

ACCG Monitoring Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2017 – 10-12

Call in information: 1-888-844-9904; Access Code: 8894646

Participants: Robin Wall, Gwen Starrett, Christina Restaino (for symposium discussion), Rueben Childress

November 8th Symposium Planning

- List of speakers: looks good currently
- Tom Black who is doing GRAIP monitoring through the Rocky Mountain Research Station – sediment traps: **Robin** send contact; add this information to monitoring database
- Come up with a question for question and answer sections (maybe 2)
- Briefs – in September learn about due date for annual report, keep as October 1st right now for briefs due: print out a stake of each of briefs for workshop
- Break into two sessions for question/answer/wrap up
- Location – number of participants
 - **Christina** will contact each of the places to see how each folks
 - Health and human services – open up multiple rooms (**Gwen** send information to Christina to contact)
 - Jackson City Hall
 - Mokulmne Town Hall (cost between \$50-100)
- Keynote speaker ideas - no
 - Kendal Young – history of monitoring in ACCG, introductions - contact
- Lunch: compile list of options for lunch
 - **Christina** look for catering options
 - **Rueben** compile list of options
- Flier and outreach – California Fire Consortium
 - **Robin** scan annual report for photos – send them to everyone
 - **Christina** will help put together outreach flier

Citizen Science Event at Thompson Meadow

- Posted on ACCG website
- Ask **Jill** to send to full group list
- **Robin** come up with list: Public affairs officers (send Amador ledger dispatch, and Calaveras Enterprise), biologists, hydrologists, foresters
- **Shana** Send flier to monitoring group to distribute

Collaboration survey

- We only got 3 responses
- Discussed at staff meeting, discussion having forest service folks fill it out was confusing – pending decision from Ranger if wanted one person to fill out
- Add to July 26th planning meeting – resolve for folks to fill out, bring hard copies to bring to planning meeting – do over lunch - **Gwen**
- As move towards Cornerstone wrapping up, people think why bother
- Unless we say do it right now gets lost in inboxes – need to have agenda time to do it

Project tracking form

- Jill sent a draft document about thought process on what would go on there – Rueben sent some feedback
- Still process to design – thinking about topics, not yet a form
- Rueben keep move forward with Jill – should be developed with planning committee
- When it is a form, need intent of form to understand
- Robin sent out good notes from planning field trip – using those notes capture intent and what talked about
- People see value and good tracking
- Incorporate into standard process
- Stay flexible – may add to July planning meeting

Social Economic Monitoring – updates Robin

- Sent Chico State ask for cross walk for how to answer questions ACCG has
- Rueben’s first thought – wondering if the survey questions will actually work, will these methods actually answer the questions we hoping to answer – answers hard to understand
- Uncertain whether surveys will provide useful information
- Have not discussed how much proposal will cost – (gave window of \$30-50 k for analysis)
- Is it required that we do this? – Robin could look back to see what specifics say as far as what required
- We think we already know answers – maybe didn’t help business
- Move forward with Business survey and Contractor Questionnaire – drop recreational survey (only one question 9.1)
 - Ask how going to assure that people fill out surveys since we have not had any luck
- **Robin** go back to Chico revised proposal and then bring to full group
 - When present to full group have clear information on what is required

Monitoring In Meadows

- Cold Creek Meadow restoration – upper onion and upper/upper (incision, conifer encroachment), tyler meadow (Aspen grove)
- Release aspen and how to go about doing that
- Deer valley – continued conifer encroachment – continued maintenance how do we monitor
- What are the problems with leaving the large seed trees – islands: do conifer removal
 - Maybe expand protocol to also include islands of trees in interior of meadow
- Maybe expand this protocol to other meadows
- **Shana** to send meadow and Aspen protocol – Gwen and Rueben
- Maybe set up another meadow visit trip with Lyn Morgan? (country supervisor), UMRA people, Rich/Rick, Shana
- Need a GTR on meadow restoration

Future Meeting Topic:

- Process for identifying monitoring needs on a project by project basis
- Funding for monitoring needs in the future - grant funding
- Discussion on NFWF funding – what will be funded (implementation, monitoring) and what is the process for selecting projects: we need to wait NFWF strategy
- How move forward with aquatic monitoring gap: To what degree did the project move Special Aquatic Features or riparian corridors to desired conditions and maintain/improve hydrologic and ecosystem function? this
- Implementation Monitoring

- Web Site and File Sharing – updates Jill

Follow-up After June Meeting

Casey

- BMP monitoring gap in database and input into data format that we can track
- We need more information on what would be monitored/what volunteers would do for WakaLuu Hep You project

Gwen

- Gwen send Shana the bird survey link from USGS link so that she can include in database
- Identify additional gaps in database, send to – Kent Lambert (east bay mud), UMRA, CalFire
 - Shana resend e-mail for list to of current monitoring to include person who is responsible

Shana

- Incorporate Calaveras rare plants
- Updated Snow survey info in database
- Develop general photopoint protocol to start using during field trips
- Begin to pull together a list of potential precentors for November 8th result workshop
- Start preparation for volunteer monitoring in Thompson meadow

Becky

- Send Jill e-mail to send to group to retake Foster Firs Survey

Robin

- Follow up with Chico State on Social Economic Monitoring
- Add social economic and project tracking discussion to planning group meeting for 6/28: 1 hour for both

Jill

- Reformat monitoring page on ACCG website to include following tabs:
 - Project history
 - Monitoring project specific reports/publications
 - Monitoring Presentations
 - Annual ACCG monitoring reports
 - Database (portal to make this live? Just portion of this, entire database, excel sheets)

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- Make sure Foster Firs collaborative survey is on the agenda for full group meeting

Shana

- Check in with Quinn on rare plants – sent follow up out of office through 5/1- **have email of monitoring info, need to incorporate into database and ask additional questions**
- Updated Snow survey info in database
- Determine remote meeting with screen sharing option
- Work with Jill to determine method for file sharing - **started**
- Develop general photopoint protocol to start using during field trips

- Begin to pull together a list of potential presentors for November 8th result workshop
- send doodle poll for potential dates for volunteer conifer/meadow monitoring in August/September – **Carinna only respondent, follow up on this call**

Becky

- Contact Kevin O’Hara on vegetation work
- Check with Casey and Martha on whether we need more data for the snow study
- Update collaborative survey to google forms and send form to Jill to circulate prior to the Full group meeting on 5/17 – survey will be closed 5/31 – **done**
- Can you summarize the hemlock results so that we can incorporate those into annual report – or do we need to retake this survey? - **retake**

Robin

- Bring hard copies of collaborative survey and be prepared to present at full group meeting - **done**
- Follow up with Jennifer Chapman on photograph rules – **if FS personal correct uniform, proper PPE, as long as other folks approve of taking photographs**
- Send electronic version of monitoring workshop 1 – **Robin will resend**

Julia

- Check on volunteer list at CSERC to see if folks would be willing to work on ENF or do we also need to bring in Foothill Conservancy to expand or volunteer pool
- Would CSERC enter into an agreement with CSERC to offset cost for volunteer efforts or should we keep commitment to a minimum