

**Recommendations to the Dolores River  
Restoration Partnership (DRRP)  
Winter Meeting: 3/29/11**

**Core Team:**

**BLM, representatives to be determined**

**The Nature Conservancy, Peter Mueller**

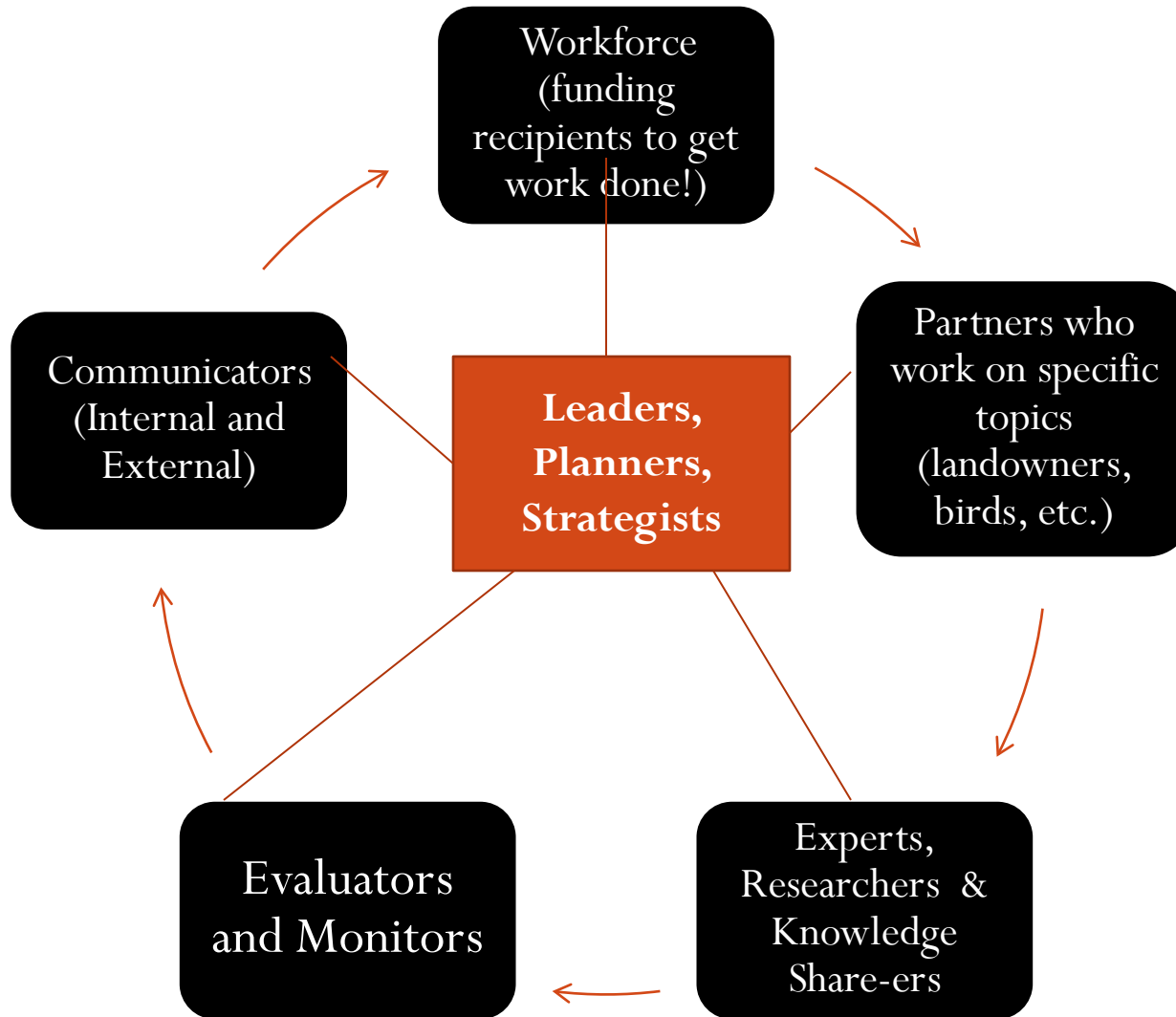
**Tamarisk Coalition, Stacy Kolegas, Clark Tate & Rusty Lloyd**

**Conservation Corps Representative, Mike Wight**

**The Walton Family Foundation, Tim Carlson**

**Facilitator, Marsha Porter-Norton**

# DRRP Partnerships' Collective Roles: Everyone Plays an important PART !!!!



## So....What is the “Core Team”?

- **The Core Team is leading a collaborative restoration effort on the Dolores River from McPhee Dam to the Colorado Confluence.**
- **Main implementers of the DRRP (day-to-day details)**
- **Reaches out to the DRRP to get work done**
- **Serve as Chairs of the Committees**
- **Plans and distribute funding (with DRRP approval)**
- **Develops, with the BLM and private landowners, Implementation Plans**
- *Are advisory to the DRRP*

# Roles of the Respective Core Team Members: *BLM (4 Districts)*

- **Are a Key Partner.** Involved in monitoring, funding, grazing, “on the ground” work, science, planning and leading
- **Develop local BLM District-level Implementation Plans with TNC and TC**
- **Links to local partners, other governments and landowners**

# Roles of the Respective Core Team Members: *The Nature Conservancy*

- **Primary role is *implementation***
- **Secondary roles are assisting with planning, monitoring and grazing issues**
- **Disbursement and management of funding when appropriate**
- **Coordinates and interfaces with landowners, NRCS, and the BLM**

# Roles of the Respective Core Team Members: *Tamarisk Coalition*

- **Coordinates the monitoring, grazing and funding efforts, and Volunteer Program**
- **Carries out detail work, planning and works closely with TNC and the BLM in implementation**
- **Interfaces with the BLM and NRCS**
- **Develops partnerships**

# Roles of the Respective Core Team Members: *Conservation Corps (3)*

- **Accomplishes on-the-ground work (is a component of DRRP workforce along with some private contractors); Applies for grants when appropriate to do work**
- **Chairs Outreach/Education Committee**
- **Addresses social goals**
- **Mike Wight represents the CC's on the Core Team**

# Roles of the Respective Core Team

Members: *The Walton Family Foundation*

- **Tim Carlson is the representative**
- **Supports the initiative financially, with other funders**
- **Interested in the whole watershed**
- **Builds relationships where needed (at all levels)**
- **Technical consultation**



# Roles of the Respective Core Team Members: *Facilitator*

- **Marsha Porter-Norton serves in this role**
- **Tracks on the big picture and helps check in on accountability**
- **Facilitates DRRP meetings and Committee meetings (as requested) plus Core Team meetings**
- **Is not involved in details of implementation**
- **Coordinates clerical and recording support**
- **Monthly e-newsletter and Web site**

# Summary of Roles

- ***FUNCTIONS OF THE DRRP AND LEADS***

- Planning TNC, TC and BLM
- Getting work done TNC, Conservation Corps and BLM
- Science Core Team identifies issues and develops strategies
- Funding TC leads with TNC and CCs
- BLM TNC and TC primary interface
- Key partners re: work TNC
- Volunteers Program TC
- Grazing TNC, TC and BLM
- Outreach and Education CCs with DRRP
- Monitoring TC
- Facilitation Marsha P-N
- Interface with WFF Tim C

# Key Strategic Directions & Recommendations: *Core Team*

- Add BLM reps to Core Team (in process)
- Core Team meets quarterly and participates in monthly phone calls
- Big picture and policy issues are approved by the DRRP
- Team stays “nimble” responding to issues
- Core Team tracks on Action Plan and annual calendar – keeps everyone accountable

# Key Strategic Directions & Recommendations: *Communication*

- Increase it -- Make it better
- Web site
- Logo
- E-newsletter
- Minutes from Committees go on Web site (DRRP members access minutes)
- Vitalize the Outreach/Education Committee
- Find ways to talk about the DRRP internally and to external audiences

# Key Strategic Directions & Recommendations: *Committees*

- **Committees open to anyone on the DRRP**
- **Regular meetings**
- **Need more involvement!**
- **More structure: chair, goals, minutes, timelines, etc.**
- **No Science Committee at this time: Use other means to address science questions/issues**

## Key Strategic Directions & Recommendations: *Funding*

- **Implementation Plans finished earlier to plan for the next year's grant cycles**
- **Strategize who applies for which grants**
- **Multi-year plan**
- **Pursue multiple funders**
- **Communicate opportunities to DRRP**

# Key Strategic Directions & Recommendations: *Monitoring*

- **Develop final monitoring protocols (later agenda item)**
- **Implement program/protocols**
- **Communicate results**
- **Understand that science and monitoring are not the same thing**
- **More later.....**

# OTHER Key Strategic Issues Discussed (in 3/29 agenda)

- **Form Grazing Ad Hoc Committee**
- **Bio Control (monitoring)**
- **MOU (goal is to get signatures ASAP)**
- **Outreach to landowners (12 in the entire corridor)**
- **Build strong relationship with NRCS**
- **Desire more participation and input and interaction with the Partnership**
- **Set the DRRP up for long term sustainability**
- **Secondary Weeds**



# DRRP Organizational Diagram - 2011

## Dolores River Restoration Partnership

Public land managers, private landowners, resource agencies, nonprofits, technical experts, private foundations and other stakeholders

Advisory

### Core Team

BLM, TNC, TC, Conservation Corps, Walton Family Foundation and Facilitator

Coordinates/Facilitates

### Subcommittees

Monitoring  
Funding  
Outreach  
Grazing Forum

### Implementation

BLM and other land managers, with assistance and coordination from Core Team

Technical Experts