

Bridger-Teton National Forest  
**Forest Plan Revision**  
**Cooperators' Meeting**  
December 1, 2006

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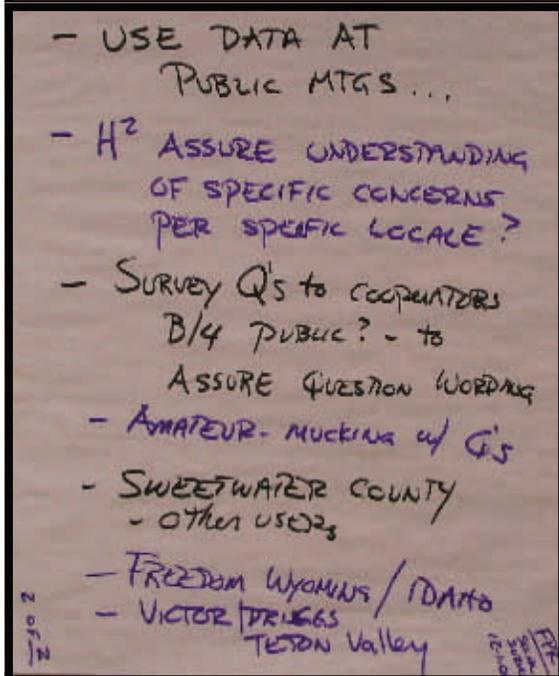
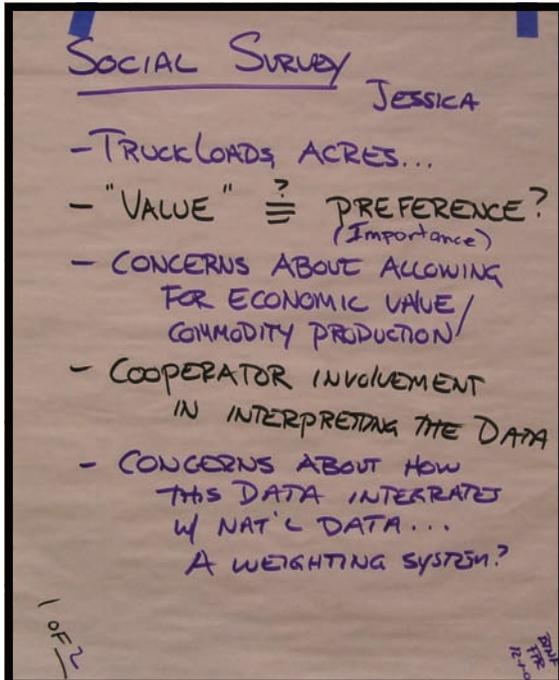
- SHARED UNDERSTANDING (AGREEMENT?) ON HOW TO INCORPORATE SOCIAL SURVEY & ECONOMIC ASSESSMENTS INTO THE FPR.
- SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT NEEDS TO  $\Delta$  ON THE B-T W/R/T ENERGY DEVELOPMENT & REC.

**Meeting Desired Outcome:**

- Shared understanding on how to incorporate the social survey and the economic assessments into the Forest Plan Revision
- Shared understanding of what needs to change on the Bridger-Teton with regard to energy development and recreation

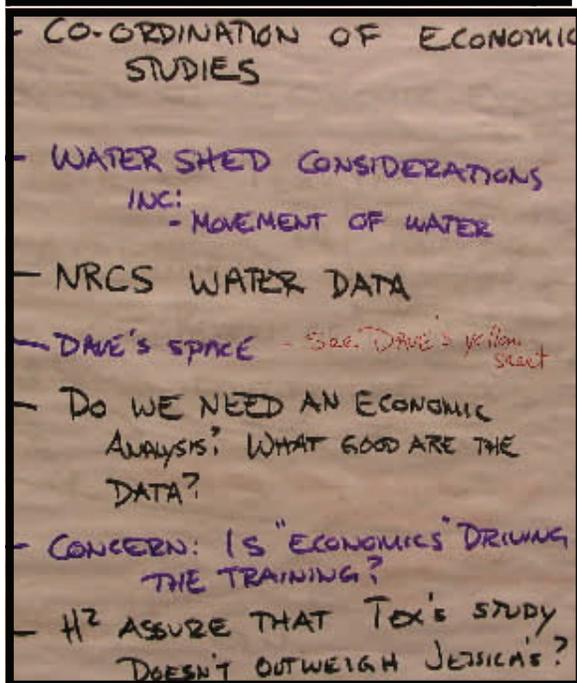
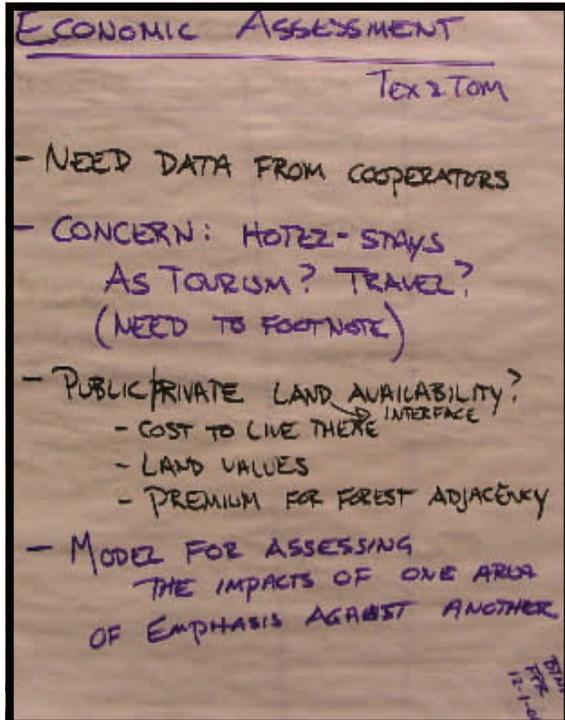
Proposed Agenda  
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Start Up <i>Welcome</i> <i>Desired outcomes</i> <i>Agenda review</i> <i>Meeting Climate</i> <i>Introductions</i>	9:00 – 9:20
Subcommittee Updates <i>Public Collaboration</i> <i>Economic Assessment</i>	9:20 – 9:30
Social Survey <i>Q&amp;A</i> <i>Public Involvement</i>	9:30 – 10:30
Break	10:30 – 10:45
Economic Assessment <i>Q&amp;A</i> <i>Public Involvement</i>	10:45 – 12:00
Lunch <i>Thank you Star Valley Conservation District!</i>	12:00 – 12:30
Recreation Presentation Oil & Gas Presentation	12:30 – 1:00
Mapping Work & Report out	1:00 – 2:30
Reflections on Input from Public Workshops	2:30 – 2:45
Next Steps/Calendar	2:45 – 3:00



### Social Survey (Jessica)

- Consider changing measures to units more meaningful to communities like truckloads or acres.
- Does "Value" = Preference or Importance?
- Concerns about allowing for economic value and commodity production
- Some cooperators would like involvement in interpreting the data
- Some cooperators' expressed concerns about how this data integrates with national data. Will there be a weighting system for putting some data ahead of others?
- Use data at public meetings
- How to assure understanding of specific concerns per specific locale?
- Survey questions to cooperators before public, which may help assure wording relevant to locals.
- Concerns of amateurs mucking with questions
- Concerns about including neighboring communities like those in Sweetwater County, Freedom, Wyoming/Idaho, Victor/Driggs in Teton Valley, Idaho



### The Economic Assessment (Tex & Tom):

During the course of the conversation, a few cooperators expressed concern regarding the identification and interpretation of economic studies. The cooperators agreed to assemble a panel of economic experts, who will be responsible for reviewing existing studies and identifying any additional information that should be considered.

- We need data from the cooperators
- Concern: Hotel stays as tourism or travel: How is it measured?
- Public/private land interface availability?
  - cost to live there
  - land values
  - premium for being adjacent to the forest?
- Model for assessing the impacts of one area of emphasis against another
- Coordination of economic studies
- Watershed considerations including movement of water
  - NRCS water data
  - Dave's space — Dave provided written comments after the meeting
  - Do we need an economic analysis?
    - -what good is the data?
  - Concern: Is "economics" driving the train?
  - How to assure that Tex's study doesn't outweigh Jessica's ?

WHO'S GOT WHAT?

RESOURCE	WHO	WHEN
ERG-MODEL	RANDY	
REMI	MARY	
SIMPLE (NOT AN ECONOMIC MODEL)		
SUBLETTE COUNTY SEIO-ECONOMIC STRATEGIC PLAN	JOHN L.	
LARRY'S POCKET STUDIES		

PROPOSAL

- PANEL OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS 3-4
- ROLE OF TEX-TOM? ✓
- ASSIGNMENT
  - REVIEW OF EXISTING STUDIES
  - IDENTIFY WHAT ADDITIONAL DATA WE NEED

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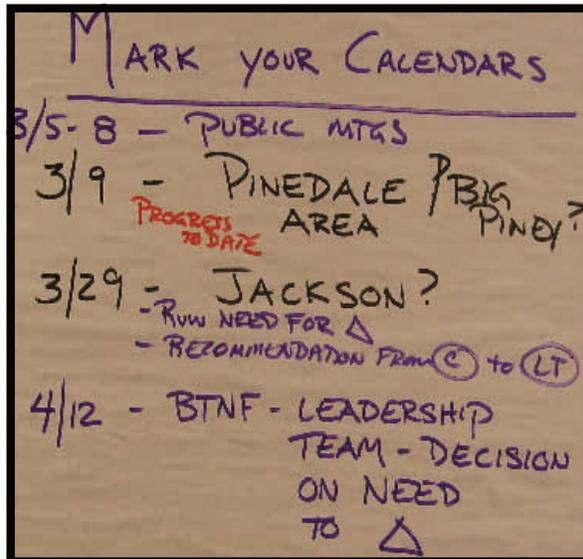
TEX/TOM - RPT BACK TO COOPERATORS DEMONSTRATED INVOLVE MOST OF TEAM

PHASE 1: GO!

*Handwritten notes:* Ron Dutton, Haley @ ERG, Jeffrey G. Sublette City, LARRY'S Recommendations

**Economic Study: A Proposal:**

- Assemble a panel of economic experts (3-4 ppl)
- Role of Tex & Tom
  - To coordinate this effort
- The Panel's Assignment
  - Review existing studies
  - Identify what additional data we need
  - Report back to cooperators with demonstrated involvement of team
- Suggested Participants:
  - Ron Dutton
  - Haley @ ERG
  - Jeffrey G. in Sublette County
  - Any one of the following: Ray Ring or Ben Alexander at Headwaters Economics, Bozeman: (406) 570-7044 or ray@headwaterseconomics.org, PO Box 7059, Bozeman, MT 59771; or John Duffield, Univ. of Montana, (406) 243-5569; or John Loomis, CSU (970) 491-2485, john.loomis@colostate.edu
- Cooperators' decision on Phase 1: GO!



**Upcoming Meetings:**

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|------------------|---|
| 3/5/07 to 3/8/07 | Public Meetings   |
| 3/9/07           | Pinedale Area/Big Piney?<br>check progress to date  |
| 3/29/07          | Possibly in Jackson<br>Run need for change<br>Recommendations from "Cooperators" to<br>BTNF Leadership Team |
| 4/12/07          | BTNF Leadership Team<br>Decision on :need to change"  |