

Wallowa County Vitality Summit – Presenter Questionnaire

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Mission and purpose in Wallowa County:

The mission of the Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee is to review implementation of the Goal 3 (agricultural), Goal 4 (forest), and Goal 5 (natural resource) provisions of Wallowa County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The implementation will include:

- a) maintaining an inventory of the amount and condition of the County's natural resources
- b) coordinating implementation among applicable tribal, local, state and federal agency regulations
- c) assisting landowners in the development of comprehensive resource management plans
- d) reviewing project proposals for compliance with provisions of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- e) monitoring results of projects
- f) reviewing effectiveness of projects
- g) recommending amendments to the Plan

Key metrics/outcomes/impacts for the past year:

- a) Community Planning Process on Upper Joseph Creek Watershed Assessment - project implementation
- b) Community Planning Process on Lower Joseph Creek Watershed Assessment – writing of report in progress, then on to implementation of projects
- c) USDA Forest Service Travel Management Plan – with many local volunteers help review on-the-ground the Forest Service Road System in Wallowa County and provided a Wallowa County Alternative to the Forest Service
- d) Reviewed, rated and recommended 2013 Title II projects to the Board of Commissioners
- e) Drafting a Wallowa County Alternative for the Wallowa – Whitman National Forests Forest Plan
- f) Participating in the Wallowa – Whitman Forest Collaborative

Current top 3 priorities/focus areas:

- a) Community Planning Process on Lower Joseph Creek Watershed Assessment
- b) USDA Forest Service Travel Management Plan
- c) Drafting a Wallowa County Alternative for the Wallowa – Whitman National Forests Forest Plan

Challenges that you most need help with, either from another organization or the community at large:

- a) Fund raising for appeals by the Board of Commissioners to USDA Forest Service decisions

Top 3 opportunities you see for the coming year:

- a) Wallowa County's project moving forward in the Wallowa – Whitman Forest Collaborative as recommended by the Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee and its partners
- b) Wallowa County's alternative for Travel Management Plan to become the Plan for Wallowa County
- c) Wallowa County's alternative for WWNF Forest Plan to become the Plan for Wallowa County

Number of current active/serious collaborators: 14

Who would you like to collaborate with more? I am about collaborated out.