REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER FORUM ON SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH NEEDS IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Purpose, Agenda, Expectations

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Objectives

- Obtain feedback about high priority research topics for natural resource management in the Blue Mtns., with emphasis on public lands.

- Review outcomes of high priority areas identified during local stakeholder forum in La Grande.

- Develop additional topics and/or "researchable questions" and document the rationale for their inclusion.

Objectives

- Use information to guide development of new research collaborations and funding proposals
  - under umbrella of the Blue Mountains working group of the Mountain Social-Ecological Observatory Network (MtnSEON)

- **Emphasis on integrating social science with ecological studies in new research collaborations.**

Agenda

❖Provide overview of MtnSEON

❖Introduce the Blue Mtns. Working Group of MtnSEON

❖Describe key research topics and associated questions for Blue Mtns.

❖Report results from La Grande stakeholder forum

❖Elicit input from regional stakeholders on topics

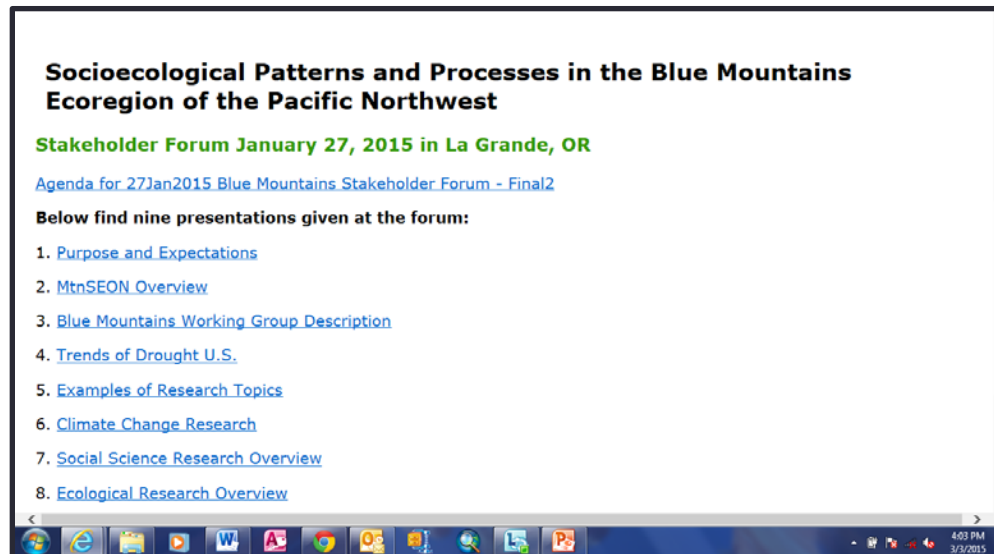❖Summarize key points and share final thoughts

Process for Input

- Stakeholder "around-the-room" input on natural resources topics for the Blue Mountains (2-3 minutes per person)
- Group discussion of research – what is being done that is useful and relevant, future research topics
- Further input. Summarize, and wrap up

Expectations

- Stakeholder input and follow-on scientists' meeting outcomes will be documented in meeting notes, with key points summarized and distributed to all attendees.

- Input will be considered in future Blue Mtns. MtnSEON collaborations.

Socioecological Patterns and Processes in the Blue Mountains Ecoregion of the Pacific Northwest

Stakeholder Forum January 27, 2015 in La Grande, OR

Agenda for 27Jan2015 Blue Mountains Stakeholder Forum - Final2

Below find nine presentations given at the forum:

1. Purpose and Expectations
2. MtnSEON Overview
3. Blue Mountains Working Group Description
4. Trends of Drought U.S.
5. Examples of Research Topics
6. Climate Change Research
7. Social Science Research Overview
8. Ecological Research Overview

Expectations

- Not all input will result in new research. Funding and staffing shortages will limit some types of new research, especially in the short-term.

- Input will be considered in long-term planning for funding and staffing to implement new research.

Expectations

- Some new research, including any proposals for large-scale manipulative studies, will require follow-on meetings with stakeholders to ensure proper design, consensus, and funding.

- No current research will be curtailed or phased out.

Expectations

- Future research will follow the model of past and current research in the Blue Mountains:

  - Multi-disciplinary (integration of multiple resource disciplines and uses)
  - Multiple partners (state, private, federal, tribal, university)
  - Credible (peer-reviewed, refereed journal publications)
  - Management focus and management partnerships

Thank You