

November 13, 2007 Fossil Creek Stakeholders Meeting, du Bois Center, Northern Arizona University.

Below is a brief summary of the meeting's accomplishments that was sent to members in an e-mail. We now have five working groups with leaders identified. Each working group needs more members, so please consider assisting with one of these important groups. I've provided contact information below for each Working group leader and co-leader.

Heather Provencio, Red Rock District Ranger, set the tone of the meeting by saying that she would like to see action on the ground at Fossil Creek and she doesn't want to wait for Wild and Scenic River (and associated funding) legislation to pass. She would like the stakeholders to focus on short-term goals and actions that are achievable. Funding is limited, so the Forest Service needs assistance with completing work on the ground and in identifying outside funding sources.

Through a series of small and large group discussions the stakeholders group accomplished the following:

- 1) Selected five working groups
- 2) Identified top issues within each working group
- 3) Recruited members for each working group team
- 4) Recruited group leaders and a Forest Service Representative for each group.

Each working group will meet by the end of the year and draft priority projects/issues, resources needed, timeline and budget. We will meet again as a large group by the end of January 2008 to review progress of the working groups and identify needs.

NAU would like to convene a phone meeting of each of the working group leaders in early December to discuss the direction each group is taking and what assistance they may need from the Forest Service and/or NAU.

The working groups and primary contacts follow. Please contact the team leader directly if you'd like to join and to obtain information about the group's first meeting.

Natural Resource Management: Shaula Hedwall; Shaula.Hedwall@fws.gov and Janie Agyagos; Jagyagos@fs.fed.us. First meeting: Dec. 11 teleconference call, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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