



# Environmental Justice Offsets Working Group

Meeting #10

06/25/2025

# Ecology staff introductions

- Meg Baker – Facilitator, Community Outreach and Engagement Specialist
- Jordan Wildish – Senior Environmental Planner
- Kayla Stevenson – Offsets Rulemaking Lead, Technical Host
- Joshua Grice – Climate Pollution Reduction Policy and Planning Section Manager
- Austin Atterbury-Kiernan – Offsets Environmental Planner

# Working Group Role

- This working group is not tasked with making consensus recommendation changes to Ecology rule or adopted protocols
- Ecology will consider multiple sources and perspectives, including the input collected through this working group, when deciding how to proceed with changes to this protocol
- Input provided by working group members, even if unanimous, should not be considered an indicator of the changes Ecology may or may not make

# Agenda

- 1 Community agreement check – in and icebreaker
- 2 Topic #1 – Outreach and implementation
- 3 Topic #2 – Potential increase in land value
- 4 Open discussion
- 5 Reminders



# Community agreement

# Community Agreement

- **Respect** – diverse viewpoints, group members' time, active listening, “sit in a circle,” raise hand to speak
- **Accessibility and transparency** – plain talk complex topics and be forthcoming on desired outcomes
- **Think broadly and creatively** – including impacts outside of our own communities
- **Ask for clarification** and help when needed



# Mentimeter Icebreaker

- How do you receive information about what is happening in your community?
- How do you hear about environmental projects, topics, issues in your community?







# Topic #1 – Outreach and implementation





# Current Ecology approach

- Ecology listservs and emails to interested parties
  - opportunities for comments on draft language
  - adoption of final protocol language
- Public outreach
  - Public informational meetings
- Tribal outreach
  - Forum for Tribes
  - Formal letter to Tribal leaders
- Comment periods





# Discussion

- What would be a metric of successful outreach and implementation for Ecology from your point of view?
- What are important information channels in your communities?
- Where can Ecology improve outreach and implementation efforts?







## Topic #2 – Potential increase in land value





# Potential land value increase

From our original brainstorm of potential environmental justice topics, land value increase was proposed and included:

- Potential increase in value of forested areas
- Impacts on cost of housing or cost of living







# Discussion





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Are there any other topics you would like to discuss regarding the US Forest offset protocol?

Are there any other environmental justice considerations we have yet to discuss?





# Next steps

## Two remaining meetings

- Finish conversation about US Forest Protocol
- Debrief working group experience





# Reminders

- Compensation
- [Air quality rulemaking](#)
  - Determining processes and strategies for emission reductions to achieve air quality targets in overburdened communities initially identified by Ecology.
  - Other rule language necessary for implementation.







# Public comment period





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## Guidelines for providing public comment

- Up to two minutes per person
- Host will call on you to unmute yourself and begin timer
- Please keep the comments related to the US Forest protocol
- Ecology will not respond to comments in this meeting
- To submit written comments, use our digital comment platform
- Please use “raise hand” button to indicate that you wish to provide a comment





# Thank you!

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