Land Trust Retreat

Stakeholder notes

Group 1

Invasive plants

Money

Capacity – of staff and external experts, managers (pesticide applicators)

Scale to have enough impact (invasives)

Outreach to others on why important – Ed

BMP’s – invasive plants, records of what works, sharing, how to minimize impacts

 Stream crossing – improve infrastructure, good access, forest roads – funding

Chemicals – insurance costs for applicators, can’t find, reduce insurance or license

Protect biodiversity, wildlife habitat and fisheries habitat – maintaining habitats – 40% of endangered species require management, making sure climate aligns

Priorities –

1 old fields – afforestation

 2.Dealing with climate change and pests moving through – resources, educational programs – what could forest look like moving forward – climate adaptation – beech leaf disease – so we can prepare and have more diverse forests

 3. wildlands – kestrel

 4. fire – hard to do a controlled burn, lack of expertise and permitting - echo – 10 yr example

 Boots on ground, money for hiring, community outreach piece

5. rejuvenate working forest town owns – replacing stock, better management, transfer to another organization that has more knowledge

6. first bullet – determine what it is, we have to initiate that **– what are climate focused forest management priorities – need direction, definition**

7. not knowing what the best thing to do climate wise is – multiple answers – **how figure out the right thing** – **menu – decision tree – circuit rider**

Help people understand the entire spectrum – need all kinds of management – need to frame and navigate that

8. integrate ch61 program – hope that no management is not the direction

9. need to look at consumer side or illusions of preservation – amazon packages

10. storage/sequestration – climate focused = 2 by 4s = timber harvesting is not an anti-climate answer, how do we do that, are our forests resilient enough

11. conflict with NEFF – working forests – endless supply of money – landowners preserve forests by timber management – systems management – what is the system and how big is the circle – regional approach

12 plant trees – **limited sources!**

14 framing regenerative – goal – should be regenerative or net positive rather than extractive – how to identify that – leave in better place – are we enhancing system

15 are private consulting foresters being engaged? Incentivize them as well

16 property under cr primary invasives treated prior to harvesting – not clear – so education – landowners and foresters – don’t create a problem – reviewing – management plans and cutting plans – acknowledge – DCR does not do this

17 knit practices together overtime - measure impact

18 limited timbering is helpful to habitat vt and massaudubon – balance sheet – financial incentives – talk to people at NEFF

19 direction on climate focused forest management priorities - **different scales** of what to do

20 carbon markets – prices much higher in future – organization not attractive for perpetuity

21 incentive programs coming into confusing landscapes -simple enough to grasp – commitments not so scary – tangible – afraid of wrong play with

22 NRCS – CSP – small annual payments

Group 2 :

 Acreage minimums different for further east

Stewardship plans – carbon plans

**Money to do management plan** – light touch carbon plan – this is how you go about managing for these goals, steer into – MVP grant model -**plan and then $ for practices**

MVp – planning and grant program as a model for carbon

NRCS – good but funding not steady – hopeful can state be steady? Farm bill 19Billion to NRCS over next several years – management practices – cost-share – **supplement other portion of cost-share – additional incentive pay and cover costs** – administrative work – don’t have people to fill out grants and applications - need

What practices would you want to do erosion control – invasives (define which)

Corporate landowners – when there is a bottom line – incentivization – carbon credit? Would it provide enough? – reduce conversion

Family forest owners – feel compelled to manage, offer latest science and that mature forests is ok

Rural community – education, sharing of science, knowledge, TA

**Simple summary sheets – what are your goals and what are the operating principles**, not all things are consistent with each other

State conservation land tax credit – maxes out at 75K, nice add on but not incentivizing – extra lump some if doing forestry as well – same project

Cash payments for donated CRs – money for management of land

Help towns with cherry sheet – increasing towns percentage – **PILOT**

Water departments – were incentivized to make money – is there a Dep regulatory incentive – protected land gives the water dept a credit – reducing regulatory burden – give more incentive to expand protected area – (reserve)

Climate focused priorities –

1. Connectivity protecting corridors
2. Biomap core and critical natural landscape
3. No money for management
4. State funding for salary – barrier
5. Simple breakdown of carbon by forest type – **these 5 acres are sequestering X**
6. **Diversity habitat types and species** –
7. invasive species
8. Apr – looks to protect more forest – management plans – must be commercial
9. Management for reducing fire risk – infrastructure
10. Water resource management – in consideration with threats – rain, flooding/drought
11. Trustees – carbon storage – not practically managing – what would get us to manage – practical side – **financial support and contractors ready to go – list approved by state – need to trust**
12. Americorp crew – free?
13. Kestrel – wildlands technique of forest management not negligent – easier for land trusts to contribute to wildlands – bridge – think of properties nestled within landscape – umbrella management – **might consider management – landscape level cooperation**
14. Small patches within reserves to be managed for rare species – whole habitats vs individual species
15. Don’t have time to think about forest management – request subsidize **summer internship**
16. Coordinating landscape scale approaches for a range of activity – reserve to management
17. **Fund a forest stewardship plan for the landscape** –
18. Bandwidth of planning
19. Climate focused of urban – patches of forest- mini forests – barrier because it’s a management entity – how do we handle the management of pockets –
20. Is there land we pass over because it doesn’t meet criteria can we restore it? – money
21. USDA community forest grant – forest must already exist – barrier – first year costs for planting
22. River connections with junk lands or ag land – great place to restore is in riparian area – create linkages – move ag away from sensitive areas – TA – money to implement and take care of – areas subject to flooding
23. Reforest floodplain – how make permanent – any amount of time has positive impact – landowner incentives help make permanent – even a one time payment is a hard sell -
24. Ch61 – still wants ch61U