

# SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH NEEDS IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

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Stakeholder Forum to Identify Research Topics  
and Specific Questions and Issues of High  
Priority for Natural Resource Management



# Objectives

- Discuss research topics of high priority for natural resource management in the Blue Mountains (with emphasis on public land management).
- Identify key research questions or specific issues on each topic.
- Document the rationale for the importance of the research questions or issues that are identified.



# Objectives

- Use the information as part of the Blue Mountains Mountain Social-Ecological Observatory Network (MtnSEON) working group to develop new research collaborations and funding proposals.
- Emphasis of this group is to integrate social science with more traditional ecological studies in new research.



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- Use the information as part of an on-going process to help identify long-term staffing and funding needs of state, federal, private, and tribal partners who have interest in collaborative research in the Blue Mountains.





# Agenda

## Morning:

- Provide overview of past and current research by topic.
- Begin stakeholder discussions about key research questions or issues of high priority within each topic.

## Afternoon:

- Continue stakeholder discussions in 3 break-out groups.
- Share input from all groups and obtain additional input.
- Summarize key points and share final thoughts.

# Process for Input

Morning (1050 am-noon):

- Stakeholder input on what topics are important and why (2 minutes per person), “around-the-room.”



# Process for Input

Afternoon (1 pm-330 pm):

- In smaller break-out groups, generate a list of specific research questions, research designs, or research issues that are high priority within high-priority research topics.
- Each break-out group summarizes their list.
- Reconvene all groups and summarize the overall lists and discuss rationale for what made it on the lists.

# Expectations

- Stakeholder input will be formalized in meeting notes and key points summarized from the notes.
- Input will be considered in the MtnSEON collaborations.
- Not all input will result in new research. Funding and staffing shortages will limit some types of new research, especially in the short-term.





# Expectations

- Input will be considered in long-term planning for funding and staffing of science staffs.
- Some new research, such as proposals for large-scale, manipulative studies, will require follow-on meetings with stakeholders to ensure proper design, consensus, and funding.
- No current research, such as at Starkey EFR, will be curtailed or phased out. New research will be additional to current work.



# Expectations

- Future research will follow the model of what has been the hallmark of past and current research in the Blue Mountains:
- Multi-disciplinary (integration of multiple resource uses)
- Multiple partners (state, private, federal, tribal, university)
- Credible (peer-reviewed, refereed journal publications)
- Management focus and management partnerships



# A Few Considerations

- Only time for 1 or 2 questions after each morning talk.
- Additional time for questions will be available in afternoon.
- “Round-the-table” input in morning is 2 minutes/person.
- Tell us what is important on a topic in your 2 minutes.
- Opportunity for detailed input will occur in afternoon.
- Please plan to each lunch downstairs to stay on time.
- Go to your break out group location promptly at 1 pm.



**Thank You**