

Striving for Sustainability: Resource Protection and Compatible Uses

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Introduction to Focus Group

- Expectations
 - Definitions of protection
 - Differences between NLCS / not-NLCS
- Processes, thresholds, and uses
 - Condition, trend, and effects
- What works
 - Strategies and practices
 - Barriers and incentives

Summary of Discussions: What we heard

- Management of Areas
 - Objects, values, and resources
 - Facts on the ground
- Planning
 - Importance of community dialogue and integration of science

Summary of Discussions: What we heard

- Policy
 - Consistency and flexibility
- Monitoring
 - What's helpful: value- or use-based
 - Tie back to decisions and adaptive management

Summary of Discussion: What we heard - Issues

- Need for clear and common understanding
 - Legal requirements
 - Community role
 - Results and outcomes
 - Prioritization
- Capacity and priority
 - Skills and functions
 - Partnerships

Summary of Discussion:

What we heard - Issues

- Compatibility of uses
 - Method and process to determine
- Resources
 - National significance

Action Items

- Develop policy
 - Standards for defining objects and values
 - Manuals and handbooks
 - Collaboration and partnerships
- Metrics, accountability, and evaluation
 - Value-added process steps
 - Measure the right stuff
 - Data trend and outcome (e.g. general management evaluation)

Action Items

- Best practices
 - Real-time tools to improve speed of concept-to-action (e.g. plan maintenance, authorization monitoring loops, peer-to-peer networks)

Action Items

- Skill mix tied to roles
 - Problem solving (e.g. facilitation, collaboration)
 - Technology to leverage work (e.g. monitoring)
 - Capacity building (e.g. nurturing partners and volunteers, neighboring)
- Communication strategy
 - Common themes and consistency of message
 - Foster shared understanding
 - Broad applicability