

## Environment System Group Meeting #7 Summary

### September 23, 2014

#### Environment Idealized System

- Cleaned up/revised map presented last month—removed private lands identification; streamlined metrics
- Two primary categories of actions: 1) Restore 2) Protect

#### Presentations/Discussions

- **Forest Plan (Steve Scheid, USFS)**
  - Watershed protection is first and foremost
  - No expansion of ski boundaries, no parking expansion, no recommended wilderness
  - Mountain Accord proposed actions would likely require amendment
- **Wilderness and Other Protections (Sharon Siem, USFS)**
  - Characteristics (natural, undeveloped, solitude, unconfined recreation)
  - Manageability (enduring resource, retain character, boundaries)
  - Statutory protections: wilderness, national monument, national recreation area
  - Administrative protection: wilderness recommendation, forest plan (local controls, opportunity for broader stakeholder buy-in)
- **Wilderness (Carl Fisher, Save Our Canyons)**
  - Matheson proposal based largely upon Roadless Inventory acreages, also includes special management areas (heli skiing) and land exchanges
  - New proposal: National Monument. Interconnect Wilderness Areas with area landscape.
- **Private Land Preservation (Chris Robinson)**
  - Create a comprehensive conservation approach.
  - Have established guiding principles, criteria for prioritizing preservation, funding sources, and conservation tools/mechanisms, draft policy statement.
  - Seeking public input--Meeting Oct 13.

#### Other System Groups' Idealized System

- Laynee Jones briefly reviewed the draft Idealized Systems from the other three groups.
  - When is cost going to be looked at? Transportation is currently preparing order of magnitude cost estimates.
  - Lots of groups are considering transportation. Did other groups contemplate environment? Yes.

#### Action Items

- Schedule interim working group meeting.