

Potential Levels of Participation/Involvement in Multi-Party Monitoring

Level 1: Actively involved in collecting, organizing, analyzing, and interpreting field data. What this might look like:

- Commitment of personal/ organizational time, energy, and resources to collect/observe, analyze, and interpret data
- Data collection: design of measurement and sampling methods, and databases; direct measurement of indicators and input into databases
- Data analysis: performing statistical and other computational techniques that characterize data in a meaningful way, i.e., descriptive statistics, analysis of variance, spatial analyses, modeling, etc.
- Interpretation: summary narrative about results of data analysis; contributing to a “so what” document.
- Heavy time commitment, especially early in the process.

Level 2: Actively involved in reviewing and deliberating monitoring results and interpretation – “What do the results mean?”; suggestions for adaptations and improvements, if needed.

- Individual or organization has direct interest in monitoring activities and results, but are not in a position to invest in Level 1 participation.
- Review and comment on draft monitoring reports – committed to reading and providing constructive feedback.
- Participate in occasional field trips to view monitoring sites – in tandem with CFLR field trip.
- Participate in regular meetings to plan out, and review progress of, data collection or observation approaches, analysis, and the “so what” interpretations.
- Annual review of monitoring strategy – do the protocols result in information that answers the MPM group’s questions? What changes need to be made?
- Moderate, episodic time commitment –field trips, update meetings, annual review meeting.

Level 3: interested in monitoring results and progress; keep apprised of monitoring activities

- Individual or organization has passing interest in monitoring activities and results – generally interested in keeping tabs, know what’s going on, and report back to organization.
- Passive involvement – receive information by e-mail distribution or download from website
- Access and receive information on own, may attend a field trip or meeting.