

Foundation for Implementation

Since its inception in 2006, Sawtooth Vision 20/20 Community Collaboration (Vision 20/20) workshop participants have consistently affirmed that implementation of recommended actions is the true measure of the success of this collaboration. In May 2009, workshop participants revised the organizational structure originally envisioned in 2006 to reflect the lessons learned during the first 3 years of implementation. In consideration of lessons learned since 2009, the following represents the updated principles, structure, and function of the Vision 20/20 organizational structure adopted at the May 2014 workshop. These revisions will support the core mission to implement high priority actions, monitor the results, and annually report back to Vision 20/20 partners and the public regarding the progress of implementation.

Sawtooth Vision 20/20 PRINCIPLES critical to the success of implementation

- 1) Vision 20/20 is a community collaboration that reflects the spectrum of interests within the Sawtooth NRA. Collaborators coordinate their individual, agency, and/or organizational efforts within the Sawtooth NRA with Sawtooth Vision 20/20, Shared Strategies for the Future of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (Strategy).
- 2) A diversity of Vision 20/20 participants, not exclusively the Forest Service or the Sawtooth Society, will provide leadership for initiating and completing actions.
- 3) Leadership for initiating and completing actions will be enabled and monitored by the Vision 20/20 Steering Committee.
- 4) Action leaders will coordinate with other organizations, agencies, etc. who may already be working on a similar action item so as not to duplicate efforts and to pool resources.
- 5) Vision 20/20 participants need to respond/react at times to emerging issues. Pursue priorities, and seize opportunities. Actions that collaborators undertake consistent with the vision and desired conditions identified in the Strategy are supported by Vision 20/20.
- 6) Stakeholder education/interpretation is a critical component of every value and issue.

Sawtooth Vision 20/20 Community Collaboration STRUCTURE and FUNCTION

The Sawtooth Vision 20/20 Community Collaboration is comprised of four components:

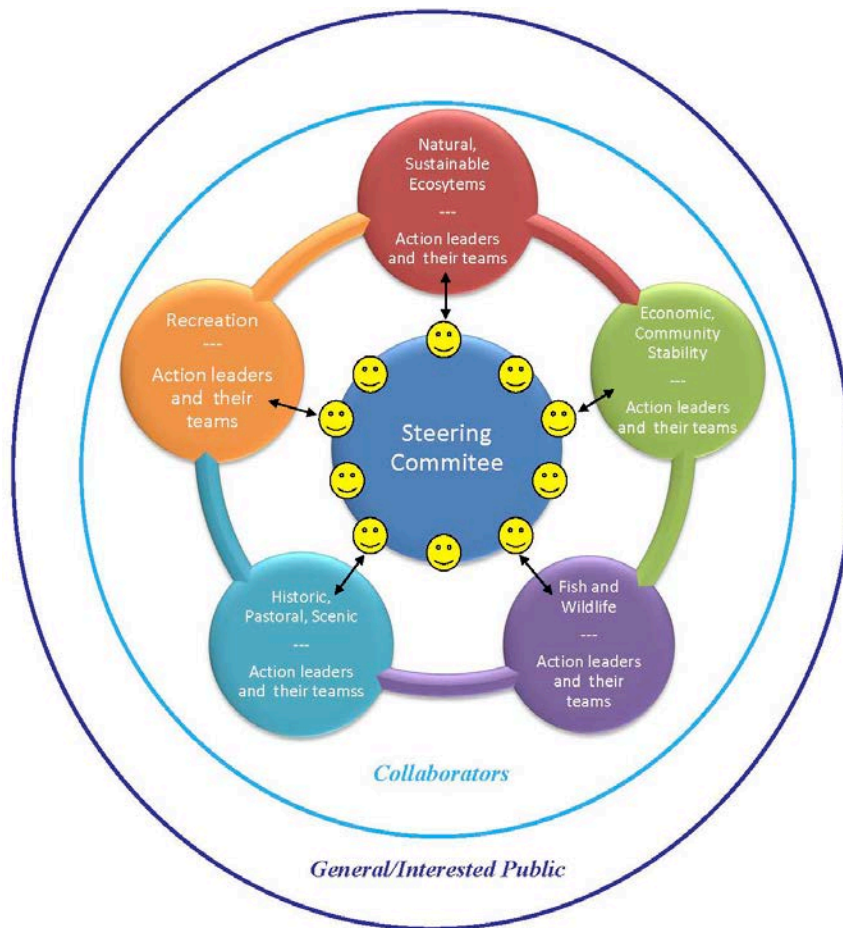
- **Collaborators** (formerly known as “workshop participants”) represent over forty organizations, agencies, and areas of interest within the Sawtooth NRA. They convene at a workshop in Stanley every three years to review and update the Strategy (i.e. validate critical issues and identify priority actions; desired conditions revisited every 10 years). Collaborators also participate in the annual community update held every year on a consistent date in Stanley, Idaho.
- **Steering Committee** is comprised of up to 10 Collaborators, and maintains consistent membership to the extent possible. Steering Committee members represent the Sawtooth

Society, Forest Service, Blaine and Custer Counties, the community of Stanley¹, and other interested Collaborators.

- The role of the Steering Committee is to coordinate action and help find common ground on the priority issues. The Steering Committee helps Action Leaders to network and locate resources to address their action items.
- Five of the Steering Committee members will each be assigned as the primary contact for one of the critical issues areas. Not all Steering Committee members will be assigned responsibility for a critical issues area. In addition, a Forest Service contact person/liaison will be designated for each issue group.
- The Steering Committee meets quarterly; as part of these quarterly meetings, the Steering Committee hosts forums that focus on a single critical Vision 20/20 issue, and invites participation by Collaborators and members of the public who represent all sides of the issue.
- **Action Leaders** volunteer to lead implementation of priority actions identified through the workshop process and/or consistent with the critical issues. They may be Collaborators or members of the general public. Action leaders generally work with a small team of people similarly interested in the issue. Action leaders keep their Steering Committee contact informed of their progress and request help as needed. They may offer, or be invited, to present brief updates at the Steering Committee’s quarterly forums.
- The **General public** is informed and consulted on the priority actions and given opportunities to contribute to implementation. An annual community update for the general public will be held every year on a consistent date in Stanley, Idaho.

¹ The Stanley City “representative” could be a member of the council, the mayor, a member of the chamber, or any other person designated by the City as its representative.

The following graphic depicts the general organizational structure:



Other Operational Issues

- Ground rules and processes for finding common ground will be established and observed for the quarterly forums, annual community updates, and tri-annual Collaborator Workshop.
- An independent Sawtooth Vision 20/20 website will be created and maintained to provide continuous, current information on Vision 20/20.
- A communication strategy that reflects the variety of ways that people wish to communicate with Vision 20/20 will be developed and implemented by the Steering Committee, including regular e-updates to the mailing list.
- The Steering Committee will seek at least part-time, dedicated administrative assistance to facilitate the communication flow, update the website, and provide logistical support for all meetings.