

Results of Group Suggestions on Research Topics, Issues, and Continued Public Involvement

- *What are 3 to 5 research questions that you would like to see the Finney AMA plan address?*
 - What stand densities will respond to old growth development?
 - Are there thinning opportunities in mixed age stands that will promote owl habitat?
 - Are there management opportunities for hard woods that promote old growth and/or riparian habitat?
 - Are the road improvements in the Finney having a positive impact over time?
 - How to identify and restore historic wildlife habitat? What is the natural habitat we are trying to address?
 - How can active management across the entire Finney Block help improve late seral reserve habitat both short term and long term? Note: Coordinate with efforts underway on DNR lands nearby in shared information.
 - Carbon sequestration. What are the rates of sequestration on various aged stands?
 - High level comparison of restoration activities on federal lands vs. DNR NRF (nesting, roosting, foraging) stands comparing economic and habitat effects.
 - Improve knowledge of silver fir forest response to a range of silvicultural manipulations.
 - Comparison of passive management approach, alder removal/planting conifers, and stand manipulation without commercial wood removal in riparian forests.
 - An evaluation of the effectiveness of road treatments that have already occurred in the Finney.
 - Evaluation of economics of restoration type thins and how is that affected by scale.
 - How effective have past road treatments been on landslides, peak flows, and sediment delivery.
 - Measuring structural characteristics of spotted owl and murrelet nesting habitat suitability with and without thinning.
 - Can thinning increase large woody debris in streams.
 - Comparison of stream buffer widths (ACS, TFW) on riparian function.
 - Effect of different types of second growth treatments on carbon sequestration (all the different pools including woody debris, soils).
 - How is climate change affecting the various forest systems and how can USFS best manage to adapt to climate change?
 - Develop models to manage roads and forests to be resilient to rain on snow events.
 - What is the carbon footprint of restoration forestry including a life cycle analysis of forest carbon to be removed from the Finney?

- Evaluate the effectiveness of road treatments on restoring riparian systems including fish habitat.
- ***What are major issues and/or considerations that you would like included in the planning process.***
 - What is the desired future condition of the Finney?
 - Are there social and economic responsibilities associated with the Finney?
 - Road maintenance implementation and decommissioning plan with funding considerations included. Potential means of getting to this include timber revenues.
 - Have the group better define the economic, social, and economic objectives for the Finney and how are we going to balance those in this plan.
 - How is the group going to define success when we are done or along the way.
 - Need for good base information (roads, stands/Lidar, wildlife, etc).
 - Road removal and road treatment is an important part of adaptive management, attention to the whole issue of aquatic effects of roads.
 - Attention to economic feasibility of treatments/experiments.
 - Chinook steelhead and bull trout recovery. Research should be done without degrading aquatic habitats.
 - Impact on the counties Community Fire Protection efforts.
 - Sustaining industries and forestlands.
 - Proximity of private development near the Finney area.
 - Need for funding including matching funds, leveraging, and ways to keep the research going for 50 years.
- ***How would you like to see the public involvement and engagement sustained in the Finney AMA planning and implementation?***
 - Have another meeting like this.
 - Perhaps two more meetings with a group similar to this, including a field trip to the Finney. Include the DNR land up to the Finney.
 - Emailing minutes and updates to everyone.
 - Planning a second meeting with plenty of advance notice.
 - Keep people informed in a variety of ways.
 - Opportunity to comment without coming to meetings.
 - Potentially get a blog.
 - Public review opportunity on the website.
 - USFS should come forward with a non-controversial plan that is widely supported.
 - Don't get bogged down in process, and do things in the Finney not just talk about it.