SESSION TITLE : Land Protection on Private Lands

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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION, CONCLUSIONS and/or RECOMMENDATIONS:

Agenda:

- How do you do deals with multiple partners?
- Easements
- What does R-O-W mean?
- Landowner relationships
    - Trail adopters
- Management strategies for easements
- Monitoring
- Assignment
- Land Trusts
- Protection options

Importance of Inventory

-A.T. inventory – produced by USFS & ATC

- Designed boundary w/landowner involvement

- NTS Act has authority to buy whole tracts

* - Important to define the experience/purpose & adjust the setting

- Land protection plan will assist willing seller progress
- Inventory is used to prioritize
- Balancing Experience and continuity

Easements – A permanent interest in land

Rights-of-way

Discussion of use of the term re: NTSA

Need a consistent definition by PNTS members

- Corridor planning
- Establish a Protection corridor
- need to develop a standard for your trail

* Need a shared vision on minimum corridor between agency regions – NTSA

* ANSTAC – state/partner forum to reach consensus

Landowner Relationships
How to start –
introductions + friendship/ word of mouth
personal relationships
education
inspiration
LOCAL!
Find champion within the community

How to repair –
*Maintaining Relationships – empower your volunteers & train them well

Examples: Everglades NP involves youth
Corporate/industrial landowners
- their help is great PR
- get to know players
- liability/protection funds
Authority in NTSA to cover private landowners under VIP
Need monitoring program – look at Land Trust Alliance for info

RECOMMENDATION for PNTS ACTION: Highlighted with asterisk