ACCG Monitoring Call – 9/13/2017

* Update and feedback from Thompson Meadow monitoring event – should we present success to larger group or do any follow up
  + Katherine, Steve, Jan Bray: Media team
  + Highlight we had good turn out – and would like good turnout post-monitoring
  + When we do another – post monitoring, try to involve east bay mud mailing list, for a broader support of volunteers
* Planning group is a bit larger – move back to planning meeting
  + Keep as conference call, allows us to have some freedom and planning meeting there isn’t enough time to review projects
* Planning for November 8th Symposium
  + How do we get the word out to make it successful
  + PIO to put in papers
  + Wait until we have the agenda and then send flier to with personalized blurb:
    - cooperative extension – Gwen to send
    - NRCS to send flier
    - Amador/both counties RCD
    - Board of supervisors
    - Fire safe councils
    - Ebbetts pass homeowners group – Pat
    - Coordinate with UMRA to get more people to show up – Rich Farrington
  + Ask at ACCG meeting that everyone do outreach to get more people there – show of hands on who is going to get idea of core commitment
    - Highlight people coming from all over with huge breadth of knowledge – to build interest
  + Aim for maybe 25 people
  + Scale – Jonathan Kusel - send out a message to reach more people and send to regional office (Rueben will send contact)
* Socio-economic discussion – how to move forward?
  + There is a lot of interest from Rueben’s group to figure out what actual works and counts: how work in forest will benefit local business and communities
    - So we are stuck at not knowing what to do
  + We need to know what we are required to do
    - Unless we have another collaborative that has made better progress, had Kusel present – does Kusel have any different information?
    - At this point just do what is required (reach out to Kendal – would assume it would be included in Cornerstone Agreement and Law)
  + A number of proposals that no one thought were great and were questioned
    - People say they will help, but then they don’t have time
    - People that do know how, we say we don’t like it
  + Find out what is minimally needed for social economic and then we will bring this back to the larger group
    - Bring forward to group that this is what Chico can provide
    - If someone wants something different then they need to provide proposal/method of how to move forward by the end of the calendar year so we can allocate funding
    - Reuben to try to bring Katherine in to social-economic meeting – for post discussion once we find out what we need
* How are we doing with monitoring \*Add to agenda next week
  + Are there other projects we should be do pre-monitoring
  + Revisit monitoring database to evaluate the status and see if we are missing anything
  + \*figure out how to share computer with non-fs folks
* Collaborative survey
  + Did we give up? – no lets continue trying
  + We need actual agenda time – planning meeting: first 20 minutes of meetings
    - Do all four projects: hemlock, foster firs, panther, Power Fire EIS
    - Send follow-up email would really help improve our process to provide decent comments – send weekly e-mails, Rueben will call everyone until it comes in
    - Ask Robin for most recent planning group email
    - Want be at Amador because better turn out
  + Hemlock – decent
  + 3 Amador projects – Foster Firs, Panther, Power Fire EIS
    - Projects haven’t been developed with developing a proposed project with the collaborative
    - Disagreement among group with PA and Alt
* Assessment work in meadows, aspens, stream channels
  + Upper onion meadows if they are spearheaded by ACCG members, need support from professionals on how to get to a project
    - Bring this forward to full group
    - Use this as a test case – what working or not working
    - If we are really going to develop projects, has to be capacity for ACCG members to help with assessments
    - Amador RD and ACCG members are working together to develop a process that successfully supports new ACCG projects while not hampering the  FS staff workload
    - How does it work from the ACCG – does the Forest have to support us?
    - In business plan we have met our goals on meadows
    - Seeking funding from Power Fire through NFWF
  + Define the problem via assessment
    - Meadow condition – have American River Scorecard process for this
    - Aspen groves and what conditions these are in – field work was difficult, doing canopy cover, didn’t have a basal area gauge
    - Stream channels incised – how determine how bad this is and what kind of project will work in here: would have been helpful to have a hydrologist
  + Database of information that will help with pre-project assessments – start to develop
  + How do we move past cornerstone – what does like after cornerstone look like after ACCG

Future Agenda (potentially in person):

* Database of information that will help with pre-project assessments – start to develop
* Socio-economic discussion
* Collaborative survey
* Assessment updates
* How are we doing with monitoring - Revisit monitoring database to evaluate the status and see if we are missing anything