

ABoVE SDT Leadership Telecon – March 25, 2014

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Discussion of ACEP Chapter 4

The co-chairs are in the process of incorporating SDT member comments into the ACEP. This telecon focused on discussing the current version of Chapter 4 of the ACEP. At issue is making sure that the science scope described by the SDT provides the appropriate level of detail needed by NASA in support of ABoVE. Other issues discussed were the role of partnerships to meet the science goals of ABoVE, and the use of “focus areas” to conduct research within the study domain. The co-chairs noted that these areas represent “opportunities” for ABoVE sponsored projects to do research, but that not all areas need to have research completed in them (this level of detail will depend on the individual proposals which are submitted and funded). Another issue raised in the discussion was to ensure that the ACEP makes clear the intent to investigate societal responses and also discusses any decision support activities that will be needed/proposed. A final issue was the discussion of the overall focus of the ACEP – should there be stronger emphasis on variability and forcings, or on consequences and predictions?

Action Items:

SDT Leadership Team to Review the ACEP:

- Review societal responses and decision support sections of the ACEP to better differential the goals of ABoVE in terms of both
- Ensure that consequences and responses are showcased within the ACEP, and explain when this research would be conducted within the campaign
- Revisit table 3.1 and consider changing titles (ensure interactions and feedbacks are addressed and that there is a focus on ecosystem services)
- Update ACEP text to match updated Table 3.1
- Review Figure 4.2: remove “intensive study period” and alter “decision support science”
- Ensure text is closely linked with the objectives and describe criteria which are needed to reach objectives; perhaps provide illustrative examples of how research would be conducted for each objective
- Review the “groups” of research described in the ACEP and ensure this wording is consistent with other sections of the ACEP
- Review updates to the ACEP with small groups of SDT members as needed

Next SDT Leadership Telecon: Friday, March 28th, 2014 at 2:30pm Eastern