

A scenic view of a forested valley with a large rock in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

Federal Land Manager Interests and Consultation Role

LADCO / MWRPO

Regional Air Quality Workshop

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FWS / NPS Letter USFS Letters (August 2006)

- Highlight SIP Content Concerns
 - Baseline, Natural Condition, Uniform Rate
 - Emissions Inventory, **BART**
 - Area of Influence
 - **Reasonable Progress Goals and LTS**
 - **Fire**
 - Regional Consistency
 - **Verification and Contingencies**
 - Coordination and Consultation

FLM Consultation

- Informal
 - RPO work
 - Discussion with State Staff
 - Discussion with EPA
- Formal
 - SIP Language (and supporting Material)
 - 60 Days BEFORE Public Hearing
 - State response to FLM comments

Reasonable Progress SIP Tells a Story

- Point Source, Mobile, Fire, Ag, International contributions should all be addressed
- BART is a large focus, but future sources must also be addressed in the ten-year Long Term Strategy

Uncontrollable Emissions



- International
 - Long Range Transport
 - International Shipping
- Federally Regulated Sources
 - Trains
 - Planes
- SIP should “request” EPA action if it sees major impacts from these sources

SIP “Contingencies”

- SIP must anticipate variations from predicted future conditions
- Five-year review step should address major deviations from the predicted emissions amounts or distribution

FLM Emphasis



- FLM community is relying on EPA to assure SIP commitments are enforceable
- FLM review will not be looking for “completeness” but at component content
- State should explain how it determined reasonable progress goals based on the technical data and statutory factors
- We encourage the state to take a broad look at the benefits of improving air quality when establishing RP goals

Coordinated FLM Effort

- “Northern Class I Areas” assessment group is best consultation effort in the country
- Just beginning interaction with Northeast and Southwest
- Coordinated FLM review among the three agencies
 - Fire policy
 - Support for FLM field personnel

