

Amador Calaveras Consensus Group Planning Meeting
Amador Ranger District

May 23, 2018

Participants: (14 attendees)

Joe Aragon, Heidi Beswick, Jan Bray, John Buckley, Reuben Childress, Liz Gregg, Rick Hopson, Chuck Loffland, Craig Ostergaard, Jesse Plummer, Ben Solvesky, Gwen Starrett, Kevin Vella, Robin Wall, and Marc Young.

Calaveras Ranger District Projects (Joe Aragon)

- Two potential area for projects; Shimkey and Blue Mountain
 - Additional follow-up and maps will be provided at a later date.
- Arnold Avery Project
 - The project was scoped and individual groups provided comments on the CE Project.
 - Project Decision is planned for July 2018.
 - ACCG Planning Group requested additional information before moving forward.
 - Need for more discussion on larger tree removal in PAC (up to 30”).
- Arnold Avery Project discussion will be added to the next Full ACCG Meeting in June.
- Project information to be sent prior to meetings to prepare for the meeting discussion.

Zone of Agreement Discussion:

- Discussion of narrow down “Boiler Plate Prescription” or “Basic Prescription” or “Threshold of Concern” for projects.
- A way to narrow the side boards to the actions of getting to the zone of agreements.
- Planning Group can add discussions and field trip specific zone of agreements discussions for future meetings such as Herbicide Use and Designation by Description/Prescription.
- Suggestion to have guest speakers for future Designation by Description/Prescription discussions.
- Forest Service and ACCG Admin Group currently working toward securing a facilitator for future complex issue discussions.
- Issues to consider on a current project such as the Scottiago Project (Owl Habitat, Large Tree Removal, and Herbicide Use) are a good starting point zone of agreement discussions.

Scottiago Hazard Tree Project (Chuck Loffland)

- Written Marking Guidelines for this project was requested for review.
- Most USFS Specialist Reports are completed and CE Checklist is ready to move forward.
- Planning to move on implementation and award contract in 2018.
- Regional Hazard Tree Project expected to be signed by end of June 2018.

Scottiago Forest Health Project (Marc Young)

- Proposed Action with Scoping expected by end of June 2018.

- Signed Decision expected by end of 2018.
- Timber Contract target by end of FY19.

Owl Habitat Discussion with the Scottiago Forest Health Project

- Multiple PACs in this project.
- Most of the project area has been treated/thinned in the past since the 1990s.
- The tallest/high canopy trees are within PACs.
- Target is at least 50% canopy cover where it exist in treatment units.
- 5,000-7,000 board feet/per acre of Commercial Harvest is expected.
- An estimate 1,800 acres are in HRC and about 300 acre of treatments in PACs.

Follow-ups:

- How the Hazard Tree Marking Guidelines were applied to the Scottiago Project to be sent out via email to Planning Group.
- Arnold Avery Project will be added to the Full AACG meeting agenda on June 20, 2018.
- Additional information on the Arnold Avery Project will be sent out prior to the Full AACG meeting on June 20, 2018.

Next ACCG Planning Meeting: June 27, 2018 at the Calaveras Ranger District