**Amador Calaveras Consensus Group**

**Planning Work Group - 2/12/14 – Calaveras District Office**

**Action in red**

1. **Introductions.** Marc Young, Amy Rocha, Kevin Zeman, Cathy Koos Breazeal, Gary Sikora, Katherine Evatt, Kendal Young, Rueben Childress, Pat McGreevy, John Hofmann, Teresa McClung.

* Several corrections to 1/31/14 notes.
* Future meetings – Washington office kudos on annual report.
* Red fir management – 2/19 meeting presentation by Becky Estes
* Pat M – CA Parks and Rec OHV fund – 25% of funds are for trail restoration, 25% match. Apps are being solicited; due couple weeks. Can be used on private lands; will fund planning, i.e. NEPA. BLM has not received any funds locally. [Calaveras and Amador Ranger districts already access these “green tag” funds]. Katherine – we need greater planning capacity. Cathy will work with Pat.

1. **2014 Program for Work Review**.
   * Email your questions to Kendal. Reviewed spread sheet. J Hofmann wishes to see accomplishments. Kendal – will show on Planned Accomplishments document.
   * Project Submission Form Revision. Work continuing with committee of Kendal, Katherine, and Cathy. Bullets to use as a check list later.
2. **Monitoring Workshop.**
   * Reviewed draft agenda and roles. Are Brianna, Velma, and Arvada available? Per Reuben, Fred Velasquez and his mother may be available.
   * Carrwong (sp?), Rebecca – new district archaeologist for Calaveras district. Rick is reviewing panel for his district archaeologist.
3. **Vegetation Management White Paper proposal–** John Hofmann. Recommends a single page brief on parameters of each: Rx fire; herbicides; small livestock; cattle; mechanical; hand work.

* Katherine – spread sheet of methods, timing, costs – to use as a planning tool in the tool kit. What is used based on good analysis versus past practice familiarity. [would Susie Kocher have this?] Blodgett Forest may have info (Cathy ) Amy- Tuolumne Rancheria is going to do on Murphys Ranch/Arvada may also Teresa – critical timeframe for Power Fire
  + Spread sheet showing fire, herbicide, livestock on left column; timing, tools, pros cons, create jobs across top.
  + Marc – FS has tools like GTRs but need to state objective along with methods. Optimize biodiversity, etc.

1. **Project updates**
   * Foster Firs & Power Fire – Marc – no updates. Roundtable discussion as follows: Katherine – status of low or no herbicide? Pat – need to include material data sheets for the herbicides on proposal. Katherine – do the instructions give info on frogs, etc. for cumulative impact? Teresa – would come from research, not from the data sheets. John H – SPI could help? Katherine – SPI has not done a frog survey. Marc – should be public information, not his area of expertise. May not be in proposed action, but any action FS does with pesticides does include a human health element. May be useful. Pat – wants it all in the proposed action. Wants map with proposed treatment areas and product & how much has been put out in a particular area. Kendal - this happens after comments when analysis is done and the EIS/EA presented back to the public. Marc – looking for a current state of effects document?
   * Power Fire rough draft will be out for internal view soon
   * Hemlock – ID Team meeting this afternoon
   * West Calaveras Thin – EA almost done
   * Ramsey mostly done except skyline. Schedule field trip. Biomass not removed, CHIPS will remove when snow clears. 50 acres in NEPA for possible reforestation – adaptive – built into decision
   * Bailey – hope to finish this year. SNC grant app status unknown. Brandon is still our representative for ACCG.
2. **Calendar** –
   * March 12, Jackson - Planning
   * Field trips schedule coming
   * Monitoring workshop 2/24-27. Need refreshments.
3. **Roundtable** –
   * Amy – Farm bill signed; obligation of funds for Rim probably pushed out to May. Some new programs; multi-year money; FS & NRCS collaborative projects in San Bernardino and Klamath. Drought program sign up 3/3 – rangeland help.
   * Reuben – MAC IRWMP call for grants soon – for implementation; IRWMP for planning. Environmental water quality link; interregional watershed link. UMWRA website, open date. Meadow restoration might be a fit. Reuben - send website out.
   * Gary Slade – TU is working to close coastal waters due to drought. F&G Commission accepted through 4/30 but has to include administrative laws. Re-opened through legal process.
   * Katherine – Foothill Conservancy moved office to Court Street; can host small meetings. Moke Watershed Interregional Sustainability Evaluation at BOS chambers, Jackson, 2/19 7 p.m. Proposed state water bond – SNC is attempting to get money in bond for water-related projects. If members can lobby or contact legislators, be very helpful.
   * Kendal – Mattley on program of work to review this summer; start NEPS shortly after. Go for grant to do engineered plans. Best case scenario 2016 implementation. Katherine – Wyden legislation/retained receipts.
4. The Planning Meeting convened for lunch, followed by an update on Hemlock in the afternoon.