

## **Pilot Thompson Multi-party Transportation Working Group**

Purpose: To increase transparency in road management decisions for the Pilot and seeking community ownership in the transportation system by providing collaborative opportunity to assess transportation system and needs.

What: The MP Transportation Work Group will be tasked to collaboratively assess the current transportation system in and adjacent to Pilot Thompson for suggestions for road decommissioning, obliteration, closures, construction and reconstruction. The suggestions will be considered for inclusion in the environmental analysis (EA) for Pilot Thompson in one or more alternatives.

Who: The working group will consist of a minimum of:

- 2 members from the Collaborative and/or Applegate Partnership,
- 1 member from industry and/or AFRC,
- 1 member from BLM
- 1 member from local environmental organization (likely KS Wild)
- 1 member from Thompson Creek area community (likely Chris Bratt)
- 1 member from Oregon Department of Forestry or Applegate Fire Plan
- Additional community members will be sought including those in the Pilot Thompson project area, and those publics who previously worked on a focus group with BLM on the Transportation Strategic Theme. Ideally, the group should be around 8-10 members.

When: The group will meet weekly or bi-weekly (estimated 4-6 meetings) for approximately 2 months. The organizational meeting is Wednesday, October 12. Subsequently, meeting days/time and duration will be determined by working group.

Where: At locations in the Applegate and at BLM in Medford.

How: BLM will provide the Working Group with map and tabular road information including road numbers, location, management type, length, etc.

The Working Group will develop a hierarchy for prioritizing obliteration/decommissioning needs and construction/replacement (i.e. obliterating/closing existing location but building replacement in a different location) needs.

As a minimum, the Working Group will:

- Include non-system roads in the assessment (when known).
- Consider management needs for timber, access for private land owners (ROW or FLPMA road permits), recreation use/access and fire suppression.

- Identify which lands will be challenged for management involving vegetation (timber sales, fuels reduction, thinning, etc.) as a result of not having road access (or nearby road access for helicopter yarding, for example).
- Display the range of Working Group thought when consent/consensus is not reachable.
- Not be in conflict with the Western Oregon Districts Transportation Management Plan (updated 2002).