

## **SAMPLE VISION, MISSION AND PURPOSE STATEMENTS**

Most collaborative groups develop a vision, mission or purpose statement soon after the participants begin meeting together. These statements articulate a common purpose for the participants, and guide decisions about where to focus future effort. Following are five sample statements developed by collaborative groups in Arizona, Alaska, Maine and Oregon.

**VISION STATEMENT**  
**Sonoita Valley Planning Partnership**  
**Arizona**

The Sonoita Valley Planning Partnership will work together to perpetuate naturally functioning ecosystems while preserving the rural, grassland character of the Sonoita Valley for future generations.

**VISION STATEMENT**  
**Applegate Partnership**  
**Oregon**

The Applegate Partnership is a community-based project involving industry, conservation groups, natural resource agencies, and residents cooperating to encourage and facilitate the use of natural resource principles that promote ecosystem health and diversity.

Through community involvement and education, this partnership supports management of all land within the watershed in a manner that sustains natural resources and that will, in turn, contribute to economic and community stability within the Applegate Valley.

**VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT**  
**Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program**  
**Arizona**

The Grand Canyon is a homeland for some, sacred to many, and a national treasure for all. In honor of past generations, and on behalf of those of the present and future, we envision an ecosystem where the resources and natural processes are in harmony under a stewardship worthy of the Grand Canyon.

We advise the Secretary of the Interior on how to best protect, mitigate adverse impacts to, and improve the integrity of the Colorado River ecosystem affected by Glen Canyon Dam, including natural biological diversity (emphasizing native biodiversity), traditional cultural properties, spiritual values, and cultural, physical, and recreational resources through the operation of Glen Canyon Dam and other means.

We do so in keeping with the federal trust responsibilities to Indian tribes, in compliance with applicable federal, state, and tribal laws, including the water delivery obligations of the Law of the River, and with due consideration to the economic value of power resources.

This will be accomplished through our long-term partnership utilizing the best available scientific and other information through an adaptive ecosystem management process.

# **MISSION STATEMENT & GOALS**

## **Northern Oxford County Coalition\***

### **Maine**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Northern Oxford County Coalition has been established to improve the quality of life in the valley by protecting and promoting public health and enhancing air quality.

#### **GOALS**

- 1.** To bring together as many individuals and groups with a stake in air quality in the region as possible to work together in an open and collaborative manner;
- 2.** To document current levels of air quality and the state of public health in the valley;
- 3.** To inform and educate the members of the coalition, and then the public-at-large, about current and projected future air quality in the valley and its relationship to the public health of the residents of the valley;
- 4.** To identify, explore, and recommend specific actions that government and local stakeholders might take to reduce risks in the valley associated with current or expected air quality; and,
- 5.** To recommend monitoring strategies, if appropriate, to provide continuous information regarding the changing nature of air quality and public health in the valley.
- 6.** To improve the overall image of the valley through the actions above.

\* This process was facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute

## **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

**Alaska Wolf Summit\***

**January 16-18, 1993**

**Fairbanks, Alaska**

The purpose of the Wolf Summit is to bring together a representative group of people with a variety of views on Alaska's wildlife to consider wolf management in Alaska. The summit has been designed to promote the constructive exchange of ideas and information. The goals of the summit are to allow participants to gain a better understanding of the ideas and concerns of others, to identify common themes and areas of agreement, and to work toward the development of a consensus on wolf management that will receive the support of the people of Alaska.

Objectives of the summit are:

- ❖ To review the wolf management planning process and the decisions of the Alaska Board of Game.
- ❖ To provide an opportunity for additional input on wolf management by Alaskans as well as national and international organizations.
- ❖ To provide biological information on Alaska's ecosystems, wolves, and predator-prey relationships.
- ❖ To identify the key interests and needs that must be addressed in a wolf management plan.
- ❖ To identify areas of agreement and areas of disagreement among concerned people.
- ❖ To identify areas where more information will be needed to make informed and wise policy decisions.
- ❖ To generate management options that would receive broad public support, and identify areas where a consensus can be reached.

- ❖ To identify and clarify next steps in the development of a wolf management plan.

Areas of agreement about biological information, values, common interests, and promising solutions will be presented for consideration to the Board of Game, Commissioner of Fish and Game and Governor Hickel.

In the areas of disagreement, participants will develop recommended solutions that both meet their concerns and go as far as possible to address the concerns of others. There is no expectation that people will give up deeply held values or change their minds on critical issues. Rather, it is hoped that people will emerge with a better understanding of the variety of concerns that are held, the various needs that must be addressed, and solutions that might address these needs.

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