

Magdalena Collaborative

Kickoff Partners Meeting

Friday, April 6, 2018 | 10AM – 2:30PM
Magdalena School Auxiliary Gym (201 Duggins)

Meeting Objectives:

- 1) Convene diverse partners working in the greater Magdalena landscape to identify shared interests, priority needs for collaboration, and clear actions steps
- 2) Foster networking and relationship building

AGENDA

9:30AM Registration and networking

10:00 Welcome and Overview

30 min

- Joint welcome by organizers
 - Agenda review and housekeeping by facilitators
 - Introductions: 1) name, title and affiliation, 2) very brief description of your organization/agency's interests in the Magdalena area
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10:30 Shared interests and priorities for collaboration

30 min

- Pre-workshop survey results and discussion
 - Priority topics for collaboration
 - Topical discussion instructions
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11:00 Topical Discussions – Round 1

45 min

- 1) Current/relevant efforts
 - 2) Needs for collaboration/coordination
 - 3) Who is/needs to be included
 - 4) Strategies/next steps
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11:45 **Lunch** - *generously provided by Ron and Mahona Burnett, Bill Ferranti, and the Quemado/Salado SWCD*

45 min

12:30 Topical Discussions – Round 2

60 min

Sharing Back (20 min)

1:30 Magdalena Collaborative - Path Forward

30 min

- Purpose/objectives of a Magdalena Collaborative
 - Topical and geographical scope
 - Who's missing
 - Structure/roles
 - Meetings
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2:00 Wrap up

30 min

- Next steps, next meeting
 - Participant feedback
 - Closing comments round robin
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2:30PM Adjourn

Magdalena Collaborative - Kickoff Partners Workshop

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DRAFT WORKSHOP NOTES

Workshop Overview

On April 6, 2018, 50 representatives of agencies, organizations, local government and private interests gathered to initiate a landscape collaborative in the Magdalena area. The purpose of the workshop was to convene partners to identify shared interests and concerns and outline opportunities to collaboratively address challenges and achieve common goals. The Magdalena Collaborative Workshop was organized and convened by a team of diverse partners (see page 15).

For the majority of the workshop, participants worked in small groups organized around topics of interest. A facilitator guided the conversation and took notes for each discussion group. Across all topics, the small-group discussions included:

- Brainstorming elements of a community vision
- Identifying existing efforts and opportunities for working together on common interests
- Planning activities related to collaboration on specific issues

Following the topical discussions, participants gathered together to define a path forward for the larger Magdalena Collaborative and agreed on the main next steps for the collaborative: meeting quarterly, convening sub-groups around specific issues, and engaging additional partners in the collaborative effort.

See Participant list on page 15 and workshop agenda on page 17.

Elements of a Community Vision

Following a welcome to the workshop by the Cibola National Forest and introductions by all participants, the participants gathered into small groups to discuss topics of their interest. To allow everyone to engage meaningfully, there were two discussion groups for some topics. The topics included:

- Recreation
- Resource Use and Land Health
- Resource Protection
- Forest and Rangeland Health
- Local Communities
- Other

In the first set of topical discussions, participants brainstorming elements of a community vision, writing phrases that could become part of a shared vision related to their respective discussion topics. The sections below are the ideas offered by the participants for each topic.

A. Recreation

- Would like to see hunting; hunting strong
- Open public lands to enjoy; land open to everyone
- Keep all lands healthy
- Keep grazing and wildlife good.

- Maintain in current biota-wildlife and plant communities
- The area support the local communities and the state economically.
- The area stay resilient, even able to adjust to any climate

B. Recreation

- Forests are restored to benefit ecosystem processes
- Conservation of the watershed, including use of the land for the future.
- Grocery store
- Laundromat
- Car wash
- Multiple use of public lands for future generations
- OHV trails/use
- Outdoor recreation that notices the environment as a whole, not single use only
- Trail riding/camping
- Dark skies

C. Resource Use and Land Health

Economic Development

- Positive growth in communities
- Partnered infrastructure development (resources bundling)
- Economic development opportunities for agricultural producers and recreation tourism
- Create jobs for local and tribal community
- Healthy working landscape that contributes to the economy

Access

- Balancing access and conservation
- Provide opportunity to access and use natural resources
- Manage resources in a responsible, healthy manner
- Increasing access while maintaining low impact to environment

Social Environment

- Diverse, participatory, collaborative
- Environment of mutual respect

Public Lands

- Complete NEPA analysis on a timely and complete way
- Reduced wildfire risk

Ranching

- Healthy rangeland
- Maintain the ranching heritage and traditions

D. Resource Use and Land Health

- Better understanding of budgetary distribution
- Tribal cultural sites
- Better understanding and a defined government structure and designed to flow into Account, Authority, etc.
- MRO – knowing what we can do to preserve and maintain and improve to road in WC (MRO maintained). Need to know who to talk with
- Refining of a more efficient NEPA process
- Delineation of responsibilities

E. Resource Protection

Land Health

- Unique natural areas are identified and protected
- *Healthy habitats* for birds and mammals, but especially native plants in *riparian areas* that tend to get degraded and trampled

Recreation

- Collaborative recreation where all users are aware of where their uses are permitted and abide by the rules.
- Ranching, hunting, recreation

Forest Health

- Forest areas are being successfully restored
- Healthy watersheds , thinning, fire protection
- Forest is Firewise - protected against mega wildfire
- Forest healthy by historical standards – stand density and age diversity, wildlife thriving and genetically sound
- Healthy forests because of appropriate fire and forest management

F. Resource Protection

Wilderness

- Expanded wilderness

Wildlife

- Wildlife populations are vibrant and diverse
- Wolf landowner/permittee management agency collaboration
- Thriving wildlife populations
- Healthy biodiversity – soils, plants, birds, wildlife, pollinators, etc.

Watersheds/Ecosystem Health

- Healthy watershed ecosystems
- Watersheds, streams are restored and functioning
- Healthy, well-functioning forest/watershed ecosystems and habitats

Healthy Fire Regime

- Restoration of fire as a landscape scale management tool, returning the forest to a natural fire return interval

Climate change impacts

- Planning related to climate change and protections for biodiversity, water, watershed, etc.

G. Forest and Range Health

- Management of forest to decrease the threat of fires
- Healthy economy
- Healthy ecosystems supporting healthy community and economy, and vice-versa
- Multiple use to support local economy
- Awareness of activities (who's doing what, what to do)
- Great outdoor activities – hunting, hiking, mountain biking
- Greater understanding and acceptance between land user groups. Focus on facts vs opinion.
- Land users working together toward common goals and positive outcomes for the land and its inhabitants, including people.
- Allow ranchers on the Forest to sub-lease their permits. Permittees that may be under financial stress. This sub leasing may help permittees from selling off their land and sub-dividing

H. Forest and Range Health

- Healthy landscape with diverse vegetation and wildlife
- All entities work together for a common outcome will engage equal partners
- Water shed on our community land
- Work with partnership to leverage resources for conservation/restoration projects on the ground
- Natural resource management regardless of jurisdiction
- Healthy forest – a forest that is not choking our watershed, a forest where trees can go tall
- Healthy range and forest watersheds

I. Local Community

Buildings, Structures, and Amenities

- Volunteers needed
- Building restoration
- Drug prevention
- Dark skies
- Water security
- Grocery store with nutritious food
- Town clean-up

Tourism

- Area of many uses
- Tourism
- Smart, low-impact tourism

Residents

- Increase our population for critical mass
- Attract young families as residents

Youth

- Job training for youth to work with local employers
- Jobs in natural resource management for youth
- Jobs
- More employment opportunities
- Active, engaged 4-H youth
- Jobs and job training for youth
- Economic growth

Education

- Outdoor education for youth
- Thriving community with high-quality education
- Education

J. Other

Access and Use

- Access to federal and state lands
- Quiet solitude
- Dark skies
- Peaceful places

Landscape

- Healthy, productive landscape for multiple use (ranching, recreation, wildlife) by community and visitors

- Intact, functioning landscapes → forest, water, wildlife, people, community
- All owners work to address concerns
- Resources move together, erasing ownership boundaries, having one goal across landscapes, one direction
- Promotion of adopting management that allows treatment of encroaching species and increase of range grass

Community

- A place for young people to raise their families, get a good education, work, and thrive

Current Efforts and Collaborative Needs

After brainstorming elements of a community vision, the participants stayed in their discussion groups to list the current efforts occurring related to their topic of interest, and identify the needs for collaborative efforts to address common issues.

Summary of opportunities for collaboration

Resource Uses and Livelihood

- Roads
- Developing a capital inter-agency plan
- Developing a better understanding of government structure and funding mechanisms
- Benefits and challenges of NEPA

Recreation

- Roads and travel management/maintenance
- Communication on funding systems
- Youth engagement – a Friends of the Forest group?
- More money allocated to recreation staff

Resource protection

- Fire as a tool to restore forest health (fuels thinning, prescribed burns), and public education on fire
- Roads and trails – maintenance, mitigation/addressing erosion
- Conflict management process and resources – a way to work constructively through issues

Forest and Rangeland Health

- One agency table, one non-agency table; they said similar things.
- Making it easy to help each other across agency and organizational lines
- Taking advantage of opportunities – if the agency is changing direction, streamline processes and work together
- Leverage funds for restoration

Local Community

- Youth career pathways - linking professionals in diverse careers to youth, and
- Business partnerships – working with local community and have businesses talk to each other about discounts; hold events for community members to sell each other what they make

Other

- Unifying approach to restoration and management - Connecting dots between different agencies and interests (best management practices, broadening inter-disciplinary teams).

Overall Comments

- The main word heard is collaboration among people and agencies. We have done this in the past, but we need more of it.
- We need revitalization and maintenance of springs (written in the Resource group).

A. Recreation

Current Efforts

- Categorical Exclusion for the wildlife springs/drinkers maintenance project
- Problems with communication and funding
- Wildfire management (1 dot vote)
 - Standing dead – fall to hold soil?
 - Firewood access to down and dead
- Motorized recreation
 - Travel management – revisit? NMTA map
 - Motorcycle trails – where? (Chris knows)
 - Extremely low speed motorcycle trails
 - October (out of Torc) – 7 yrs: Rubber chicken ride; Loop around San Mateo (Bear Trap)
- Increase grassy areas by thinning
- Better monitoring of overgrazing of grasses by permittees – rotation
- Preservation of riparian habitats, increase and maintenance of springs
- Lack of wildlife due to springs drying up
 - Maintenance needed
- Local volunteers needed for trail maintenance
 - Education needed for trail maintenance to be done correctly
- Enchanted Sky Star Party – in Fall, three years annually
 - Challenge: hunters driving by at night disturbing the dark skies
 - October because no monsoons. Not too cold, dark of the moon,
 - Washington Office
- Overlanding
- 5 campgrounds – no fee
- 2 Wilderness areas

Collaboration Needs

- Wilderness – need to get buy in for more Wilderness
 - Challenge – access, motorized vehicles
 - *Need to collaborate with hunters, motorized users
- Have youth involved in outdoors, to appreciate nature
 - Have a Friends Of... group
- Room for shared value – Areas of remoteness and solitude
 - Motorized – need to get there
 - Wilderness
- Communication (TM) and funding (2 dot votes)
- Travel management:
 - Access for all uses
 - Disabled
 - Motorized
 - food gathering
 - Wilderness
 - Roads - CMRO
- Springs/capture water
- Trail maintenance and travel management (3 dot votes)
 - Education
 - Herb

- Herb (lack of Herbert)
 - One-man show for 800,000 acres
 - MRO help in Water Canyon
 - Roads
 - Porta-potties
 - Promote recreation, camping, wood retrieval, economic development
- So much dead wood needs to be cleared

B. Resource Use and Land Health

Current Efforts

- Partnership for general annual road maintenance (MOUs are complete)
- No money
- Firewise programs to exist
- No formal infrastructure project management
- Good stewardship of lands by ranchers/producers
- MRGEDA has listed agricultural business development as a SET priority
- Palomas – BLM Luera – S land office, San Mateo – USFS
- Road use – Cibola Forest Plan
- MRO – **constortion of inferometer** (ongoing), road work (ongoing)
- APR LLC – water grab
- Wilderness designation
- Wolf reintroduction

Collaboration Needs

- Hazardous fuel reduction on federal lands
- Development of certified Firewise communities
- Recruit fire department volunteers
- Involve soil and water conservation districts
- Consolidate funding across agencies to complete capital/infrastructure projects (1 dot vote)
- Develop an infrastructure/ capital plan among all agencies in order to consolidate available funding
- Develop infrastructure/capital development plan with priorities across all agencies (1 dot vote)
- Leverage existing activities, knowledge across users
- Bring producers to the table for economic development (e.g., cattle, forest products, etc.)
- Road use, funding, access, maintenance, infrastructure development, drainage, and management
- Develop a better understanding of government/agency structure, decision authority, budget and funding availability
- Develop a better understanding of the benefits and challenges associated with wildfires

C. Resource Protection

Current Efforts

- Experienced the beauty of Timber Ridge Trail
- Camped at springtime campground – San Mateo mountain
- FS manages overgrown forests with thinning and fire
- Users identified programs Magdalena Ranger district has posted signs at trailheads to alert users where ORV use is prohibited because the trail is in habitats important to protected societies.
- Unauthorized use has been prosecuted
- Hikers use forest trails, but they aren't maintained

- NRCS-SWCD-FS working with permittees to improve water and forage for livestock and wildlife

Collaboration Needs

- Making the public understand the importance of prescribed fire – that it can be done safely (3 dot votes)
- Forest restoration
 - Prescribed fire
 - Tree thinning (small diameter)
 - Pre-settlement conditions
- Use prescribed fire to help with watershed restoration
- FS could prepare location-specific signs explaining how fire restoration has worked there
- Collaborate with FS to re-establish disused trails (3 dot votes)
 - Road maintenance for same reasons
 - Trail maintenance to prevent erosion and open up trails for recreation – all lands
- Signs and maps posted on the Water Canyon Road to help users understand where different uses are permitted in the Magdalena District
- Education landscape-scale collaboration on fire and fuels thinning
- Conflict management for fill in the blank issue
- Trails/roads maintenance

D. Resource Protection

Current Efforts

- NM G&F efforts to collaborate to resolve conflicts
- Work on wilderness corridors to connect them, habitat (Cibola NF, BLM): Wilderness groups, sportsmen
- Livestock grazing
- Fence modifications for wildlife
- USFWS (out of Las Cruces) habitat restoration program (???) (collaboration)B
- USFWS NM Wilf Recovery Plan – expanding eastward (10-J rule has to get revised) experimental “non-essential” → communicate with people impacted by this.
- A & B on map – NM Game and Fish partnering with BLM to get landscape back to where fire can be used as a tool (i.e. mechanical thinning) to prepare for fire reducing invasive species benefits wildlife and rangeland
- Adaptation – climate change computer-generated mapping of bird populations nationwide
- Audubon – birds and native plants – on each side by zip

Collaboration Needs

- Identify/understand priorities and research and other projects planned – funding, rationale, *not just USFS!* (SWCDs, etc.) (1 dot vote)
 - NM Game and Fish
 - “Share with wildlife” proposals/grants
- Collaboration between motorized and non-motorized interests
- Collaboration between sportsmen and wildlife preservationists (1 dot vote)
- Conflict management process or resources (3 dot votes)
- Wildlife corridors (1 dot vote)
- Spring protection/restoration
- Re-introduction of bighorn
- Communication with permittees to reduce cattle/wolf conflicts
- Monitoring of efforts to ensure they are meeting objectives – helps with personnel change (1 dot vote)

- Burning parcels of land with all involved to achieve sustainability → explaining to public it can be done safely!

F. Forest and Range Health

Current Efforts

- RCPP – Range and forest soil health initiative
- BLM – restore NM
- NM Forest Action Plan (WUI, NFL, watershed, severance, landscape competitive grants, CFRP, partners with wildlife)
- NRCS – farm bill programs, i.e. EQIP
- NMFIA
- SWCP – conservation programs
- Fire management programs across multiple institutions
- Trick tanks/water sources need maintenance – volunteers currently working to improve/maintain
- Forest trails need maintenance – volunteer trail users are taking charge of maintenance
- Need for emphasis on multiple use, raise awareness
- Local concern for ability to access, use, and manage public lands → resistance to protective designations
- Forest products (ex: firewood, wildlife pinon, etc.) are concerned about continue access

Collaboration Needs

- More outside contracting of restoration and NEPA – larger scale
 - Inventory T&E, 106 surveys, restoration projects
- Process – across agencies (5 dot votes)
 - 106 process, NEPA – protect site and TCP
 - NEPA – cover landscape, instead of ownership
 - Consultation – support and streamline similar across jurisdictions.
 - Agreement? Same for all.
 - Categorical Exclusions tiering off agency NEPA
- Leveraging of FS restoration programs with other partnership restoration programs
 - Funding coordination (3 dot votes)
- Local permits control for funding opportunities! (1 dot vote)
- Determine shared interests and connect people/groups/resources on projects
 - Ex: tank maintenance, trail maintenance, etc.
- Make it easy to help!! Coordinate between agencies, public and other stakeholders (5 dot votes)
- Regular collaborative meeting with multiple stakeholders
- Don't be afraid of the “c” word (compromise)
- Conflict management capacity/tools
- Communicate/clarify
- Partners – what each is doing, needs, etc.
- Priorities
- Collective priorities

G. Local Community

Current Efforts

- Collaboration with state environmental department on grants
 - State Water Engineer, Finance Authority
 - Municipalities getting more loans

- 4-H engaging youth on resource management, plant ID, gardening, etc.
- Living History event
- Spring job fair
- Annual Arts event (Chamber hosts)
- Star Parties
- Magdalena Astronomical Society has many volunteers, connects youth to scientific equipment
- NM Bureau of Geology working with City on well monitoring, etc.
- Greenhouse is providing food to school cafeteria, selling the extra
- Edible landscape installation at school
- Community health initiative – drug education, picking up trash
- Cleaning sewers soon, replacing water lines
- More buildings becoming suitable for living
- Strong library program – events, speakers, etc.
- Improving rodeo grounds – need time and money
 - NMSU has worked on similar projects with 4-H
- Gave MoGro products to doctors
- Youth Conservation Corps in nearby locations
- Opened art gallery and coffee shop, printmaking studio
- New Visitor Guide published
- Getting visitors from Canada, China, and other countries
- Grocery store – someone bought the building, now need managers

Collaboration Needs

- Match for grants
- Create plans for employment for youth – partner with businesses and leaders
 - Spring Fling event
 - VLA career day
- Teach youth the importance of volunteerism, build younger volunteer base
 - Need commitment from school to teach/encourage volunteerism. This is important for college.
 - Student council, Interact Club (international exchange, fundraising for causes)
 - 4-H does this for youth – need more adult involvement and volunteers
- Connect students to vocational schools (to improve local industries)
 - Life Skills classes
 - TLC school at plumbing company
- Offer more opportunities in community and citizenship to mitigate drug abuse
- Seek funding from USFS for outdoor classrooms, youth engagement
- Thinking ahead on water issues – in the works (keep up)
- Create adult education programs – welding, etc.
 - These could fund other schools/programs
- Business partnerships → consumer discounts (gas discount, etc.)
- Community sale events (gather and sell things you've made)
 - Farmers market
 - Community kitchen/store

H. Other

Current Efforts

- Range infrastructure – West Red, Bear
- Encroachment
- Slaughter Mesa – Quemado RD – with NM Game and Fish and Mule Deer

- Range EA on Big Rosa, Bear, Bear Trap
- Durfee, Bolander - thin/prescribed burn: Decision – done
- Barney/Fisher – decision done

Collaboration Needs

- 5 year – current - where should we go?
- Bring VLA to the table on next gen
- Broaden ID teams
 - Include all interest, start with small groups
- Connect the dots... unify the process
- Integrate best practices for collaborative management actions – combined actions
- Utilize Southwest Decision Resources as a facilitator for landscape projects across boundaries
- NM ACD – funding
- Strategic plan
 - Prioritize access
 - Highest risks
 - Willing landowners
- Use watershed-based approach
- Work more with SWCD
 - All-lands plan/projects

Action Planning on Specific Topics

To continue the discussions on shared priorities for collaboration, the workshop participants re-organized into groups to plan initial steps to work on those priorities. The groups were as follows:

- A. Wildlife habitat, connectivity and wilderness
- B. Watershed-wide restoration and fire
- C. Youth, economic development, employment, cooperative marketing/tourism
- D. Roads and trails

Below are the discussion notes on action planning for collaborative priorities.

A. Wildlife habitat, connectivity and wilderness

What to do

- Outreach/education about Wilderness – what people can and cannot do there
- Relate Wilderness to ranching, keeping youth employed locally, hunting, recreation
 - How are these topics relevant to local communities?
 - Water is essential to all of those topics
- Watershed protection and spring restoration/maintenance
 - Stop the swoosh – erosion control (linked to roads, trails, fire management, grazing/smart management)
 - Education component to watershed restoration. Protection, maintenance
- *Capture* and develop more water from snow/rainfall

Next Steps

- Connect with local and scientific experts, and experts on watershed collaboratives, hydrology – NM Tech, etc.
- Start small
 - Sustainable ecosystem of riparian plants
- Repair/redevelop existing water sources – a community/youth day

- Game and Fish, Forest Service, tribes, BLM, State, NRCS
- Subcommittee – watershed protection, restoration?
- Share local/institutional knowledge – Limestone Canyon area field trip?
- Albuquerque Wildlife Federation, Auivera Coalition, Zeedyk and Urooman – plug and pond treatments (PDF available – www.env.nm.gov/swqb/wetlands)

Summary

- Focused on water. A lot of expertise and efforts involved in identifying and funding projects
- Next steps: Connecting with New Mexico Tech hydrology department, watershed groups, and others to get ideas
- Outreach and education about what you can and cannot do in Wilderness. This connects to connectivity, climate change, recreation, grazing, and youth employment. How to make Wilderness work for the local economy?

B. Watershed-wide restoration and fire

Priorities

- Solutions to the Following Watershed Problems
 - Vegetation
 - Drought
 - Longer fire season
 - Catastrophic wildfires
 - Too much fuel
 - Ease policies (smoke, prescribed burns, etc.)
 - Implementation
 - Insects, disease, pests
 - Herbicide use
 - Re-establish fire regime
- Agency Budget and Staffing
 - Leveraging resources
 - Volunteers
 - Youth engagement
- NEPA – streamlining/eliminating
 - Heritage and cultural resources
 - Lengthy processes
 - More uniform interpretation of regulations
- Work with legislators and agencies to express priorities
 - Seek more funding
- Working across boundaries
- Establishing goals on a landscape scale

Next Steps

1. Invite change agents to meetings, Clarify issues and alternatives
1. Quarterly meetings
2. Schedule meetings with Cibola Supervisors Office
3. Email listserv/website
4. Public input important
5. Task list at meeting/assign tasks to members

Summary

- Identified 11 watershed problems to address
- Work with legislators to address priorities
- Work across boundaries

- Focus on landscape scale, so that landowners can manage their land in ways they want to, while identifying the common ground to leverage
- Invite change agents to meetings
- Quarterly meetings, and have a representative from the Ranger District
- Seek public input on decision making
- Keep list of tasks to be done at every meeting, and assign to specific people at each meeting

C. Youth, economic development, employment, cooperative marketing/tourism

Priorities

- Community needs amenities - Grocery store, laundromat car wash
- Youth need pathways to jobs, skills, schools, volunteerism
- Increasing tourism requires better amenities and communications
- Joint goal: Bring in more jobs and skills through local youth and outside businesses

Actions

1. Assessment - Identify skills currently being offered/taught to youth and adults, and what skills/professionals the community will need in the future. Identify the gaps between the skills being taught and the anticipated community needs.
2. Collaborative effort – Link youth and adults to the skills needed/opportunities expected in the community.
 - Identify and gather funding/ other resources available and the anticipated community needs across all industries
 - Consider contacting UNM Business Bureau of Economic Research
 - Alan at the Institute could provide expertise
 - Linda Middleton
 - Identify available funding and professional resources for linking youth with skills
 - Mentors
 - Vocational programs
 - Amenities – tap into Main Street Initiative
 - Use Youth Outdoor Pathways collaboratives as a model

Summary

- Would like to start a collaborative effort around linking youth to jobs, skills, and volunteer opportunities. The first step is assessing the gaps between the skills being offered to youth and the skills anticipated and desired in the community in the future
- Getting a meeting together to design an assessment, and research successful examples beforehand to draw upon

D. Roads and Trails

What

- Access (including permissions and permits)
- Education – Design, use, and behavior
- Signage
- Resource impacts
- Hiking trails – pedestrian versus “single track”, Wilderness

Who

- Cibola NF
- County
- NMOHVA
- Ranchers
- Outfitters

- Equestrians
- Hikers
- MR Observatory
- Tourism/Chamber
- Fire
- Tribes
- Herbert Ray – Magdalena RD

When

- After 5/16 – Friday the 18th
- Wed the 23rd
- Thurs the 24th

Summary

- Access, maintenance, education, signage were areas of focus
- Mitigating resource impacts to sensitive ecosystems while maintaining opportunities
- Need for trails that are just for hikers

Magdalena Collaborative – Path Forward

To conclude the workshop, participants re-convened together to outline how to proceed with the larger collaborative. They identified why a collaborative effort is valuable now, when to meet, which sub-groups to organize, and who else to involve. Individual participants also contributed concluding comments on their impression of the workshop and what they would like to accomplish with this effort.

Why now?

- Challenges of climate change make it imperative to manage forest in a way that will allow it to be present for next generation.
- Trying to keep roads and trails open - have been doing this for a very long time, and it is something we continue to do
- This is a good decision making process to get to unified outcomes.

Next Steps for the Larger Collaborative

- Quarterly Meetings
- Sub-groups: Trails and Roads, Youth/Jobs/Tourism, Wildlife Habitat and Wilderness, Fire and Restoration
- Coordinating Team

Who else to involve

- NM Volunteers for the outdoors
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Wild Turkey Federation
- Student Conservation Association
- Middle Rio Grande Economic Development Association
- New Mexico Tech environmental engineering department, earth and environmental sciences department
- Range Improvement Task Force
- Socorro County DWI
- SCOPE
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps

Final Comments

- This meeting worked very well. I have been part of several of these groups, and this is one of the more open groups I have seen. Glad we are doing it, and I'll be back.
- Thanks for showing up with energy and open minds. Most problems can be solved best on the ground. Thanks to the Soil and Water Conservation District – the Forest Service wouldn't have been able to buy any food.
- I haven't been at anything like this before, and focus groups were very helpful. The amount of things to tackle is overwhelming, but dividing it into topics and taking baby steps will get us to where we're going. We can get the ball rolling by identifying and following through with one action step.
- It's great to see so many people here, and I hope you keep coming.
- Thanks everyone for coming. We are at a unique time as far as everyone's intentions. Even though people may be bogged down with skepticism of the past, everyone seems open to developing win-win solutions for everyone in the room.
- I'm overwhelmed by everyone being here today. I thank you for taking your time and effort to get into this. The Village needs all your help to move into the future. This is pretty awesome, and you don't see this happening very often.
- These issues are not just local, but county-wide. There are many things we can work on together that I can bring back to the county. I'm happy to see a lot of wonderful people here
- I have been to other collaborative meetings, and this one was the best by far. In the first group, we decided that communication was the most important thing in this collaborative. My biggest thrill was working with someone on the opposite side of the Wilderness discussion, a representative of the OHV community.

Participants (* = Organizing team)

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| Julie | Padilla | Regional Office USFS |
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| Kristi | Justice | NRCS - Truth or Consequences |
| Linda | Starr* | Great Old Broads for Wilderness |
| Mahona | Burnett* | Magdalena Ranger District Grazing Permittees |
| Mark | Matthews | BLM - Socorro |
| Marshal | Wilson | NM Department of Agriculture |
| Mary Katherine | Ray | Rio Grande Chapter Sierra Club |
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| Randall | Major | NM Cattlegrowers Association |
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Workshop Agenda

Magdalena Collaborative

Kickoff Partners Meeting

Friday, April 6, 2018 | 10AM – 2:30PM

Magdalena School Auxiliary Gym (201 Duggins)

Meeting Objectives:

- 1) Convene diverse partners working in the greater Magdalena landscape to identify shared interests, priority needs for collaboration, and clear actions steps
- 2) Foster networking and relationship building

9:30AM Registration and networking

10:00 Welcome and Overview

30 min

- Joint welcome by organizers
 - Agenda review and housekeeping
 - Introductions: 1) name, title and affiliation, 2) very brief description of your organization/agency's interests in the Magdalena area
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10:30 Shared interests and priorities for collaboration

30 min

- Pre-workshop survey results and discussion
 - Priority topics for collaboration (*anything missing -> Dots -> priorities for world café*)
 - Topical discussion instructions
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11:00 Topical Discussions – Round 1 (*world café 2 rounds – pre-made table pages and map*)

45 min

- 1) Current/relevant efforts (*on map, as relevant*)
 - 2) Needs for collaboration/coordination
 - 3) Who is/needs to be included
 - 4) Strategies/next steps
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11:45 Lunch - *generously provided by Ron and Mahona Burnett*

45 min

12:30 Topical Discussions – Round 2 (*40 min, review and then build on round 1*)

60 min

Sharing Back (*20 min*)

1:30 Magdalena Collaborative - Path Forward (*plenary discussion*)

30 min

- Purpose/objectives of a Magdalena Collaborative
 - Topical and geographical scope, who's missing, structure/roles, meetings
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2:00 Wrap up

30 min

- Next steps, next meeting, participant feedback
 - Closing comments round robin (*take aways and interest moving forward*)
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2:30PM Adjourn