



# Lolo Plan Revision Interagency Governmental Working Group

## Group Purpose and Charter

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The Lolo National Forest is convening an Interagency Governmental Working Group as part of its public engagement strategy for its land management plan revision process. This document outlines the purpose and expectations for this group. Plan revision staff and Lolo National Forest staff have conducted broad outreach to invite potentially interested parties to this forum.

## Purpose

The purpose of this group is multifaceted:

- Promote transparency in the revision process by providing updates to local, state, and federal agencies, tribal governments, and elected officials,
- Promote information sharing about the revision process across agency and government staffs, constituents, collaborators, and partners,
- Build a shared understanding and seek consistency of the management objectives of all entities to facilitate an all-lands approach to land management across jurisdictional boundaries, and
- Provide information to help entities submit comments, should they choose to do so.

## Membership

The Forest Service and each agency and governmental entity will identify one or two key points of contact to serve as the primary members for this group. This forum is not intended to gather all staff that may be interested or working on plan revision topics. The intent is for key points of contact to serve as liaisons to their staff and constituents. The intended membership of this group includes:

- Leaders or key points of contacts from agencies, tribal governments, and elected officials that have an interest in the management of the Lolo National Forest. Key points of contact may invite additional support staff as needed on a situational basis.
- Lolo Forest Supervisor, Carolyn Upton and Jeremy Casterson, Deputy Forest Supervisor; and Amanda Milburn, Plan Revision Team Leader will be the key points of contact for the Forest Service. Additional supporting staff may be included on a situational basis.



## **Expectations and Content**

- Meeting content will generally be high-level and strategic. Specific issues or points of interest may be discussed as relevant.
- Draft agendas will be provided 6 weeks in advance when possible, so that the primary points of contact can invite supporting staff as needed. Finalized agendas will be provided several weeks in advance, to ensure that emerging topics can be included if necessary.
- Participation in this group does not preclude each entity in pursuing other engagement avenues, such as requesting cooperating agency status or participating in other public engagement events and comment periods. In fact, participation in these opportunities is encouraged. In addition, participation in this group does not preclude the opportunity to participate in the objections process (provided the entity has standing to object).
- The members of this group are encouraged to bring forward the information they learn with their staff, interested publics or constituents, and other collaborators and partners.

## **Meeting Norms**

- We anticipate that this group will be convened quarterly throughout the Lolo Plan Revision process, with meeting times expected to be 2 hours in length.
- We will endeavor to have a third-party facilitator support us during our meetings. Meeting summaries will be made available to the public.
- When possible, we will endeavor to meet in person, with a virtual connection option for those not located in the Missoula.