



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
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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
- Topic #2 Potential increase in land value
- 4 Open discussion
- 5 Reminders



Community agreement



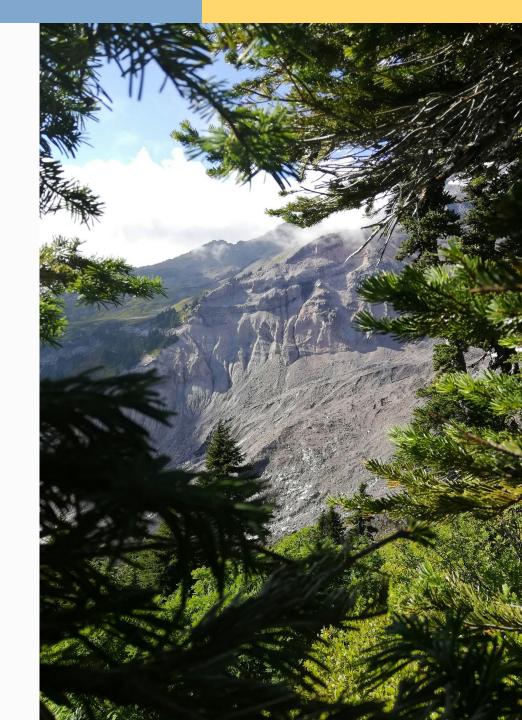
Community Agreement

- 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?



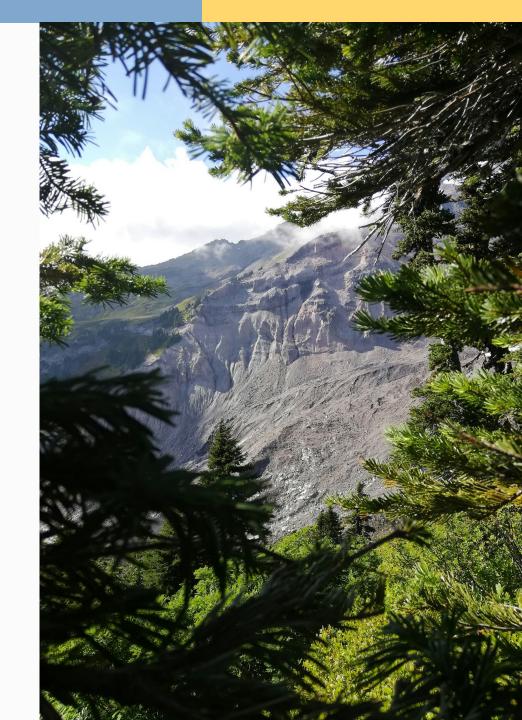


Topic #1 – Outreach and implementation



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?





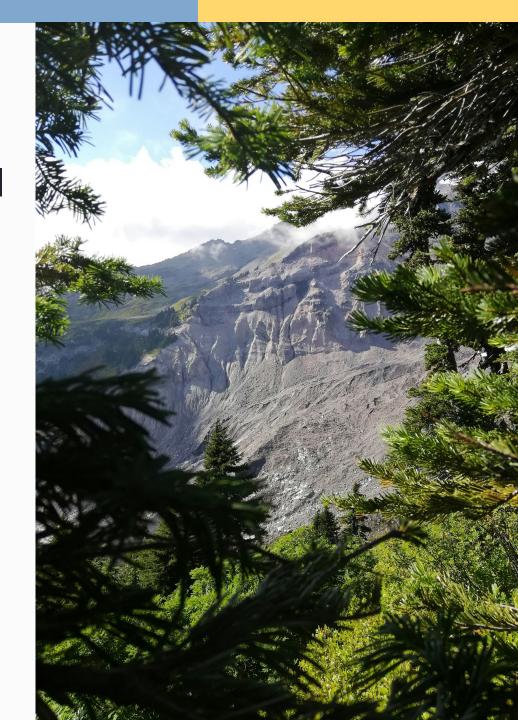
Topic #2 – Potential increase in land value



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?

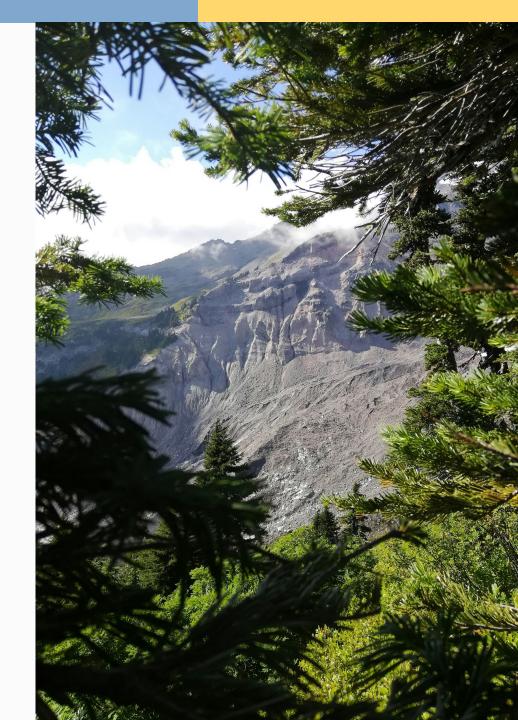
Are there any other environmental justice considerations we have yet to discuss?



Next steps

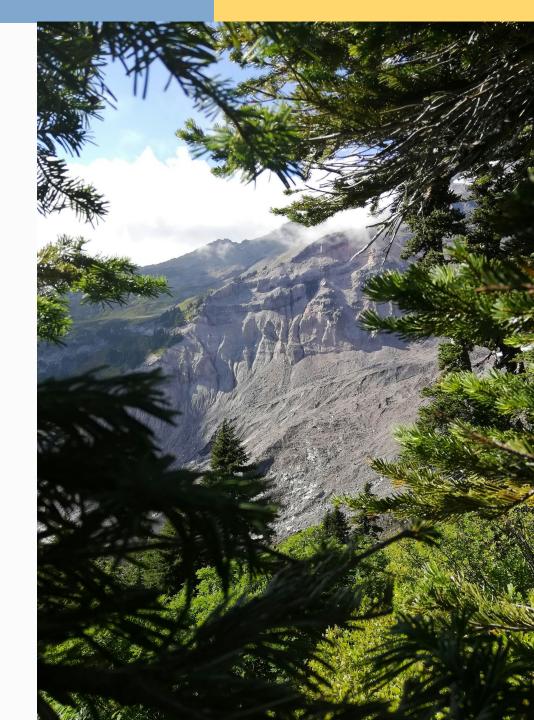
Two remaining meetings

- 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.





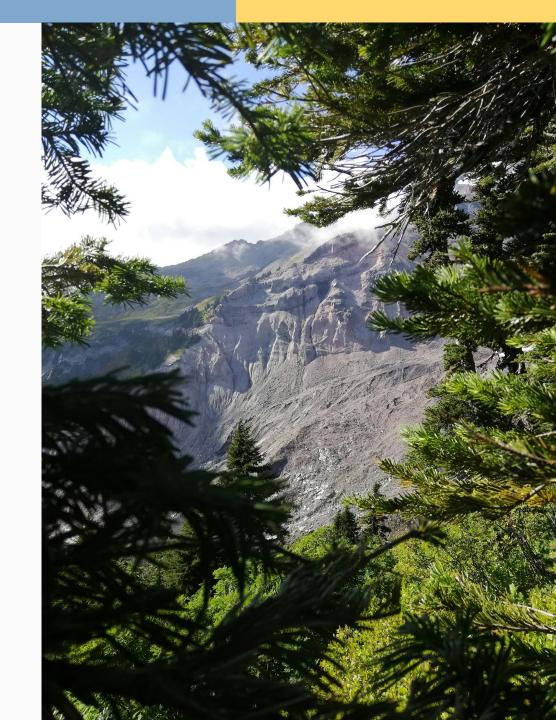
Public comment period



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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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