

SUMMARY
LANDSCAPE COORDINATION WORKING GROUP
FEBRUARY 16, 2000

Members Present:

Eric Hofstad	Tom Duffus
Dave Anderson	Don Ferguson
Ray Tarchinski	Mark Reed
Terry Brown	Jan Green
Bill Peterson	

Transportation Planning:

Larry Nixon, DNR Transportation Planner, Grand Rapids, explained that the DNR was in the process of inventorying their roads. There is an need to get together with Forest Service and talk about common standards and definitions of roads when talking landscape planning and coordination. Also, need to be aware of the legal aspects of each agency's road policies.

Decided to move forward with landscape scale transportation planning based on Ray's "One man's recommendation" paper. Dave Miller suggested a smaller group be designated to work out the details and manage the process. **The group is: Ray Tarchinski, Terry Brown, Mark Reed, Dave Anderson, Duane Kick.** Ray stressed the importance of having the Council and all players involved on board up front for this to succeed. With that in mind the following tasks and schedule was agreed to:

- , **March 1:** Get comments on Ray's recommendation paper to Ray.
- , **March 17:** Small group reviews comments and re-drafts paper for presentation to Council.
- , **March 28:** Council meeting, present final paper and get feedback.
- , **April 5:** Coordination meeting; evaluate feedback and decide how to proceed and other key contacts.

Core Areas and Corridors:

Chad displayed another map depicting core areas; discussion about the need of core areas and corridors with all the public land in the NE; goal says we will map existing and see if needed; hard to determine need when we have not identified viable populations and their requirements. Forest Service work with identifying viable populations and habitat matrix/mapping work will help define requirements. May be better to wait on this until summer.

Goal 1, explore the feasibility of managing large interior areas for biodiversity, was discussed. Scale is a problem--how big or small should they be. The GEIS concept of 75 to 150 square miles is not feasible but smaller areas exist that may serve the purpose of the goal. Chad and Dave will bring an example to the next meeting for discussion and to decide how we want to proceed with this goal.

Priorities for Coordination 2000:

We did not have time to discuss this so will carry over to our next meeting. So far we have the following projects for 2000:

- , OHV coordination (June)
- , Transportation Planning and Coordination (March-???)
- , Old Growth (on-going)

Leadership of Work Group:

Did not discuss; wait for Tom to be present.

Next meeting: April 5, 2000 at NRRI room 227 from 10-2, lunch provided