

**White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation
Day 2 Breakout Session Compilation**

Topic: Managing Diverse Resource Demands on America's Public Lands: A Cooperative Approach to Improving Conservation

Session number: 49

Afternoon

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Location: 240

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A. Major Repeated Themes Raised in the Discussion. *A grouping of ideas repeated with some frequency in the session and brought up again during the group summation process. Also includes diverging views and/or questions about the topic.*

Need to develop grassroots initiatives and trust—takes time to develop from bottom up

Building relationships is a must for successful collaboration. Make sure diverse stakeholders are on equal footing.

Developing trust between agencies and individuals. Expensive process.

Need really valid factual information and then share across the involved community and stakeholders. Provide citizen monitored information. Groups need to understand laws and share understanding of what rules and regulations apply.

The right decision maker needs to be at the table.

Frustration with agency processes.

Compliance process should be scaled to issue.

Agencies should have the flexibility to implement regulations appropriately for the circumstances while maintaining accountability for actions and results.

B. National-level Practical Actions *that could be taken by the Federal government, national NGO's, and other national organizations. Diverging views and/or questions are also noted.*

NEPA is bedrock to consider alternatives different than what you've been considering. Important for non-economic players unless there is a specific requirements. Requires listening to all alternatives, then true collaboration can take place. Opens up dialog process. Can also delay process, however, and is expensive and time consuming. NEPA overhaul to cut costs and time.

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Take ownership of your own agenda. Public agencies to be empowered to share what agendas really are. Political sensitivities may prevent that. Honesty-- no matter what.

Federal templates are rigid, and may not necessarily reflect specific areas of need. Need to develop more policy frameworks that allow for more site specific judgments and particular instances.

Federal agencies willing to consider other alternatives after collaborative process and go outside box.

- C. **Local-level Practical Actions** *that could be taken at the local or community level by Tribes, state and local communities, private citizens, and local organizations. Diverging views and/or questions are also noted.*

Individual leaders willing to step up and break unspoken cultural mindset of not cooperating with federal agencies and agreeing to the problem you are trying to solve together

Need federal agencies to collaborate among themselves as well. Need to balance agendas.

- D. **Particularly insightful quotes from participants** that capture the essence of key points made during the group's discussion.

"Crisis can bring opportunity."

"Passion is the motivator for people to come to the table and provides the fuel for staying involved."

Success: "Doing the right thing after everything else has been tried."

"From a federal standpoint it would be helpful to have management principles versus management policy and hold the agencies accountable for these principles."

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