

Arizona Table Connecting Session #2 Notes

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Question 1: What inspires and motivates you to do collaborative conservation?

- a. Hearing participants in USFS collaborations saying they have come to appreciate another's perspective.
- b. Evolving sense of responsibility from "self" to "community" to "society" to "life".
- c. Doing something bigger than self to leave a legacy and pass on a land ethic.
- d. Working in one landscape for 30 years and seeing the results in ecosystem improvement and increased connections to land resulting in stewardship.
- e. Conserving land for future generations.

Question 2: What has been your greatest success so far? AND What has been your greatest Challenge?

Successes	Challenges
1. Protection of land for long term	1. Continuing to be able to steward land. That is keeping a next generation or someone to be the steward.
2. Keeping communities vibrant	2. Competing desires for how to use conserved areas.
3. Large landscape conservation followed by successful stewardship	3. Communicating value of relationships to agencies. (e.g., understanding the level of effort to convene and reach agreements in a collaborative).
4. Building long term relationships among disparate interests (e.g., wilderness vs. timber industry)	4. Continuity of collaboration with changes in personalities.
5. Conserving an intact ecosystem and building a community of land stewards; based on a) using science to build knowledge, b) being motivated to leave a legacy, and c) developing tools to create capacity to act.	

Question 3: What collaboration learning opportunities, tools and resources, or capacity building, do you need from this Network to support or advance your work moving forward? Numbers indicate priority.

1. Continued capacity at local level
 - a. Keeping collaboratives in business. People to manage collaborative projects and keep the “doors open”.
 - b. Funds to administer collaboratives’ projects. Resources to do projects are available, but funds to administer projects are needed.
 - c. Help finding matching funding.
2. Get word out about value of collaborative conservation.
3. Help to connect collaboratives with industry-extractive and recreation and agriculture.
4. Help to find experts to bring an outside perspective to work with communities that are objective and can help make the collaborative successful.
5. In person and online networking opportunities.
6. Annual 2-day gathering (Confluence 2021).