

DRAFT FFAC IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP
Outline for a Work Plan for Initiating Activities in Support of
FFAC Recommendations Related to Local Collaboratives

This document outlines next steps for advancing the work of the Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee (FFAC) by members of the FFAC Implementation Work Group.

Background

Following the FFAC final recommendations, a group was convened by the Governor's Natural Resource Office and Oregon Solutions to discuss how best to implement the FFAC recommendations. Representatives of twelve (12) of those parties signed a Declaration of Cooperation forming the FFAC Implementation Work Group.

The following is a proposed plan for how the FFAC Implementation Work Group can begin to implement the commitments in that declaration.

Approach/Timeline

August 2009

- Pre-Assessment. Develop a catalogue of potential collaborative opportunities, building upon work already in progress. Include existing collaborative efforts (e.g. Lakeview) as well as a list of geographic areas where there seems to be a strong potential for the creation of new collaborative efforts. Circulate initial drafts.

September – December 2009

- Assessment of Collaborative Opportunities Upon completion of the catalogue/list of opportunities, (1) Develop agreed upon methodology for conducting assessments for new and existing local collaboratives, including clear delineation of roles; (2) Develop agreed upon methodology for *assisting* local collaboratives, both new and existing. Possibility for work group members to be involved in assessments (SNW, TNC, Oregon Solutions, U of O Ecosystem Workforce, ODF, Counties, interest groups and Federal Agencies along with others) to schedule a retreat to define relationships among work group members who will be actively involved in collaborative project assessment and implementation and to develop timelines and protocols to guide member work and cooperation over the next two years.

December 2009

- Report Back to Group. Products developed for assessing collaborative opportunities will be vetted, refined, and brought back to the entire work group for discussion, revision as needed, and approval.

January/February 2010

- Collaborative Projects. Initiate/support highest priority local collaborative projects.