

Northwest Environmental Forum Breakout Session Notes

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Forum Action Points:

1. Supporting collaborative efforts
 - a. Pathway to success needs to be a broad coalition, supporting or centered around existing efforts such as TAPASH and Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition
 - b. Broad regional coalition:
 - i. Provide for technical support
 - ii. Expertise
 - iii. Data Collection
 - iv. Clear definitions of biomass, saw logs
 - v. Track volume and share information, can help determine amount of biomass.
 - c. Third party organization, non-agency takes lead in organizing
 - d. Funding avenues to get groups to convene, could come from foundations
 - e. Existing group could play a role: Provincial Advisory Committee, Set up under the NW Forest Plan, represent stakeholders around the USFS
2. Develop/encourage infrastructure
 - a. Problem: there is no infrastructure in the area
 - b. Uncertainty of long-term supply is perceived as the barrier to investments
 - c. Identify a market area (working circle) and as a group could offer up what they expect to accomplish as far as removal
 - i. Scale
 - ii. Efficiency, reasonable transportation
 - d. Mobile units, temporary infrastructure
 - e. Technology needs to match the product coming out (small diameter/biomass)
 - f. Provide subsidies for building infrastructure and facility upgrades
 - g. Support the biomass definition to include national forest lands
3. Articulating/developing a public case for east side forest management
 - a. Political and public coalition is valuable for influencing change in the legislation
 - b. Create a clear message
 - c. Avoided costs from fire
 - d. Find out what the public really thinks, public opinion polling
 - e. Could combine the east side forest issues with climate
 - f. By creating a case for east side forest management, could open up various funding streams (ex. Climate change)
 - g. Outreach program needs to expand past the east side and secure support on the west side

Terminology: “Anchor Collaborative” rather than “Anchor Forests”