

Descriptions of NEWFC levels of support
 for CNF-proposed projects
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 Approved by NEWFC

The objective of the provision of a written statement is to clearly document NEWFC agreements and prevent later misunderstandings between project partners and the Colville National Forest.

The objective of this protocol is to foster a clear understanding of the implications of various levels of support NEWFC may ultimately determine for a given project.

This protocol will be implemented when NEWFC has enough information about a project to determine their level of support but before the project is finalized, likely during the Draft EA comment period. The support level may be contingent upon reasonable changes to the project and should clearly state the necessary changes and the level of support in the absence of those changes.

Board Vote	Support Level	Member commitment
Consensus w/o Reservation (All members vote for approval without recorded reservations)	High	No members (or organizations represented by members) will object to, litigate, or support outside challenges. All members will express support for the project* and work to resolve any issues raised later by non-coalition entities if the opportunity arises.
Consensus w/ Reservation (All members vote for approval but some have their reservations recorded in meeting minutes)	Medium	No members (or organizations represented by members) will object to, litigate, or support outside challenges. Members who had reservations recorded may express those reservations* if the opportunity arises; however, all members agree that any statements expressing reservations about the decision will <u>not</u> be directed at the collaborative process itself.
No Consensus, but majority-vote approval (Some members have such strong reservations that they vote against approval; reasons are recorded in minutes)	Low	Members (or organizations represented by members) reserve right to object to, litigate, or support outside challenges. Members who voted against approval reserve the right to express their reasons for voting against approval* and may actively pursue opportunities to do so; however, all members agree that any statements expressing reservations about the decision will <u>not</u> be directed at the collaborative process itself. Further, members will clarify they are speaking for their organization, not the coalition.
Majority vote disapproval	None	Coalition will inform CNF that the coalition does not support the project and recommend the CNF significantly reconfigure or drop the proposal. All members reserve the right to express their reasons for voting to reject the proposal* and may actively pursue opportunities to do so; however, all members agree that any statements expressing reservations about the proposal will <u>not</u> be directed at the collaborative process itself. Further, members will clarify they are speaking for their organization, not the coalition.

* in media or elsewhere