

Big Thorne Stewardship Workshop #4

Thorne Bay, AK

Thursday, July 14 2011

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Light meal and refreshments provided

Purposes / Goals

- Collaborate on “End Result” management actions for the Big Thorne Stewardship Area
- Identify, clarify and prioritize opportunities for forest management and restoration in the Big Thorne Stewardship Area
 - Prioritize list of projects that are ready for implementation (but which may not have funds)
 - Identify important projects (or types of projects) that the agency has missed
 - Define the types of projects that could be integrated at implementation, to better serve the local private sector workforce (economy)

AGENDA

- 5:30 pm Welcome and Introductions (Group)
- 5:45 pm Review of Workshop Purpose, Agreements and Outcomes (FS/Jay)
- This is the time to propose new agreements, edit purpose or identify new, desired outcomes of the remaining workshops
- 6:00 pm Review of Opportunity Sector Discussions and Previous Workshop Progress (Group)
- 6:30 pm Discussion of Final Opportunity Sector - Subsistence
- **Subsistence** (to be discussed at Workshop #4)
 - **NOTE:** The agenda for workshop #3 failed to list the Subsistence Sector as a result of group recommendations made at Workshop #2 and also, inadvertently split Terrestrial and Vegetation into separate sectors. Both mistakes have been corrected in the Workshop #3 notes (and in this agenda).
 - **Aquatic Habitat** (discussed at workshop #2 – see notes)
 - **Recreation Mgt.** (discussed at workshop #2 – see notes)
 - **Access Mgt.** (discussed at Workshop #3 – see notes)
 - **Vegetation / Terrestrial Mgt.** (discussed at Workshop #3 – see notes)

7:30 pm

Review of DRAFT Big Thorne Timber Sale Alternative Maps

- An effort to look at the geographic relationship of potential Stewardship Area project opportunities, including **potential** harvest units associated with the Big Thorne Timber Sale. This may help stakeholders refine or validate their recommended criteria for the Big Thorne Stewardship Area, and may help potential local operators make more informed recommendations about their interest in, and capacity for Stewardship Contracting in the future.
 - **This exercise will be most meaningful if local contractors are present. Please do what you can to encourage their participation!**

8:00 pm

Identification Local, Private-Sector Workforce Participants for Next Workshop (Group)

- Workshop #5 (Final) will be an important opportunity to present / discuss with local businesses the criteria and opportunities that exist in the Big Thorne Stewardship Area, as well as the collaborative criteria developed for recommended prioritization of projects.
- The efforts of the participants to identify criteria and priorities for treatment / implementation in Workshops 1-4, along with some DRAFT prediction of future timber sale opportunities can be used to draft some conceptual Stewardship Contracts prototypes that will seek leverage timber receipts and local workforce. First-hand knowledge and involvement by local industry operators will be most useful to this discussion and desired outcomes.

8:30 pm

Next Steps and **Adjourn.**

- Workshop #5 is tentatively planned for August 18 so that Forest Service Contracting Officer, John Inman, can attend to assist in the development of Best Value contracting criteria, which the agency can use in the solicitation process for future Stewardship Contracts.
 - This workshop could also include a “Government Contracting 101” session in which local business operators learn about the government contracting process, directly from those who oversee it...