

ATTACHMENT B: DRAFT PRE-MEETING PROPOSAL SCORING SHEET- FY11 Proposal Review

Evaluator Name: _____

Proposal Title: _____

Forest: _____

Region: _____

This form is for your notes only; the only categorizations, scores, strengths, weaknesses, and questions that will be reflected in the Panel Pre-Meeting Initial Scoring Report will be those you submit to USFS staff. Questions should be submitted via email to Susan Balint (shbalint@fs.fed.us); categorizations, scores, strengths and weaknesses should be entered in the Pre-Meeting Evaluation Spreadsheet and emailed to Susan Balint by April 7, 2011. Panel members will have an opportunity to update their overall categorization, numerical scores, strengths and weaknesses and comments for each proposal at the meeting, following Panel discussion of the proposals.

Please provide your overall categorization for this proposal as a whole (High, Medium, Low) relative to the other proposals submitted. This categorization should be based on your overall impression of the proposal (e.g., synergy in the way it addresses the 7 evaluation topics, overall likelihood of success, etc.). The number of Panel Members who selected each categorization for each project will be included in the Panel Pre-Meeting Initial Scoring Report along with the numerical scores for each project.

My overall categorization for this project is (circle one): **High** **Medium** **Low**

For each of the seven evaluation topics below, provide a score of 0-5, reflecting the following assessment options:

0	1	2	3	4	5
Absent	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Proposal does not address topic.	Proposal addresses topic but is incomplete, unclear, and not convincing; proposed actions seem poorly thought out and will not reach project goals.	Proposal addresses topic, but is unclear or does not supply convincing rationale; proposed actions seem poorly thought out and will likely not reach project goals.	Proposal addresses topic in clear and/or convincing manner; proposed may reach project goals.	Proposal addresses topic in a clear, convincing manner that sets itself above a "good" proposal, but is not exceptional; proposed actions seem well thought out and will likely reach project goals.	Proposal addresses the topic in a compelling manner (clear, convincing, innovative, etc); proposed actions are well thought out, and it is highly likely that proposed actions will meet project goals.

After you have decided on your score for each of the seven topic areas for this proposal and an overall categorization for it (High/Medium/Low), please enter your categorization, scores, strengths and weaknesses into the Pre-Meeting Evaluation Spreadsheet, then email it to Susan Balint (shbalint@fs.fed.us).

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Evaluation Topic:	1. Ecological, Social and Economic Context					
Categorization	0 Absent	1 Poor	2 Fair	3 Good	4 Very Good	5 Excellent
Key Issues to consider as you score this topic:						
How public, private, state, tribal, county and other lands are relevant to proposed landscape						
Types and conditions of current vegetation and how this compares to desired conditions						
Description of historical current and desired wildfire conditions						
Description of other threats to forest ecosystem sustainability						
Description of current local economic conditions and how this project will impact the local economy						
Strengths:						
Weaknesses:						

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Evaluation Topic:	2. Summary of Landscape Strategy					
Categorization	0 Absent	1 Poor	2 Fair	3 Good	4 Very Good	5 Excellent
Key Issues to consider as you score this topic:						
Proposal is based on a well thought-out, complete landscape strategy						
Why the landscape is socially significant						
Why the landscape is economically significant						
Why the landscape is ecologically significant						
Why the acres proposed for treatment are a priority in the landscape						
Strengths:						
Weaknesses:						

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Evaluation Topic:	3. Proposed Treatment					
Categorization:	0 Absent	1 Poor	2 Fair	3 Good	4 Very Good	5 Excellent
Key Issues to consider as you score this topic:						
Why the area of total landscape was chosen						
Restoration goals and treatment objectives						
Restoration treatments that are already completed						
Types of treatments, how many acres will be treated and when they will be treated						
How/if treatments will be implemented strategically to maximize effectiveness of the restoration strategy						
Link between treatments on other lands and restoration goals						
How/if project is part of an integrated landscape restoration effort						
Strategy for achieving desired conditions for water quality and watershed function						
Strategy for achieving desired conditions for fish, wildlife and T&E species						
Strategy for achieving desired conditions for invasive and exotic species						
Strategy for achieving desired conditions for insect and disease concerns						
Strategy for achieving desired conditions for roads and trails						
Plan for appropriately maintaining old growth stands and large trees to achieve restoration strategy objectives						
The use of best available science and tools to support restoration goals and methods						
Explanation of what NEPA decisions have been made and which remain						
Whether NEPA is substantially complete or not						
How project will lead to reestablishment and maintenance of natural fire regimes						
How the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire will be reduced						
Explanation of schedule of prescribed burns						

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Link to Community Wildfire Protection plans

Description and quantitative analysis of how treatments will lead to a decrease in costs for managing uncharacteristic wildfire over time.

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

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Evaluation Topic:	4. Collaboration and Multiparty Monitoring					
Categorization	0 Absent	1 Poor	2 Fair	3 Good	4 Very Good	5 Excellent
Key Issues to consider as you score this topic:						
How the proposed project was developed (not merely approved). Did it involve participation of the full collaborative group?						
Collaborative group is robust and involves a diversity of membership and interests						
Collaborative group decision making process						
Length of time collaborative group has worked together						
Collaborative group history of accomplishment						
Link between the collaborative process and the successful implementation of the proposal and monitoring strategy						
Explanation of absence of potential collaborators						
Plan to develop a multi-party monitoring framework						
Multi-party monitoring framework comprehensiveness (addresses ecological, social and economic dimensions)						
Types of monitoring that will be employed						
Specific measures that will be used to track ecological indicators						
Specific measures that will be used to track socio-economic indicators						
How success of project will be measured						
How monitoring results will be used to modify and adapt the restoration plan when appropriate						

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Strengths:

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Evaluation Topic:	5. Utilization					
Categorization	0 Absent	1 Poor	2 Fair	3 Good	4 Very Good	5 Excellent
Key Issues to consider as you score this topic:						
Link between landscape restoration strategy, restoration goals, the amount of materials removed and scale and diversity of utilization						
Volume, size and type of material to be removed						
Types of products that will be created through the utilization strategy and their likely use						
Value of material to be removed and how it will offset treatment costs						
Utilization of existing industry infrastructure						
Local capacity or markets for utilization						
How group will approach uncertainty in the utilization strategy over the 10 year life span of the project						
Strengths:						
Weaknesses:						

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Evaluation Topic:	6. Benefits to Local Economies					
Categorization:	0 Absent	1 Poor	2 Fair	3 Good	4 Very Good	5 Excellent
Key Issues to consider as you score this topic:						
How the project will positively affect local communities						
How/if strategy creates or retains local capacity to perform restoration work						
How/if strategy creates or retains local capacity to process/manufacture material						
How/if proposal will create jobs						
How/if proposal will create permanent jobs						
How/if proposal will provide employment and training opportunities for local, private, non-profit and/or cooperative entities						
How/if proposal will provide opportunities for youth groups						
How/if proposal will provide opportunities for existing and/or proposed small businesses						
Training programs and support services available through this proposal to assist local contractors in effectively competing for work and rebuilding capacity.						
Description of existing local contractor pool that can compete for work offered through this project						
Where appropriate, how/if group intends to consider or assess the use Best Value Criteria to ensure that local economic benefit is a significant criterion in contract award						
What mechanisms (timber/service/stewardship contracts, agreements, force account) will be used to accomplish restoration work and how those mechanisms will be used to create local economic benefit and link to local infrastructure						
Strengths:						
Weaknesses:						

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Evaluation Topic:	7. Funding Plan					
Categorization	0 Absent	1 Poor	2 Fair	3 Good	4 Very Good	5 Excellent
Key Issues to consider as you score this topic:						
Why estimated multi-party monitoring budget is appropriate for the scale of the project						
If non-federal investments are anticipated outside the proposed landscape, how they will support restoration on the proposed landscape						
If adequate federal and non-federal investment is anticipated in the landscape, and on what timescale						
If adequate matching funds are provided throughout the life of the project						
Strengths:						
Weaknesses:						

