Management Plan updates

**Completed tasks**

Formatting and Organization

- Daniel and Amy Powers went through the entire Management Plan and addressed the following:
    o Grammatical mistakes
    o Formatting issues (line breaks, indentations, table of contents)
    o Made sure that figures and appendices references matched
    o Other organization as needed

Indigenous land use history, land acknowledgement, use rights, and general integration

- Cecilia created content in sections 1.3 and 5.1, as well as integrated other information related to indigenous peoples and use into the greater Management Plan

Updated "Section 10: Recreation"

- Jesse Crary updated this section to reflect the work ACFC had done since 2018 to design and implement public access.

**Tasks to be completed for a comprehensive revision of the Management Plan**

Management Objectives and Tasks

- Problem – Management Objectives and Tasks are not aligned or nested
- Solution – Create a table that outlines Objectives with nested Tasks that will be used to achieve the Objectives. Include in this table a prioritization ranking, resources, people involved, and timeline.

Natural resource descriptions

- Problem – The Management Plan contains a lot of general information about natural features that has no grounding in the ACF. For example, this excerpt is from the Ledges section:
    o *Ledges, cliffs, and talus can provide important habitat for a wide range of species, depending on the nature and extent of the rock structures. Vertical rock structure (cliffs) can be important habitat for species such as nesting peregrine falcon, common ravens, and the small-footed bat. In areas with broken ledge and talus, the hollows and small caves created by the rock are used extensively by coyote, porcupine, bobcat, fisher and other weasels, ruffed grouse, and other wildlife as refugia from inclement weather and for escape cover.*

    This information does not come from any specific study within the ACF and is entirely conjecture about what *could* be in the ACF rather than drawing on information about what *is* in the ACF. This is problematic because it leads people to think that there are, say, peregrine falcons nesting at ACF when that has not been demonstrated to be true.

- Solution – Utilize past studies to update these sections with real data about the species, ecological functions, and natural features that have been documented at ACF. There have been numerous studies on the ACF and information can be pulled from these documents.

Imprecise or misleading language

- Problem – There are instances where language lacks specificity and can be misleading
    - o Example: Both of the field-confirmed pools were assessed by Diamond (2017) and are examples of vernal pools. Each contained many hundreds of eggs of wood frogs and spotted salamanders and appeared to be a stable breeding habitat for these (and many other) species. The surrounding forests are in moderately good condition, though the northern pool has some recent timber harvesting in the vicinity.
- Solution – Edit language to be more precise and to provide useful baseline information about the condition of the forest.

Integrate trail stewardship ideas (CMP and TSP) into the Management Plan

- Problem – We've done a lot of good work on creating the CMP and TSP, but these documents haven't been fully integrated into the Management Plan.
- Solution – Integrate the CMP and TSP into the Management Plan

Update maps within the Management Plan

- Problem – Maps included in the Appendix are outdated or incorrect. Map C shows trails that are no longer under consideration. Map F is incomplete and does not display all of the sensitive areas. More recent maps that have been really useful are not included.
- Determine which maps should be included in the Management Plan and ensure that the maps are up to date.

Integrate indigenous history, land use, land acknowledgement into additional areas

- Integrate these ideas and language into the larger MP where it makes sense to

Integrate wildlife stewardship plan into Management Plan

Integrate outcome of hotspots conversations and any decisions that result from these conversations

Integrate Vision statement into Management Plan