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>> C. Humphrey: What I would like to do is go back to each panel member and they can provide you with their thoughts on implementing regional mitigation in the BLM. So let's start with Kerry Rodgers in D.C.

>> K. Rodgers: thanks, Cathy. The legal framework for mitigation which we've reviewed today provides for using the NEPA process to collaboratively and creatively develop reasonable mitigation that will advance the BLM mission. I encourage each of you to track and share your experiences with this new approach to inform all of our work going forward on the landscape scale. Thanks for attending.

>> C. Humphrey: Thanks for being with us, Kerry. Gloria Tibbetts, final thoughts.

>> G. Tibbetts: Yeah, this new interim policy is really more of an innovative approach. It is important for the BLM to remain innovative as we move forward and stay current with the changing world. One of the other things to remember, though, as we try to innovate with new approaches to mitigation is to ensure that they're both reasonable and relevant as the CEQ reminds us. To not come up with something that's going to be sort of outside the box so far, that it is not realistic.

Then the other thing, of course to remember, is that make sure that your staff and your office has the resources and the capacity to ensure the success of that mitigation. It is important if we're coming up with new ideas that we make sure that they're successful in the end.

>> C. Humphrey: Thanks, Gloria. How about Mike Dwyer?

>> M. Dwyer: I guess two quick things. I think one thing we experienced in Dry Lake was when we invited in stakeholders to be part of the process, I think we were all a little surprised we had 80 people show up to the first meeting representing lots of partners and non-governmental organizations. And a lot of them stayed with us the whole way and really, as I mentioned, they gave us -- they were an integral part of the process. It was really fun and interesting and a pleasure to work with all of those stakeholders.

The other is, I think this -- as I mentioned, this whole process moves us just a little closer to achieving our multiple use mandate of making use of resources but doing it in a way, as Neil mentioned, that's environmentally sound and doesn't permanently impair the productivity of the land.

>> C. Humphrey: Thanks, Mike. And finally, Jim Perry.

>> J. Perry: Well, build a road, re-claim a road. A lot of you have experience with implementing offsite mitigation. Heck, I was doing this over 13 years ago when I was in the field. So what the change is we're asking you to build a road, re-claim a landscape. Okay. Think more broadly. Think big picture. Anticipate. Preplan, so we're not holding up the permitting process.

It should be routine. There are so many lessons learned out there. We heard about Dry Lake. There's many other lessons learned. I've received a lot from you. We'll put it up on the planning share point.

We're looking forward to having your edits to the Regional Mitigation Manual in addition to examples. So thank you very much for attending today.

>> C. Humphrey: Thanks, Jim.

And as with our other Planning/NEPA Forum broadcasts, this program will be posted to our Knowledge Resource Center website that I've talked about six times and so if you haven't already bookmarked the link, the easiest way to find it is to do an Internet search for NTC KRC Mitigation and it will be posted there.

Our next broadcast, like I mentioned earlier, will be on Onsite Mitigation on January 30, 2014 if you can believe it. I really hope you can join us for that. If you have any questions on onsite mitigation, please feel free to send them to me anytime and we'll answer them in January.

If you have registered, this is for the BLM folks. If you registered in DOI Learn for this broadcast, you'll get an evaluation e-mail from Metrics That Matter to let us know how we did, because your comments are helping us. The more detailed and specific you are, the better we can respond.

I would like to thank Jim Perry, Mike Dwyer, Gloria Tibbetts, Kerry Rodgers, Gordon Toevs, and Neil Kornze for participating today; and to our larger design team for helping us craft this program; and thanks especially to you, out there, the audience for watching, listening, learning about applying a regional approach to implementing offsite mitigation for BLM projects.

Thanks a lot. So long. See you next time.