**ACCG Planning Work Group Draft Meeting Notes, 1/8/14**

**Highlighted items = action items**

**ATTENDEES:** Rick Hopson, Chuck Loffland, Reuben Childress, Cathy Koos Breazeal, Katherine Evatt, Kendal Young, John Sikora, Stanley Backland, John Heissenbuttel, Matt Waverly, Robert Smith, Pat McGreevy.

1. Kendal opened meeting, reviewed agenda, review 11/13/13 meeting notes. Corrections: Next Steps, b – change “mandatory” to “best options”; g. add “specific to Power Fire.” #7 add to Indian Valley “return field trip, pond; status.” Meeting notes 12/11/13 to follow electronically for review.
2. **Amador 2014 Program of Work, Chuck Loffland**. Power Fire payment ($35 million) can be used in fire-shed areas, which can influence entire plan; assessment was done for attorneys and plan will spin off that document. Katherine asked about using FS staff for some work rather than local contractors; Chuck/Rick – intent to retain capacity inhouse. Katherine wants more detail to know if projects meet ACCG 3 principles.
3. **Calaveras 2014 Program of work, Kendal** Young. Reviewed spreadsheets. Katherine asked to add socio-economic monitoring elements for Planned FY2014 Accomplishments; possibly using TREAT model, i.e. materials, fuel, supplies purchased locally. Kendal - Trail accomplishments not included; Moore Creek extension not included – will be in NEPA process; unfunded; Pat should continue his work. Robert – discussed biomass dollars; machine maintenance/functionality/

demand issues; animal shavings plant has higher demand in winter; carbon emissions. Katherine – is FS underestimating actual costs. Rick – can Operations group take this on with the Buena Vista plant biomass issue – no FS biomass has gone to BV yet. Piles on View 88 – who controls? Matt—buyer controls.

1. **Project submission form review, Kendal**. Current form is not working as expected. Katherine – spreadsheet does not include socio-economic provisions; on the project submission form, Item 8 benefits, would be helpful; helpful to have a statement where it is/is not consistent with goals; Rick -- we have the forms from U of OR. Kendal/Rick – field trips have high value; need to document better. Rick – use the form in conjunction with the field trip responses; Katherine – let us take information home for review, EMAIL back responses and come back next month with items we want more detail on. Rick – should start scheduling summer field trips next month. ACTION ALL – send field trips/topics to Kendal. John Sikora – would like to see capture progression of comments, etc from field trips. POST TO BLOG (Get notes to Cathy for upload to blog) Rick –we need to do better job of notetaking in field; maybe on a tablet in the field; may need to use CFLN funds. Committee to revise form: Kendal, Cathy, (Katherine). Reuben – perhaps develop simple paper form with conversation topics to guide discussion in the field. Rick – project letter may be useful for us to see.
2. **5. West Calaveras Thin EA update, Kendal.** Reviewed. Alternative 1 not as viable. Comparison of Alternatives table presented. Leaning to Alternative 3, Modified Proposed Action – middle ground. Chapter 3 – action analysis – is being developed now. Proposed as a service contract. EA will be back March/April for ACCG review; out to bid late June/early July; and some work done this fiscal year. Fair amount of road work. Katherine – can ACCG have a link for upcoming FS projects to link on the blog. (Rick/Kendal – send links to Cathy) Send comments to Kendal or Melinda Benton, mbenton@fs.fed.us
3. **Calendar of meetings:** next is 2/12 in Jackson, Rm C, include program of work; field trip proposals ; Monitoring workshop Feb 24-27, planning in progress.
4. **Roundtable:** Katherine – looking for part-time office person; relocating office in February; Reuben – UMRA soliciting environmental projects for IRWMP – direct link to water quality, shovel ready;

Cathy – prescribed fire council looking for spring meeting location and Rx fire locations on West Slope of Sierra;

Rick – Oregon State professor contact with collaborative organization, Bruce Schindler. Matt – questions about Ramsey local benefit at last meeting – SPI will subcontract to J&R Logging, logs go to Lincoln, shipping cedar to Chinese Camp.

Pat – two items missing from Stan spreadsheet – signage for roads and MCCT (Kendal – staffing issues currently – will add).

 Sikora – re dropping trees into streams for Raintree Project – trees were put in, plus more from wind event.

Kendal – staffing changes, Jim Junette on Rim for 1+ year, Kevin Zieman will replace; Dave Vossy has moved into small sale admin position; Brian Black moved down south; lot of open positions, seasonal opps their OCR may be individual forest announcements; botany position open; hire couple forestry positions, 1 term, 1 GS7/9 – announcements soon; new archaeologist soon; lots for Rim – 30+ tech positions. Rick – Tim Howard gone; he is short one TMO and one aquatics person; in process of hiring sale person; archaeologist open; seasonal fire hires.

1. **Suggestion** for Foster Firs field trip before snow.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.