

Arkansas/Louisiana WGCP Conservation Delivery Network Steering Committee Meeting USFS Crossett Experimental Forest April 14, 2016

Meeting Summary

The AR/LA WGCP CDN Steering Committee met on April 14, 2016 at the USFS Experimental Forest near Crossett, AR . Steering Committee members present were CDN Co-Chair David Breithaupt (LDWF), Co-Chair Steve Fowler (AGFC), Doug Akin (AFC), David Hayden (LDWF), Bill Holimon (ANHC), Luke Lewis (NWTf) and Dan Weber (TNC/LA). Also attending were members of the CDN Delivery Strategy Working Group: Don Bragg (USFS), Blaine Elliott (LMVJV), Kate Hasapes (LDWF) and Latimore Smith (TNC/LA). Other attendees were Rick Jacob (TNC/LA) and Doyle Shook (LMVJV).

The meeting agenda is included with this summary. Presentation and actions taken by the Steering Committee were as follows:

Summary of Delivery Prioritization Working Group Activities

Doyle Shook (LMVJV) gave a overview of the activities of the Delivery Prioritization Tool Working Group. The Working Group held two in-person meetings: one at Felsenthal NWR in May 2015 and one at the Overflow NWR in October 2015. Two WebEx meetings were held in July 2015 and January 2016.

Delivery Prioritization Tool Working Group Report

Blaine Elliot (LMVJV), reported to the Steering Committee on the work of the Working Group and their proposed Delivery Prioritization Tool. The Working Group considered approximately fourteen different datasets to use in developing the Prioritization Tool and selected three inputs for use in the recommended Tool. Those three inputs were the LMVJV Wild Turkey model, the LMVJV WGCPO Open Pine Landbird model and the USGS HUC 12 watershed boundaries. The proposed Tool is designed for upland landscapes within the CDN geography. The Steering Committee approved the proposed Upland Delivery Prioritization Tool (attached) and recommended that it be presented at the next full CDN meeting. The Steering Committee requested that the identified focus area be divided into four separate focus areas for discussion purposes at the next CDN meeting. Those four areas were described by the Steering Committee.

AR/LA CDN Project Identification

The Steering Committee discussed various ways for the CDN to identify potential delivery projects within the focus areas identified by the Delivery Prioritization Tool. The Steering Committee agreed that this same discussion should also be held at the next full CDN meeting with the goal being to develop some tangible steps toward compiling a list of potential landscape level strategies and potential delivery projects that would address the highest conservation priorities for each focus area.

Next AR/LA WGCP CDN Meeting

The Steering Committee provided a range of dates from June to early July for the next full CDN meeting. Doyle Shook (LMVJV) agreed to conduct a poll with Steering Committee members to select the best date. Potential locations for the next meeting were Lake D'Arbonne State Park, Homer LA City Library and Ruston LA City Library. The Committee approved draft topics for presentations at the next CDN meeting:

1. Delivery Prioritization Tool - Kate Hasapes and Blaine Elliott
2. ANHC Approach to Landscape Prioritization and Partnerships in a Focus Area (Bill Holimon)
3. Four Focus Area Break-out Discussions to be led by Bill Holimon, Jeff Taverner, David Hayden, David Breithaupt and Bubba Groves.
4. Update on LMVJV Open Pine Landbird DSM revisions and Development of WGCPO Bottomland Bird DSM.

Steering Committee Membership Change

National Wild Turkey Federation Steering Committee member Luke Lewis has taken a new position with NWTF and announced his replacement on the Committee will be Derek Alkire. Derek is Conservation Field Supervisor for AL, AR, LA and MS.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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Objectives for the day:

10:00 - 10:15	Lunch Orders	
10:15 - 10:30	Summary of Delivery Prioritization WG Activities	Doyle, et al.
10:30 - 11:30	Process for Developing Delivery Prioritization Tool	Blaine
11:30 - 12:00	Review/Revise/Approve Delivery Strategy Document	Members
12:00 - 12:10	Unwrap Lunch	
12:10 - 1:15	Discuss Ongoing, Planned and Desired projects in Focal Area	
1:15 - 1:30	Set Location & Date for next CDN Meeting	Members
1:30 - 2:00	Review/Revise draft CDN Meeting Agenda	Members
