Introduction to Participatory Action Research

I. Strategies

- General area of interest
- Identifying Stakeholders
- Building Common Understanding
- Result: Research Question/s
- Outreach

II. Preliminary Steps

- Developing the research question is not the starting point
  - Preliminary steps
    - building trust
    - identifying leadership
    - organizing

III. Identifying Stakeholders

- Person or group that affects or is affected by issue or outcome
- Diversity - Respect and Safety

IV. Questions to Identify Stakeholders

- Who is affected by the research?
- Are there stakeholders who should be involved, but may need support?
- What support is required and how can it be provided?
- Are political or institutional “change agents” represented?

V. Why Be Involved?

- Ownership in design, process and results
- Verify assumptions about the outcome
- Learn research skills
- Build relationships and networks
- Other perspectives - reduce conflict
- Increasing the chances of success
VI. Examples of Stakeholders

- Community Members
- Landowners
- Local, County, State, Federal Agencies
- Tribal Governments
- Mobile and In-place Forest Workers
- Environmental Organizations
- Academic Institutions and Researchers
- Commodity Interests
- Industry and Small Businesses
- Recreation and Sporting Interests

VII. Questions to Build Common Understanding:

- Language (scientific, cultural, English) understandable?
- Do stakeholders respect different individual and cultural approaches?
- Do some stakeholders require technical or financial support to participate? How can it be provided?

VIII. Research Question/s

- List stakeholders - local, mobile, regional, national and interests
- Conversations, Meetings
- Group identification of interests and needs
- Criteria and ranking
- One or several questions

IX. Outreach

- Attract and engage stakeholders
- Raise visibility and transparency
- Inform stakeholders about progress and results