

Gravelly Landscape Collaborative
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Who would have thought that a conversation that started in 2012 would successfully craft a 41,900 acre forest management project? Margaret Mead did, “Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have”. The Gravelly Landscape Collaborative isn't trying to change the world, just work to make our local forest conditions as healthy and productive as possible.

In a nutshell the GLC spent several years learning about the Gravelly Landscape, discussing the values it supports, identifying improvements that could be made and crafting a community-driven proposal for the USFS to move forward. This process worked. The Greenhorn project is now moving forward and going through US Forest Service public comment and analysis.

The GLC is now asking, what is next? “We believe that the best projects come from informed, concerned citizens who interact with this special place every day” shared Darcie Warden from Greater Yellowstone Coalition. She described the GLC, “a strong collaborative brings diverse interests and expertise together to craft projects that address multiple interests, multiple benefits and support resilient communities”. This is not an easy, or a quick approach but the GLC is not steering away from hard work.

Weeds, wildlife, forest conditions, access, grazing, fire, fisheries... the focus of the next project is under consideration. The location of the next project is under consideration too. Where do you see a need for improving management? What concerns do you have for fisheries, wildlife, forests or water? Where is that drainage or area that has multiple resources that could use some integrated management actions? The GLC wants input and the best way to provide your thoughts is to join us for FREE PIZZA AND DRINKS – the at the Alder Fire Volunteer Department, 5:30pm on February 12, 2018. The agenda will highlight the Tobacco Roots and Grizzly Bear trends.