

**ACCG Planning Group Meeting – 2/11/15 0930 – 1200 – 810 Court Street, Jackson**

**Action items in yellow**

1. **Introductions** Marti Craine (MC); Pat McGreevy(PM), Autumn Olsen (AO), C Koos Breazeal(CKB), Bill Haigh (BH), Julia Stephens(JS), Rueben Childress(RC), Chuck Loffland (CL), John Hofmann (JoHo), Bob Broderic(BB), Kendal Young (KY), John Buckley (JB).
2. **Bear Creek Update – PM** – mixed outcomes. West Point Water System Restoration of Wilson Dam and Reservoir (CCWD) and Meadow/Riparian Corridor (SPI). Periodic field surveys last fall resulted in Power Point. Developed a project summary for the MAC IRWMP and submitted two drafts Jan/Feb. SPI objections: (1) interpretive trail around meadow recommended (declined); no way to get out of Bruce's Crossing without going across SPI land for the MCCT. (2) Jim Wilcox for meadow /riparian design work ; SPI objection of implementation – coming on land. CCWD objections: communication gaps within CCWD – engineers need more time.

PM Proposes: he will incorporate KY edits into his document and should then conform with SPI and CCWD wishes; then distribute to stakeholders prior to next week's meeting. Then ask TT if they will proceed with a THP for the riparian corridors. Project has been on CCWD's master and general plan for 25 years.

He has been asked by Terry Strange, CCWW Dist 2 director, to get involved with white pines project (silted log pond and willow encroachment) on SPI land. SPI has offered to remove willows and remove silt and put siltation pond above. Birders have issues with removal of willows. Proposing ADA trail around White Pines Lake. So he will be coming later to ACCG to accept this project.

JB: commented on challenges of outside identification of needs on an entity's property versus self-identification and match for IRWMP process; challenges of grant funding (post-work) and match acquisition.

RC: urges to get project into MAC IRWMP

3. KY – update on Sierra Cascades Dialog -  
JoHo – good ideas on monitoring standards, some better than others; middle and elementary school enrollment stats reflect increased worker pool; cost versus accomplishments; monitor what you can change management on;  
JB – eclectic attendance; very clear agreement that monitoring FS projects has high value; FS has more to do and ability to do it better than in the past, but insufficient funding. BMPs are critical to follow-up monitoring – did the BMPs do what was intended/effectiveness?  
KY – our Cornerstone plan can greatly inform the FS and may have greater implications. Good discussions on socio-economic. Each forest will be required to monitor and report out every 2 years, per 2012 rule.
4. 2015 Cornerstone Program of Work – KY
  - Get out this spring/summer on Hemlock to see marking areas
  - West Cala thin - 5 year program of work (Zieman) going to Ops group soon for discussion; working to get as local as possible; IDIQ did not work out; service contract – not much timber; Kevin Zieman working up projects -- maybe firewood sales; Biomass

plant? Expensive to move biomass out of woods; maybe create staging site to get material out of woods;

- Amador Timber Sale and prep
- No green market; SPI is not interested in timber off Rim Fire. King probably similar issues. Maybe green sales next year; reoffer Prather/Medusa (outside Cornerstone, but similar to Hemlock)

5. Calaveras project implementation forecast - KY

- Hazard tree (sales) across forest and strategy to deal with. Prather has green sales (Mule Deer Fdn partner); growing cottonwood trees in Native nursery – need to be planted soon;
- KY send PDF of maps
- JB – need to find source for this wood
- JoHo – hauling subsidy? Keep level of sales/production at mills up after salvage is completed to prevent layoffs; possibly could open new mill(s)
- CL - Release export ban due to emergency/fire situation
- KY – make this a SCALE topic (broad scale discussion on market ) (CKB)

6. Proposed projects – first GIS glance

- Map for PM - KY (ACCG Cornerstone Project Area and Treatments)
- MC – is there a large enough pool of forest workers? JoHo – many were here, have they acquired other jobs? How many have we reemployed? MC - if workers “age out” could they be mentors? KY – also trying to find out how much equipment is out there. We do have CHIPS training program; MC – can training occur downcountry? Group discussion on training, certs, contractors, nature of contemporary woods work (more mechanized);
- PM – meadow discussion – 62-ish meadows in the Cornerstone area; shape files may have discrepancies; propose program to visit meadows -- American Rivers Bioassessment <http://water.epa.gov/scitech/monitoring/rsl/bioassessment/> and <http://www.americanrivers.org/assets/pdfs/meadow-restoration/vegetation-protocol.pdf?506914> Can volunteer hikers do some of these assessments? 1 page form, photos?
  - JS - visits many meadows on Stanislaus for monitoring each year; can share data;
  - JB - Plumas Corp was granted by NFF to do assessment on Rim Fire; after assessment, then the next step would be the specialist recommendation of treatments
  - CL – has some pre-GIS meadow assessment forests
  - RC – FHC applied for planning grant through IRWMP for meadow assessment similar to standard of Plumas Corp.

7. Hemlock Landscape update – alternatives briefing - KY

- Comment letters – mostly relevant and positive; several letters may drive an alternative
- JB - 250,000 demo location? BB - South Fork of the American Cohesive Strategy?
- JB – Roger Bales studies request presentation FOCUS water retention specific to cornerstone area to ACCG and field visit, invite Craig Thomas CKB

8. Monitoring Strategy Update – KY

- Reviewed 4 categories of monitoring questions – Implementation, Ecological, Collaboration, and Social/Economic

- **KY will submit** socio/ec questions for review by week end.
  - Next monitoring mtg – look at top 12
9. Calendar –
- Next Planning meeting March 11; monitoring – doodle poll
  - Field trip ideas – Bear Creek; BLM sites – **Bill Haigh ideas??**; Bailey; Hemlock H2O, Hemlock marking; Mattley Meadow (transportation infrastructure, frogs; arch considerations); recreation-oriented (Ganns; Moore Creek – trail, fuels, campground components, OHV); Panther; Bear; Foster Meadow (riparian and meadow thinning completed); Foster Firs - marking; Lost Horse, View 88 thinning;
  - JB – experimental forest visit with M North in July 24 – GTR220 – Hwy 108 out of Pinecrest.
10. Round table
11. Review