

## FY 2019 NCWFHC Projects Committee Workplan

### Committee leadership:

- Crystal Elliot, Committee co-chair. Lead on Methow and Tonasket Ranger Districts
- Mike Kaputa, Committee co-chair. Lead on Chelan, Entiat, and Wenatchee River Ranger Districts
- Pete Teigen, Committee coordinator and facilitator

### Committee Operations:

- Hold quarterly full Projects Committee meetings to reflect on progress of our overall workplan
- Facilitate project and district level meetings as necessary for members of our committee to engage in the content of the work plan as needed
- Maintain our [Projects Committee share site](#) to transparently provide access to information and documents relevant to our committee work

### Foundational Pieces:

- In recognition that the foundational pieces launched in 2018 are critical to the effective and efficient delivery of projects from planning through implementation, this year we will track and coordinate with the Supervisor's Office and Forest Restoration Team to gain reports on the progress and completion of:
  - Update to baseline including reviewing lessons learned from the Supplemental Information Reports for projects including in the Timber Audit and wolverine fire line as it relates to the Upper Wenatchee Restoration Pilot project
  - Updates to streamline processes for the consultation process
  - LSRA update process and associated spotted owl mapping
  - A final living aquatic restoration strategy (one that integrates the best of lessons learned from both ongoing OWNF pilot projects into a single whole watershed strategy for the forest to be integrated with the Forest Restoration Strategy)

### Project Level Planning:

- **Mount Hull** (collaborating to provide input and information on a proposed action and purpose and need that accomplishes integrated restoration). Review and comment on draft Environmental Analysis, final Environmental Analysis and Decision. Collaborate with Forest on strategic implementation and potential monitoring. (Level of Collaboration: High)
- **Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project** (highest level of collaborative capacity – defer to that Project Team's workplan). Continue to engage with UWPP Project Team and OWNF on the project to reach a collaboratively supported decision for this project by the end of 2019 including commenting on Scoping, Environmental Analysis, and other elements as appropriate. (High)
- **Mad-Roaring** (Yakama Nation is doing reach assessment, we'll track with the district progress and opportunities for collaboration, opportunity to enhance aquatic assessment). (Medium)
- **Twisp River** – Engage with Forest on identifying resource needs and gaps. (High)

**Commented [JW1]:** We should update these based on talks with the Districts to note whether we expect scoping to start on either of these in 2019, or are we fully in pre-NEPA phase engagement with the district.

- [Toroda-Tonata – Track and engage in discussions on the timeline for establishing planning in this shared landscape with the Colville National Forest, and coordinate to ensure any DNR analysis is informative to future work on forest service land. \(Low\)](#)

#### **Project Implementation:**

- **Mission** – Collaborate to identify opportunities to implement various components of the project. (High)
- Grounding ourselves in the projects that we’ve invested in that have signed decisions and that Collaborative members can add value through implementation that recognizes individual organizational investments and additional needs for external support - work with OWNF Supervisor’s Office and districts to develop a table of resource needs to implement projects (“shovel ready” elements):
  - Annie, Light, Mission, South Summit, Twenty-five Mile, Tillicum. (*Note: Mount Hull will join this list during the life of this workplan*)
- Track how the other components of the Chelan Pilot are implemented as they are integrated with the Upper Wenatchee Restoration Project and build integrated support.

#### **Monitoring:**

- Evaluation (collaboration, process, implementation, and effects) – Pete will send out an email to solicit input from NCWFHC to determine member’s interest in monitoring as a starting point, then work through the PWG to refine the list and define which elements should be explored in depth (given capacity constraints it’s been suggest that the focus be on the top 3-4)
- Conduct third party monitoring of projects that we have engaged in including:
  - Implementation monitoring of projects with signed decisions and in our implementation work plan as described above, *“Are we implementing these projects consistent with NEPA and in a timely and strategic manner? If not, why and is there a role for collaborative assistance?”*
  - Conduct a vegetation post-treatment monitoring assessment for a project in 2019 similar to that conducted by Derek Churchill in coordination with the Tonasket Ranger District to compare whether we are hitting our silvicultural goals in project implementation
  - Develop monitoring questions for the Mission Restoration Project
- Book 2 monitoring field trips to projects that we have or are engaged in (baseline and/or post-treatment)