

**Stewardship Council  
Bucks Lake Pilot Orientation Meeting  
Chico State Campus, Thursday, November 29, 2007**

**Summary of Meeting:**

**I. Welcome and Introduction**

Jayne Battey (Executive Director of the Stewardship Council) welcomed those attending the meeting, and thanked them for their participation.

**II. Review Agenda**

Nicholas Dewar (Facilitator) reviewed the agenda and developed a list of Ground Rules with the help of participants.

**III. Update and Overview of Pilot Disposition Process**

Jayne Battey presented information on the status of the Pilot Disposition Process.

**IV. Working on the Pilots and the Focus on Collaboration**

Jayne Battey and Nicholas Dewar led a discussion about the value of collaboration in the preparation of land disposition proposals. The items identified by the participants were recorded on an easel pad and summarized below. The items identified by participants as most significant are italicized. There is no significance to the order of listing:

**1. The forces that *support* collaboration at Bucks Lake**

- *We all support the Beneficial Public Values (BPVs) specified by the Bankruptcy Court;*
- *The current situation at the Lake already reflects the BPVs;*
- *An inclusive process of preparing a proposal has its own inherent values;*
- The Stewardship Council's Board of Directors uses consensus for all decision-making;
- Consensus does not mean that everyone agrees absolutely;
- Collaboration will produce a pooling of interests;
- Collaboration will produce a pooling of resources;
- Collaboration will give us all access to lots of local information;
- Bucks Lake's cabin owners and residents are committed and knowledgeable.

**2. The forces that *restrain* collaboration at Bucks Lake**

- *We need to be educated about the legal background to the land disposition, about the land itself, and about many other relevant things;*
- *It is difficult to identify all stakeholders in Bucks Lake;*

- *The Bucks Lake stakeholders doubt the authenticity of the process that the Stewardship Council is proposing;*
- *The logistics of collaboration require significant time and resources;*
- This issue carries a significant emotional charge for us;
- Consensus decision-making can permit a single participant to block decisions;
- Some have developed preconceived interpretations of what is mandated by this process;
- There is only a short time in which to prepare a proposal;
- The process of developing a proposal implies a perceived need for changes that may in fact be unwarranted.

### **3. How can the Stewardship Council help Bucks Lake's stakeholders to collaborate?**

- Fund and support the management of the collaboration process;
- Specify a “charge” for the stakeholder collaborative group;
- Develop ground rules for the stakeholder collaborative group;
- Provide a clear description of the criteria that the Stewardship Council will apply as it selects a land disposition proposal, and provide guidance about the application of these criteria as the collaborative develops its proposal;
- Define the scope of the collaborative process (e.g. does it include or exclude FERC land);
- Help identify stakeholders, and provide and manage a stakeholder contact database;
- Help identify entities qualified to propose land dispositions;
- Provide education about the legal background, relevant conservation issues, relevant natural resource issues, etc.;
- Stay engaged with the Bucks Lake stakeholders as an attentive listener;
- Provide information about the fiscal impacts of the proposals.

## **V. Wrap up and Next Steps**

Jayne Battey led a discussion to develop the following list of “next steps” for the Pilot Disposition Process:

- Stewardship Council will conduct two more Pilot Orientation Meetings (Kennedy Meadows and McArthur Swamp);
- Stewardship Council will return in the first quarter of 2008 for another meeting with Bucks Lake stakeholders;
- Stewardship Council will develop a registry of qualified potential donees, and will make it available to stakeholders;
- Stewardship Council will prepare a summary of this meeting and will provide it to this meeting's participants;
- Stewardship Council will prepare documentation that gives clear definition to the land disposition process.