

## Environment System Group Meeting #6 Summary

### August 19, 2014

#### Presentations/Discussions

- Brock LeBaron (Division of Air Quality) presented proposed changes to air quality metrics
  - Group was polled and consented to new metrics (below)
    - Metric 1: Reduction in health related air pollutant emissions
    - Metric 2: Minimize emissions of air pollutants that contribute to regional haze (i.e., reduce the clarity and color of scenic vistas)
- Claire Woodman (Parametrix) presented on draft suitability analysis

#### Mapping Exercise

- **Mapping Exercise for Idealized System**
  - Goal of the exercise was to:
    - Present work completed by sub-groups to Environment System Group
    - Obtain feedback on draft Idealized System (if information was missing or unclear; what should be included in policy recommendations)
  - Five groups completed the exercise (group members were random, based on where they sat)
  - Each group spent 10 minutes on each of 6 goals (60 minutes total)
- **Summary of Scenario Presented**
  - One Idealized Environment scenario was presented including ecosystem connectivity projects, restoration areas, special management areas, additional lands for preservation, and additional Wilderness
- **Feedback from System Group members**
  - Need to clarify methodology (how were areas determined?)
  - Need to clarify specifics (e.g., what type of restoration or management?)
  - Identified additional areas for protection (e.g., water infrastructure, wetlands, Bonanza Flats, Royal Street, Flagstaff)
  - Identified additional restoration projects (e.g., riparian, mine reclamation)
  - Need to consider environmental review and management strategies on all lands (not just Federal)
- **Points of Conflict**
  - Wilderness (concern Wilderness designation would make it difficult to manage or restore lands)