



Fire Learning Network Notes from the Field

April 2012

Parashant Partnership Workshop #4 Focus Area

The Parashant Partnership met on April 2-3 to make some important decisions regarding where the partnership would like to initiate its collective focus

The workshop began with a brief review of the group's progress over the first three workshops:

- Workshop 1—a Fire Learning Network-facilitated meeting to discuss learning and collaborative action opportunities to return fire to the landscape where appropriate,
- Workshop 2—a three-day field trip to learn about Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument ponderosa, pinyon-juniper and rangeland systems in May 2011, and
- Workshop 3—a field trip to the Mojave desert in October 2011 which also culminated in the group's decision to formally become the Parashant Partnership.

With this background, the group worked through exercises in this workshop that led to their identifying their first focus area for in-depth work, Black Rock. Partners then identified the next steps needed to begin this work.

Next Steps

1. Engage in the landscape forecasting process (LANDFIRE).
2. Define boundaries for the Black Rock area where we will work.
3. Conduct a values mapping process to define all of our values for this area and to help us look at projects that may provide opportunity for us to support.
4. Create our own allocation map based on the values mapping exercise and the landscape forecasting exercise.
5. Identify the most important areas in the wilderness for the treatments.
6. Conduct a field trip(s) with tribal members and BLM.
7. Identify a process for volunteering as projects get underway.
8. Seek out funding!
9. Start planning for next workshop, to be scheduled for the end of September 2012.



Partners worked together at the April workshop to identify an area in which to focus their first planning and implementation efforts as a group.

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Two planning committees were also established to get work started on the next steps that were identified.

Workshop Planning Committee

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This committee will plan the workshop that will be held at the end of September. Planning will include arranging for field trips to Black Rock and identifying projects.

Forecast Committee

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This committee will take charge of the values mapping process and defining the boundary of the focus area. Identified needs include:

- 1) Boundary
- 2) Map layers (LANDFIRE)
- 3) Map validation (Agency help)
- 4) Model validation (stakeholders)
- 5) Possible management action (stakeholder and agency help)

Partners agreed that the time frame for this committee to complete these actions will be one year. As stakeholders, others will provide support and feedback for this committee as needed.



Participating Agencies & Organizations

Arizona Game and Fish Department
 Bar 10 Ranch
 Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office
 Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip District Office
 Citizens for Dixie's Future
 Friends of Gold Butte
 Friends of the Arizona Strip
 Grand Canyon Trust
 Grand Canyon Wildlands Council
 Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (Bureau of Land Management & National Park Service)
 Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians
 Mojave Sportsman Club
 National Park Service, Lake Mead
 National Park Service, Mojave Desert Monitoring and Inventory
 Northern Arizona University, Ecological Restoration Institute
 Shivwits Band of Paiute Indians
 Sierra Club, Grand Canyon Chapter
 The Nature Conservancy
 The Wilderness Society
 USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station
 U.S. Geological Survey, Las Vegas Field Station

Draft Mission Statement

To provide a foundation of trust and mutual respect among stakeholders in order to redefine relationships, share knowledge and learning, and help inform and provide council to proactively drive the decision-making process involving ecological restoration in the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument.



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