

**Magdalena Collaborative
General Meeting**

**Friday, August 17, 2018 | 1:00 to 4:00 pm
Socorro County Annex Building, Commissioner’s Room
198 Neel Ave., Socorro NM**

Objectives:

- (1) Update on Forest Plan Revision and “Soft Release” of the Draft Revised Forest Plan
- (2) Develop Operating Principles for the Magdalena Collaborative

Agenda

- 1:00 Introductions
- 1:15 Forest Plan Revision Update Steve Hattenbach
Cibola NF Supervisor
 - Soft Release of the Draft Revised Forest Plan
 - Roles of the Magdalena Landscape Team and the Magdalena Collaborative
 - Public Meetings – Magdalena Collaborative Participation
 - September 26 for the next meeting?
 - Who will organize public meetings related to Forest Plan Revision?
- 2:00 Break
- 2:10 Background on the Magdalena Collaborative Kim Obele
Magdalena District Ranger
 - Review of the first meeting, April 6, 2018
 - Review of Coordinating Team meeting, June 28, 2018
- 2:25 Magdalena Collaborative Website Alan Barton
Facilitator
 - <http://nmfwri.org/collaboration/magdalena-collaborative>
- 2:30 Map of the Project Area
 - Review the map created by the Coordinating Team
 - Web Map: <http://nmfwri.org/collaboration/magdalena-collaborative/magdalena-collaborative-web-map>
- 2:45 Communications and Roles
 - How will the Magdalena Collaborative interact with the Forest Service, the Cibola National Forest and the Magdalena Ranger District? What are the roles of each (e.g. consulting, assisting, making recommendations)?
 - How will the Magdalena Collaborative interact with the Cibola NF Shared Stewardship Council?
- 3:05 Break

3:15 Operating Principles for the Magdalena Collaborative Alan Barton
Facilitator
Elements in a Charter / Operating Principles
Review the Ideas
Identify who will work on the Operating Principles (Coordinating Team or Ad Hoc
Committee)

3:50 Public Input and Questions and Answers

Next Meeting:

September 26, 2018 in the afternoon

Time & Place TBA

This will be a combined Magdalena Collaborative Meeting and a Public Meeting to
answer questions and hear concerns about the Revised Forest Plan

Magdalena Collaborative Website: <http://nmfwri.org/collaboration/magdalena-collaborative>

Elements in a Charter or Operating Principles

(1) Overview

A brief description of the Magdalena Collaborative and an introduction to the charter/operating principles.

(2) Vision Statement

A description of what the Magdalena Collaborative wants the landscape and communities to look like xx years in the future.

(3) Organizational Purpose

Why did the Magdalena Collaborative form?

(4) Organizational Mission

What is the Magdalena Collaborative about and what does it do?

(5) Organizational Goals

The specific activities that members of the Magdalena Collaborative will work on, the outcomes that the Collaborative hopes to see and the landscape and community changes that the Collaborative hopes to accomplish

(6) Organizational Values

The values that guide the operation of the Magdalena Collaborative

(7) Landscape Values

The cultural and natural values that members of the Magdalena Collaborative believe are important and worth conserving on the landscape

(8) Organizational Structure

The roles in the organization (e.g. member, participant, collaborator, partner, adviser), guidelines for who can participate and be a member, the leadership positions or offices (e.g. chair, manager, facilitator), and the committees that will exist (e.g. coordinating team, standing committees, ad hoc committees)

(9) Operating Procedures

The ways that the structure will operate, and guidelines for meetings (how often, where), committee participation (who can serve on a committee, what are the committee's responsibilities, how will committees operate and interact with the whole Collaborative?), ground rules for participation in meetings

(10) Decision-Making / Governance

Values that will guide decision-making, procedures for decisions (voting, consensus), how votes will be counted (majority, super-majority), how minority views will be represented

(11) Communications

Procedures for communication among members, how information will be recorded, shared and stored, website, email
Procedures for communication with partners and other collaboratives, including the Forest Service, the Cibola Shared Stewardship Council, other collaboratives, collaborative networks

(12) Public Relations and Education

Values and procedures for communicating what the Magdalena Collaborative does to the public, and educating the public about landscape conservation and community development

(13) Interaction with the Community

Procedures for interacting with local government, state and federal government officials, tribal government, local community groups

(14) Conflict Resolution

Procedures for resolving conflicts if a consensus or decision cannot be reached, or if conflicts arise among members and participants

(15) Procedure for Amending the Charter / Operating Principles

Procedure for amending or changing the charter/operating principles

Ideas for the Initial Draft of the Magdalena Collaborative Operating Principles

- I. Overview:** The Magdalena Collaborative is an informal association of diverse organizations and interested parties working together on shared stewardship issues on the greater Magdalena landscape, with a focus on the Magdalena Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest.
- II. Purpose:** The purpose of the Magdalena Collaborative is to identify shared interests and priorities, strengthen trust among partners, learn from local successes, and develop respectful, proactive, and outcomes-oriented solutions that benefit the greater Magdalena landscape.
- III. Vision:** The Magdalena Collaborative envisions a healthy, resilient, and sustainable landscape that is shaped by community effort and focus. As shared stewards of the land, we support traditional local practices, recreational opportunities, youth-related activities, restoration projects and resulting forest products and services that support the local economy. We value responsible resource management and scientific research that promotes healthy forests and rangelands, watershed health, protection of wildlife habitat and cultural heritage, and preservation of scenic beauty and dark skies.
- IV. Collaborative Approach:** The Magdalena Collaborative will approach its deliberations as a proactive problem-solving body seeking to produce recommendations that address, in so far as possible, the practical needs and interests of all participants. The group will work jointly to educate and build understanding of participants' values and interests related to the issues, while also developing a baseline of understanding and identifying areas of agreement. The intent is to have shared leadership, shared responsibility, shared funding, and shared credit for work completed by the Collaborative.
- V. Collaborative Composition:**
 - a. General Member:** The Magdalena Collaborative consists of organizations and interested parties who are partners in the Collaborative. Each partnering organization is represented by an individual who speaks on behalf of the partnering organization. Partners agree to support the vision and purpose of the Magdalena Collaborative and have a reasonable and expressed interest in the greater Magdalena landscape. In addition, any stakeholder of the greater Magdalena area may attend Collaborative meetings, including multiple members of a partner organization, can participate in the meetings, and be a part of the committees.
 - b. Coordinating Team:** The membership of the Coordinating Team shall consist of diverse organizations, including local, state, tribal, federal governments, nongovernmental organizations, and businesses operating in the surrounding area. Coordinating Team members must have a commitment to active and collaborative participation, and will indicate their support by becoming a signatory of the Council Charter or through a letter of commitment.

- c. **Contact List:** The Magdalena Collaborative maintains a contact list of partners and parties who have expressed an interest in the work of the Collaborative. Periodic email announcements will go out to the contact list. Any individual can sign up to be included on the contact list.
- d. **Facilitator:** Meetings of the Magdalena Collaborative are directed by a facilitator who manages the agenda and progress of the meeting. The facilitator shall ensure that representatives of the partner organizations have preference in speaking during discussions. Meetings will include a period of time for non-partner members of the public who are in attendance to raise issues, and, if appropriate, discuss these issues.
- e. **Point of Contact (POC) and an Alternate POC:** Liaison with the Cibola Shared Stewardship Council on behalf of the Magdalena Collaborative.
- f. **Committees:**
 - i. Executive committee: Facilitator, POC, Magdalena District Ranger
 - ii. As needed, the Magdalena Collaborative can form an ad hoc committee to address any issue before the Collaborative. An ad hoc committee determines its own means of operation, and reports back to the Collaborative. Anyone, including members of the public, can observe the meetings of ad hoc committees, and can participate in the meetings if the committee determines this is appropriate.

Magdalena Landscape Team Vision Statement:

We, the Magdalena Landscape Team, support the vision of continued historical multiple uses including grazing, hunting, recreation, mining, and forest products. We also foster continued sustainability of the forest through responsible resource management and support of the communities through responsible land and water development, utilization of the forest, and continued partnerships with research entities (specifically the Magdalena Ridge Observatory and the Very Large Array).



**Magdalena Collaborative
Landscape Values**

The Magdalena Collaborative recognizes the importance of maintaining and collaboratively managing for the following cultural and landscape values in the area of Magdalena, New Mexico. Landscape values are the significant features on the landscape. Cultural values give meaning to the landscape and create attachments between people and a place.

Value	Characteristics	Actors
(1) Wilderness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Solitude •Intrinsic value of biota 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Land management agencies •Wilderness organizations
(2) Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sustainable, non-damaging land use •Educating youth and those who are using the land improperly •Intrinsic & functional value of biota •Working with others, understanding various perspectives, working across property boundaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Land management agencies •Private landowners •Organized users
(3) Access to Public Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ensuring broad-based access •Maintaining multiple uses •Managing conflicting uses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Land management agencies •Recreationists, local & visitors •Permitees on Forest Service allotments •Forest industry •Tourism industry
(4) Recreational Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ensuring there are areas on public and private lands that are open and accessible for recreational activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Land management agencies •Outfitters •OHV users & user organizations •Equestrians & equestrian organizations •Hunters & hunting organizations •Tourists & tourism industry •Local communities
(5) Cultural Sites & Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Preserving and protecting historic and cultural sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Native American Pueblos & Tribes •Land management agencies •State & Tribal Historic Preservation Offices •Cultural preservation organizations
(6) Community & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Attracting more people to the area as tourists or residents •Relationships between communities, agencies and organizations •Working with others, understanding various perspectives, working across property boundaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Local governments & communities •Tourism industry •Timber industry

(7) Dark Skies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Regulating light to maintain characteristic of the area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Astronomy organizations •Local governments & communities •Tourism industry
(8) Watershed Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Protecting water sources •Trees and forests •Restoration •Controlling exotic species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Land management agencies •Timber industry •Recreational organizations
(9) Natural Beauty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Preserving scenic viewsheds •Restoring landscapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tourism industry •Recreationists •Local communities
(10) Geology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Protecting geological resources •Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rock hounds •Professional geologists / NM Tech •Mining & mineral interests
(10) Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Birds •Game species •Predators (control, reintroduction) •Creating & maintaining wildlife corridors •Intrinsic & functional value of wildlife 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Tourists interested in wildlife viewing (e.g. birdwatchers) •Tourism industry •Wildlife conservation organizations •Hunters •Land management agencies (especially N.M. Dept. of Game & Fish, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)
(12) Youth Engagement and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Involving youth in land stewardship •Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Schools •Public agencies & private organizations
(13) Local Industries and Lifestyles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sustaining ranching industry and culture •Protecting grasslands, reducing invasive species •Restoring forest ecosystems •Maintaining scenic beauty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ranchers •Timber industry •Tourism industry •Local communities