

Academic paper

Could be on the science of what we did, or on organizing a course that's going to be interdisciplinary and that has a public forum component in it, or our insights into the public process.

The paper should be a lot like the USFS presentation.

We're the only academic group that is going to analyze the UNF plan revision process in the first NF plan revision process of its kind to occur in the US.

Talk about all the different parties involved (landowners, USFS, community, visitors), and uses people want, and what data we found that suggests certain recommendations.

Put the Uwharries in the context of its geographic location, and the planning process in the context of US policy. It has been put more in the context of US policy more so than its geographic or cultural context.

Can talk already about what the process has or hasn't incorporated (maps with notes, dialogue for special places).

Need to move off the UNF boundary, need to look at GIS data in making projections of future changes (Patchworks).

Political, historic, and landscape ecology of the national forest – how do different factors interact across boundaries of the landscape scale. A lot of political ecology focuses on people's voices that aren't being overheard, so we're trying to incorporate more people, but then landscape ecology focuses on the environment that has no voice for itself, so we also need to incorporate that. OHV people have a lot more influence and numbers, so we need to make these other things known.

Structure of paper so far:

Introduction – talk about the planning process briefly, where the UNF is (temporal, geographical, political ecology), and then about the main question/problem.

Methodology – tracing what we've done – delegation of duties, etc.: explain the class format, talk about interdisciplinarity within ecology (and cultural/political to the extent we could), and how we organized it and divided up the duties; bridging between academia and public policy; analysis/approach (we all have different backgrounds and different angles)

Case study: Site and Analysis – introduce the site. Illustrations we came up with in our report of why it's important to put the UNF in a landscape and community context (fire regime, community sense of place, community values). Can bring in fire story, etc. – several "boxes." Fire definitely a big one.

Discussion – lessons learned; last part will be recommendations/directions: why we think these recommendations are important

Doing our stories – not for the academic paper, but for the USFS. Think about the things the USFS should know.