

# DOLORES WATERSHED RESILIENT FOREST COLLABORATIVE (DWRF) ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE WITH THE SALTER EA

This timeline outlines areas of substantive engagement and collaboration between DWRF and the San Juan National Forest (SJNF) during and after the development of the Salter Environmental Assessment. It highlights specific meetings and documents and does not include many monthly DWRF stakeholder meetings that also addressed the Salter EA. This timeline and associated links to supporting documents are meant to serve as a reference to DWRF stakeholders. Italics denote formal NEPA process elements.

## FEBRUARY 21, 2020

*Scoping released*

## MARCH 16, 2020

Science review

- Literature review, presentation, and discussion about ecological questions from pre-scoping meetings. Topics built from earlier conversations with Lone Pine EA.

## AUGUST 17, 2020

Monitoring and Adaptive Management meeting for Salter EA. Topics:

- Communications flow
- Connections between DWRF DCs (under development at the time) and monitoring
- Ongoing engagement expectations

## NOVEMBER, 2020

DWRF Ponderosa Pine Ecosystem Resilience Metrics and Desired Conditions completed.

Process began in spring, 2020, and was intended to support DWRF engagement with projects across all lands, including Salter EA.

## FEBRUARY 3, 2021

Salter Agreements Document completed, outlining expectations and commitments of DWRF and SJNF for collaboration on Salter EA around collaborative processes/recommendations, ongoing engagement, and monitoring and adaptive management.

## FEBRUARY 19 AND MARCH 3, 2021

Feb 19 - DWRF review/discussion of Draft EA and opportunity for direct comments. Identified social, economic, and ecological questions/concerns from stakeholders.

March 3 - SJNF presentation at stakeholder meeting focused on current conditions in Salter EA area and proposed approaches to meet DCs. Additionally, stakeholder views and recreation mitigations were identified/discussed

## DECEMBER, 2021

December 2021 - DWRF Coordinating Committee meetings reviewing/discussing collaborative challenges and successes with Salter

## MARCH & APRIL, 2023

Salter monitoring plan development meetings:

- Incorporate updates from Lone Pine EA monitoring for Salter EA
- Enhance alignment between Salter monitoring and DWRF Desired Conditions
- Develop/identify control units to support our understanding of movement towards ecological desired conditions

## JAN 14 & FEB 5, 2020

Pre-scoping meetings - DWRF & SJNF

- Intention to begin conversations early in planning process, learning from challenges with Lone Pine EA
- Focused on purpose and need, geography, which management areas and other topics
- Developed list of ecological questions/concerns to further explore
- Presentation by SJNF

## JULY, 2020

Collaborative prioritization activity. Identified where stakeholder management priorities are across Salter EA landscape based on different interests/values. Priorities communicated to SJNF Dolores District.

## SUMMER/FALL, 2020

Stakeholder meeting focused on needs and challenges between recreation and forest management, particularly in context of Salter EA

Identified general goal that stakeholders involved in collaborative dialogue would not put in objections.

## NOVEMBER 20, 2020

Salter EA Tour at Boggy Draw. Topics included:

- Descending order of tree selection outlined in the EA
- Questions/relationship between DWRF Desired Conditions and EA approach
- Example prescription in a stand
- Community and recreation questions/concerns about management

## FEBRUARY 10, 2021

*Draft EA released*

## APRIL 25, 2021

DWRF Salter tour #2, held at recently completed project areas of Chicken Creek. Tour targeted engaging community members and interests not always present at DWRF meetings, particularly Dolores and Mancos Town Board members and recreation groups.

## JUNE 22 & SEPT, 2021

June 22 - Final EA, Finding of No Significant Impact, and Draft Decision Notice released

September - Objection resolution meeting and later, objection responses

## JUNE 1, 2022

June 1, 2022 - DWRF and SJNF review of collaborative engagement with Salter EA. Goals were to articulate success and challenges to DWRF involvement with Salter, support/expand collaborative trust, and identify lessons learned and steps for moving forward with Salter and future projects. See additional notes here.