

**Forsythe II Multiparty Monitoring Group (MMG)  
Roles and Commitments**

<b>Goals for the MMG from the DN</b>	<b>Specific Role for the MMG</b>	<b>Commitment from the USFS</b>
<p><b>Ensure that implementation of treatments responds to dynamic, local, on-the-ground conditions, new scientific information, and public input</b></p> <p><b>Help inform unit-level treatment plans and implementation instructions to attain ecological and social objectives</b></p> <p><b>Ensure integrated engagement of interdisciplinary team members, field personnel, scientists, line officers, and the public</b></p> <p><b>Continue public participation, collaborative learning and support the continuation of collaborative efforts throughout implementation as it becomes available</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide clear, public input on proposed treatments, treatment design, local conditions, ecological objectives, and social objectives. Aggregate individual comments and ideas during group meetings and provide shared comments and recommendations to the USFS through a meeting summary. Recommendations should be in line with the decision.</li> <li>• If new, relevant scientific information becomes available, share that information with the USFS prior to an MMG meeting and discuss it with the USFS at an MMG meeting and determine whether/how to proceed with the new information or not.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in MMG conversations at meetings about comments and recommendations; provide information and response as possible in meetings and, if there are comments or recommendations that are not addressed in meetings, provide written response within 2 weeks. However, substantial information requests or periods of unique circumstances such as, but not limited to, heavy fire activity, may require longer timeframes to respond.</li> <li>• Incorporate MMG input that meets the objectives of the DN and is based on site specific conditions, new scientific information, and/or resource specialist expertise that is technically and economically achievable. If the USFS determines that the input is not technically or economically achievable, it will provide written explanation of the reasoning behind this finding to the MMG as described in the timeline.</li> <li>• USFS will conduct Silvicultural stand surveys to determine applicable treatments and provide them to the MMG as they are completed and prior to implementation as indicated in the DN prior to contract finalization and award. The USFS will aim to provide between 2 and 4 weeks of review time, with 4 weeks being ideal when feasible.</li> <li>• The USFS will provide resource documentation and/or surveys, (as allowed by standard policy), design criteria, and management directions specified by the EA and DN to the MMG.</li> <li>• Review and share any new scientific information prior to meeting with the MMG, and participate in MMG discussions about new, relevant scientific information and determine whether/how to proceed with the new information or not.</li> <li>• As much as possible, provide USFS staff and/or other resource specialists with appropriate expertise to address topics at MMG meetings.</li> <li>• Share critical information from MMG meetings with USFS staff and vice versa.</li> <li>• The USFS will provide one prescription describing the existing and desired habitat structural stages, cover type, and basal area for each treatment type to be implemented under each Phase of implementation. The existing and desired conditions and objectives will be described for these units.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Demonstrate compliance with management direction specified in the EA and this decision</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At an MMG meeting, review and discuss with USFS staff preliminary contract specifications prior to submittal and identify any perceived discrepancies or desired additions.</li> <li>• Without impeding contractors' work, observe contractor implementation and report any perceived deviation from scope of work to USFS project manager and District Ranger with a copy sent to the MMG.</li> <li>• As much as possible, discuss concerns about contractor performance with USFS at MMG meetings.</li> <li>• At MMG meetings discuss with USFS staff resource documentation and/or surveys, and management direction specified by the EA &amp; DN including pre and post treatment efforts and any perceived discrepancies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide preliminary contract specifications to MMG prior to an MMG meeting and discuss any perceived discrepancies or desired additions.</li> <li>• Allow MMG members to be present at one or more contract administration inspections within reason and as practical to inform the MMG without impeding USFS personnel or contractor's work.</li> <li>• Review any reports of contractor deviation from scope of work and report back to MMG about USFS view of perceived deviation and whether action is merited within two business days.</li> <li>• As much as possible, discuss concerns about contractor performance with the MMG at MMG meetings.</li> <li>• At MMG meetings discuss with MMG resource documentation and/or surveys and management direction specified by the EA and DN including pre and post treatment efforts and any perceived discrepancies.</li> </ul>

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<b>Keep the public informed of and involved in treatment unit timing, design, and monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review meeting summaries in a timely fashion to ensure that documents on the CFRI website are accurate and up to date.</li> <li>• Review documents and other information in a timely fashion prior to discussions and decisions. Deadlines will be identified on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>• Assist in maintaining public website data and information as applicable.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide information to CFRI in a timely manner so that CFRI can keep public website updated.</li> <li>• Provide adequate lead time to MMG and the public to review documents or other information prior to discussions and decisions. Deadlines will be identified on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>• Create a timeline denoting points for MMG involvement throughout the entire process that clearly identifies hard deadlines but allows for continued dialogue and adaptive management as needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Focus on shared priorities and highlight local concerns related to selection and implementation of treatment units</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage in a discussion with the USFS staff about proposed treatment units at an MMG meeting, exploring pros, cons, and any additional factors.</li> <li>• Provide specific suggestions for change if/as needed based on discussion with USFS staff as long as it follows the final decision direction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide and discuss with the MMG suggestions for proposed treatment units and recommended changes if/as needed well in advance of contracting deadlines to ensure adequate time for discussion.</li> <li>• Include reasons for proposed treatment units in phases/ years of projects.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Conduct monitoring activities, interpret and share results, adapt implementation practices to improve results and better project objectives</b></p> <p><b>Assess the effects of treatments on ecological and social attributes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate with CFRI to determine roles and desired outcomes for monitoring efforts.</li> <li>• Participate in monitoring efforts as agreed with USFS staff and CFRI.</li> <li>• Discuss monitoring results with USFS staff.</li> <li>• If needed, provide recommendations for adapting implementation practices to improve results and practices through meeting summaries.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate with CFRI and MMG to determine roles and desired outcomes for monitoring efforts.</li> <li>• Discuss monitoring results with the MMG.</li> <li>• Review monitoring results and objectively consider recommendations for adapting implementation practices to improve results and practices.</li> <li>• As consistent with CFLRP approach, share monitoring results publicly to the extent possible.</li> <li>• Share internal monitoring results with the MMG whether it's in formal surveys, walk through evaluations, or in other formats.</li> </ul>