

TAYLOR PARK ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT GROUP (TAYLOR AMG) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

I. PARTICIPANTS

The parties to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) consist of three different categories depending upon the level of commitment to the Taylor Park Adaptive Management Group (Taylor Park AMG) as specified below:

A. Regular Members

Those representatives of the stakeholder interest groups identified in the Taylor Park AMG Operations Manual attached here and made a part hereof by reference (Appendix A). They have been appointed or selected by their respective organization or interest group. Those representatives have expressed commitment to the mission and objectives of the Taylor Park AMG, to regular attendance at Taylor Park AMG meetings, and by their signature to this MOU.

Regular members are asked to submit a brief bio highlighting specifically what experience or knowledge they bring to the Taylor Park AMG.

B. Alternate Members

Those individuals who have been designated as alternates for each stakeholder interest group representative. Alternates may serve as a proxy in the event of a regular member's absence as outlined in the Taylor Park AMG Operations Manual. Alternate members are also asked to submit a brief bio highlighting specifically what experience or knowledge they bring to the Taylor Park AMG.

C. Invited Parties

The Taylor Park AMG has specifically invited the US Forest Service, Western Colorado University Center for Public Lands, Science Team and federal agency contractors directly involved or familiar with the Taylor Park Vegetation Management project on federal lands to attend meetings of the Taylor Park AMG as resources to the Taylor Park AMG.

II. PURPOSE

A. General

The purpose of the MOU is to formalize understanding of all parties to the MOU to work diligently towards the stated objectives of the Taylor Park AMG. Signing the MOU indicates that the participant understands the purpose and objectives of the Taylor Park AMG and agrees to the protocol/terms and conditions of participation in the Taylor Park AMG as outlined in this MOU and the Taylor Park AMG Operations Manual (Appendix A). Those who choose not to sign the MOU are not members of the Taylor Park AMG but are

welcome to observe, listen and participate in any and all discussions subject to the structure as established by the Taylor Park AMG (Appendix A).

B. Purpose Statement of Taylor Park AMG

In this document, the Taylor Park Adaptive Management Group (Taylor Park AMG) refers to both the advisory committee meeting to inform the Taylor Park Vegetation Management Environmental Analysis (Taylor Park EA) decision as well as the formal adaptive management group to be created by the decision.

Once a decision has been made the primary purpose of the Taylor Park AMG will shift to assist the Gunnison Ranger District (District) of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) in applying an adaptive management framework in accordance with the Taylor Park EA.

C. Objectives of Taylor Park AMG

- Provide comments on treatment sites within the project's proposed treatment areas and treatment design.
- Help with articulating monitoring questions.
- Participate in the post-treatment field review and evaluation of the effects of treatment to be included as part of the annual report for Forest Management Review.
- Review ongoing monitoring to make recommendations for adaptive management of future projects.
- Have representation at the annual review with the District and Science Team.
- Anticipate roadblocks that may arise and work with the District and the Science Team to resolve.
- Strive for consensus of diverse interests on formal comments/recommendations submitted to the District.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Meetings

- The Taylor Park AMG may convene three (3) or four (4) meetings annually knowing that as the project starts the group may need to meet more often. These meetings will be separate from the GMUG's annual off-season meeting and seasonal field trips for Taylor projects.
- Meetings will be noticed and conducted as specified in the Operations Manual (Appendix A).
- Members shall attend all meetings of the Taylor Park AMG and assigned committees. If unable to attend members shall notify the project coordinator or Taylor Park AMG Chair in advance of meeting.
- Members shall read all materials submitted with the agenda prior to the meeting and participate actively in meetings.

B. Decision Making Process

The Taylor Park AMG will give input to the District by consensus. Consensus is defined as decisions that all parties can support, or at a minimum, agree to live with as more specifically outlined in the Taylor Park AMG Operations Manual (Appendix A).

IV. AMENDMENTS

This MOU may be modified or amended at any time by agreement of members with signatures below.

V. CONTINGENCY

The Members of the Taylor Park AMG and Participants agree to work diligently and in a timely manner to meet the goals and objectives of the Taylor Park AMG. In the event of failure or inability of any of the Participants to perform in accordance with the terms, conditions or intent of this MOU, the other Participants agree to make no claims against the non-performing Party(ies) provided, nothing in this clause will affect the rights and liabilities of any Party hereto under local, state or federal law.

This MOU shall be effective upon execution by all the Members hereto:

Members have executed this MOU as the last day written below:

Colorado State Forest Service (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATE REP)

Member Signature Date

Community member-at-large (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATE REP)

Member Signature Date

Conservation (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATE REP)

Member Signature Date

Forestry Logger (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATE REP)

Member Signature Date

Forestry Processor (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATE REP)

Member Signature

Date

Grazing/Agriculture (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATIVE REP)

Member Signature

Date

Gunnison County Commissioner or designee (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATE REP)

Member Signature

Date

Local Business (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATIVE REP)

Member Signature

Date

Mining (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATIVE REP)

Member Signature

Date

Recreation/Outfitter Seat #1 (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATIVE REP)

Member Signature

Date

Recreation/Outfitter Seat #2 (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATE REP)

Member Signature

Date

Recreation/Outfitter Seat #3 (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATIVE REP)

Member Signature

Date

Taylor Park Homeowner Seat #1 (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATIVE REP)

Member Signature

Date

Taylor Park Homeowner Seat #2 (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATE REP)

Member Signature

Date

Water Resources (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATIVE REP)

Member Signature

Date

Wildlife and Aquatic Species Seat #1 (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATIVE REP)

Member Signature

Date

Wildlife and Aquatic Species Seat #2 (PRINT MEMBER NAME AND ALTERNATIVE REP)

Member Signature

Date