

Survey Instrument

[Note: This document will be mailed to potential interviewees and will also be used as a transcript for interviewers conducting the telephone survey.]

Date:

BLM/USFS:
Region/State:
Project:
Who:

- Agency person
- Community member
- Contractor
- Other:
 - State agency
 - NGO _____
 - _____

FY _____ PROGRAMMATIC MONITORING:
The Role of Local Communities in Development of Stewardship Contracting Agreements or Contract Plans

Participants: When Congress authorized the Forest Service (FS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to use stewardship contracting, it also required that the agencies provide an annual report on the role of local communities in the development of agreements or contract plans under that authority. In the preparation of this report, a stratified random sample among existing stewardship contracting projects is surveyed each year, and the _____ stewardship contracting project you are involved in was one of those selected for review. We anticipate that your involvement in this telephone survey/interview will take no longer than 30-minutes.

A sample survey form has been included with this e-mail, so that you may have the opportunity to review the questions prior to the telephone survey/interview. Plans are to conduct the telephone surveys/interviews from [*insert Month xx, year xxxx through Month xx, year xxxx*].

The Pinchot Institute for Conservation is coordinating this study under contract with the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Your name will not be associated with the interviewer's notes from the phone survey and the names of those interviewed will not be retained. The information collected in this interview will be analyzed and used by both the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to inform the agencies' yearly report to Congress on stewardship contracting implementation. The survey responses will not be shared with other organizations inside and outside the government but the results of the analysis of the survey responses, through its inclusion in the Forest Service's and Bureau of Land Management's reports to Congress, will be available for use by organizations both inside and outside the government.

Participating in the interview is completely voluntary. Your participation assumes your understanding and acceptance of this voluntary agreement. Your decision to participate or not will not affect your current or future relations with the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, the Pinchot Institute for Conservation or ____ (*insert local/regional subcontractor name here*).

On behalf of the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, the Pinchot Institute would like to thank you in advance for your thoughtful and candid responses to the following questions related to stewardship contracting in your community.

You are/have been involved in the _____ stewardship contracting project.

1a. If someone asked you to explain stewardship contracting, what would you say? Please check all that apply.

- A new contracting mechanism
- Goods for services
- A way to get work done on the ground
- Collaboration with local communities
- Benefits to local communities
- Other. Please specify. _____

1b. Has your view of stewardship contracting changed since you became involved in this project? Yes No Maybe Don't know

If yes, how has it changed? Please check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perceive stewardship contracting to be more complicated | <input type="checkbox"/> View stewardship contracting as required by the agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More positive and encouraged about stewardship contracting | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship contracting is too bureaucratic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less optimistic about stewardship contracting | <input type="checkbox"/> Believe stewardship contracting is way to get work done |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Positive about community collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> Perceive local benefits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Understand it better | <input type="checkbox"/> Didn't know anything before |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please specify. _____ |

I want to ask about community involvement in your project.

2. Who initiated the project? Agency Non-agency Joint Don't know

3. Who has been involved? _____

| | <i>Check all that apply</i> | <i>What is the scale of involvement</i> | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Local | State | Regional | National |
| USDA Forest Service | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bureau of Land Management | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other Federal agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tribal interests | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| State agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local governmental interests | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Community business interests | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Environmental conservation groups | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fire interests/organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Adjacent landowners/residents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recreation interests/users | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Educators/educational interests | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wildlife and fisheries groups | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Right to access groups | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Project contractors | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (Please specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4a. the the community in the _____ stewardship contracting project?

What is/was role of local

| | <i>Check all that apply.</i> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Planning and design. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Development of alternatives. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Comments and recommendations. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public outreach and education. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Participation in NEPA process. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Provision of technical information. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Becoming informed. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Providing and/or acquiring funding. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Monitoring. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Representation of concerned/affected local interests | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other: (Please specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4b. What did you use as a definition of “local community” when you answered this question?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counties/Parishes around the forest | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest users |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communities/towns around the forest | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal nations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whole state/large region of state | <input type="checkbox"/> Other agencies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent landowners/neighbors | <input type="checkbox"/> All affected people/areas |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Please specify.</i> _____ |

5. What outreach efforts are being/have been used specifically by the Forest Service, BLM, or others to get people involved in the project?

- Please check all that apply.***
- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional public meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Field tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative process meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to existing community groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct mail | <input type="checkbox"/> Presentations to other organizations other than existing community groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email | <input type="checkbox"/> New Collaborative Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings with existing collaborative groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media (newspaper, radio, television) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Please specify.</i> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discussions with local government | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops | |

6a. To what degree would you consider community involvement in the _____ stewardship

contracting project to be collaborative?

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Very | | Somewhat | | | Not |
| Collaborative | | Collaborative | | | Collaborative |
| Know | | | | | Don't |

6b. How did you define collaborative when you were answering this question?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working with others | <input type="checkbox"/> Developing, establishing, or building Long-term relationships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Achieving a common goal | <input type="checkbox"/> Including diverse people and interests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commenting on a proposed project | <input type="checkbox"/> Having meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working with other agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Please specify.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased level of public participation | _____ |

7. What were the reasons you personally decided to become involved with this project (what were the circumstances)? Please check all that apply.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Part of your job responsibilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Live near the project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in accomplishing work on the ground | <input type="checkbox"/> Own property near the project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initiated the project | <input type="checkbox"/> A business opportunity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contacted to bid on the project | <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in collaboration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Due to experiences with previous stewardship contracting projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in using /trying stewardship contracting tool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Due to your role in the community | <input type="checkbox"/> There was a problem to solve |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Please specify.</i> |
| | _____ |

8a. Are there individuals or interests you believe should be/should have been involved in the _____ stewardship contracting project that aren't/weren't?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

8b. If yes, who?

| | Check all that apply. | At what scale should these individuals or interest be involved? | | | | Why should they be involved? <i>See list below for options -Include all that apply.</i> |
|--|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| | | Local | State | Regional | National | |
| USDA Forest Service | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Bureau of Land Management | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other Federal agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Tribal interests | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| State agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Local government interests | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Community business interests | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Environmental/conservation groups | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Fire interests/organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Adjacent landowners and residents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Recreation interests/users | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Educators/educational interests | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Wildlife and fisheries groups | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Right to access groups | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Project contractors | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other: (Please specify) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

- (a) To avoid misunderstanding.
- (b) Because they are users of the area
- (c) To avoid appeals and/or litigation
- (d) Because they are a constraint to implementation

- (e) A need to be inclusive
- (f) Because they have valuable expertise to share
- (g) A need for local knowledge
- (h) Because they are potentially affected by the project
- (i) Other (please explain)

9. Are there resources that community members needed to facilitate their participation in the project?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If yes, please check the appropriate boxes in the table below:

| | Check if needed | Check if received | From whom | For what specific purpose |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Financial | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Training | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| In-kind time, services, facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Technical | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Other (Please describe) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

10. Please rate the local benefits of the ___ stewardship contracting project on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being very high and 5 being very low.

| | Very High | | | | Very Low | Don't Know |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Economic benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| More local jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| More on-the-ground work accomplished | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Greater opportunity to use local contractors | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other: please specify _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased collaboration | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved efficiency and effectiveness | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved public trust | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Specific project outcomes (Please identify & rate each) | | | | | | |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other: Please describe _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

11. Please rate the benefits of community involvement in the _____ stewardship contracting project on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being very high and 5 being very low.

| | Very High | | | | Very Low | Don't Know |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Broader understanding and consideration of diverse interests | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved trust | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased opportunity for public input | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved sense of project ownership | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased support for the agency | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other: Please describe _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

12. What level of support do you believe this stewardship contracting project is/was in the community?

- Widely supported
- Somewhat supported
- Indifferent
- Somewhat opposed
- Widely opposed
- Generally unaware
- I don't know

13. What level of support do you believe this stewardship contracting project is/was in the agency [Forest Service and/or BLM]?

- Widely supported
- Somewhat supported

- Indifferent
- Somewhat opposed
- Widely opposed
- Generally unaware
- I don't know

14. Are there any lessons that you learned about community involvement through this project that you would like to share? _____

15. Based on your experience in this project, would you participate in another stewardship contracting project? Yes

No Maybe

Please explain. _____

16. Are there any additional comments you want to make about either stewardship contracting generally or your personal experience with it? _____

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