - The Community Forest Management Plan could include these Cabin Creek trust lands, but policies would have to be consistent with DNR's trust management
 - *If it IS included, that creates incentive for the county to designate some of the revenue to the forest upkeep*
 - *Can we get commitment on this from the county?*
 - What is the roads piece?
 - Many roads exist that are easements onto USFS land, which are in bad shape.
 - When state funds are available for DNR forest health projects, DNR can apply for roads.
 - Teanaway forest manager may be looking at cabin creek road conditions
 - SIDENOTE: could be opportunity for DNR to transfer trust lands from TCF into Cabin Creek, and community forest lands from CC into TCF. Depends on TCF 'poison pill' issue being resolved
- Community Forest Tours
 - Nason Ridge, Sept 23
 - Several committee members planning to attend
 - Chaweelah Community Forest, Sept 24
 - Only David planning to go, may change plans
- Next meeting
 - September 24