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Dear Participants:

First, thank you for attending this workshop and providing your valuable input.

Attached is a report which contains the comments we heard from you at the workshop on the Draft Guidelines, shows where modifications are incorporated and also includes discussion of some of the comments from the drafters of the Guidelines, Sterling Grogan, Yasmeeen Najmi and Cliff Crawford. The MRGCD has funding from the State Legislature to publish the guidelines and wanted your review of them before proceeding. Due to time constraints, they are still working on incorporating some of the comments, and therefore, the revisions shown in the attached may not be complete. Your reflections on this report and any suggestions on how the Guidelines can be further improved will be forwarded to the MRGCD and circulated to the participant group.

The Guidelines are based on the paper *Bosque Landscape Alteration Will Reduce Fires And Conserve Water: A Proposal*. The proposal is essentially to retain, within current constraints, the bosque's historical processes and wildlife communities by re-creating a patchy mosaic of native trees and open spaces along the present-day river's narrow floodplain, while containing the distribution of invasive species. The co-authors, Cliff Crawford and Sterling Grogan, believe this approach will reduce the intensity of bosque wildfires, create habitat diversity and decrease water depletion.

The first Workshop addressed, and essentially accepted, the premise of this paper; this second Workshop was to focus on review of implementation guidelines that were based on that paper.

Although most participants seemed to agree that the Guidelines provide helpful guidance on projects to address fire management and limit water depletions, many felt that a decision matrix to achieve habitat diversity goals is needed. This is discussed in Section A.3. The essence of this concept is that a decision matrix needs to be developed that would provide guidance for different projects depending upon goals, site characteristics, and how the site fits into the larger landscape. Ideally, this would guide the project through planning, implementation, maintenance and monitoring. Developing such a matrix would be a big task, but many of the workshop participants felt such a matrix would be very useful.

There was much discussion about the need for a coordinating body to insure that all implementing agencies are communicating and that we are moving in the right direction with restoration activities in the Middle

Rio Grande at a landscape scale. (see Section C.5, page 17). Although there were lots of ideas on how this might be structured, there were no conclusions reached, except that most participants expressed that such an organization be advisory and that it be a broad-based organization. This seems to clearly be a topic that this group would like to work on.

Please provide feedback on the workshop report and I hope you find it useful.

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