

July 11th 9-11; Phone line: 1-888-844-9904, access code 2383642

Attendees: Alaina, Robin, Gwen, Becky, Shana

To Do 7/11/18

Gwen

- Check in with Foothill conservancy to see who will fill behind Reuben in monitoring group
- Fill in equipment needs monitoring, PPE, loppers, pruners, etc (Becky will send) and then send to Robin
- Inform larger group of amphibian watch efforts, but be clear in order to participate need to attend training and not sure when another training will occur
- write up something about how to get volunteers involved in collaborative process (to do later in year – just carrying over so don't forget)

Becky

- Power Fire Reforestation – check in with Jeff/Marc to make sure different planting density sites are flagged
- Cabbage – identify how many plots are in this area (monitoring associated with d by p) and if we should have crew establish additional plots this field season
- Put together a list of monitoring equipment needs (for meadow monitoring 3-4 crews) – then send to Gwen to add in PPE/other equipment and then to Robin
- Create pinyon folder external – ACCG monitoring – copy stuff over from Shana's workspace which access to
- Send email with brief template to all speakers from last year's symposium and identified folks below that have additional work – ask update last year's template with any new results, work done, photos: please complete by end of October (send reminder email beginning of October)
- If group decides move forward with info graphic (after seeing), help select 5 key collaborative questions

Robin

- Purchase monitoring and field equipment from list Becky/Gwen send to you, ideally prior to the end of July

Alaina

- Present idea of taking photo points during field trips at the September planning meeting to determine if we want to pursue a protocol for this
- D by P – for cabbage, make sure district is on board to make contractor inspections very transparent and something we can share as a monitoring result
- Mock up with 5 questions for info graphic from collaborative survey – send to monitoring group for review on what this looks like; group will decide if we should move forward

Future Meeting Schedule and organizer

- 8/8/18: Robin
- 9/26/18: ½ hour of planning meeting – Gwen
- 10/10/18: Becky
- 11/14/18: Becky

Future meeting agenda/planning

- Standing Agenda Items
 - Follow-up items
 - Social-Economic Updates
 - Field Monitoring updates/logistics
 - Designation by prescription
 - Power reforestation, panther, onion, cabbage in hemlock (see previous months notes)
- Monitoring strategy and database (see notes from 7_11_18 on topic)
 - Get commitment at October/November planning meeting
 - Focused planning meeting in January/February
- Photo-point monitoring during field trips (see notes from 7_11_18 on topic)
 - Present September planning meeting
 - If planning group likes idea, develop winter

Notes from 7 11 18

How to get folks involved

- Ebbs and flows
- Some folks may have shifted to social-economic group
- Shift over to planning group? – since it is a subset of planning group, since don't have anything really new: 30 minutes might be available – decided at this time to not have this happen because we need more than 30 minutes
- If we have some meetings after planning meeting for more detail – maybe 2 hours max
- With cornerstone winding down planning meeting might not happen every month if not new projects, but monitoring meeting we would still want to continue
- Mixed feelings about merging the groups because this is good in smaller context because we are not hurried on by what's next on agenda – good place for feedback
 - **Gwen** could check in with Katherine on who participate from foothill conservancy

Follow-up on to-do-items

- Alaina report out on general updates from monitoring
- Ecological monitoring matrix – August 15th: **Shana will follow up with Jill to have this on agenda 10-15 minutes (preferably Gwen present, Becky back up) – sent email on 7/11/18**

Roads

- Fix roads after Tom Black's talk – really part of planning group

- Data reduction and synthesis of how to translate to location for roads – how move grant writing phase
- Go with it as part of planning and then see what they need

Social Economic Update:

- only been 1 phone call a few weeks ago, has not been a lot of time as far as subgroup
- moving forward – will have periodic calls over the next couple months

Field Monitoring Updates/Logistics

- Power Fire Reforestation – pre- monitoring completed, more intensive monitoring occur in 2019 after site prep – still need protocol for this monitoring and plot locations (need to wait until after treated)
 - Make sure someone will flag units after site prep – identify who is responsible for this
Jeff/Marc – **Becky will follow up with them to make sure it happens**
- Panther – largely completed, might sample a bit more this season
- Cabbage – for follow-up next agenda (mixed conifer) **Becky and Shana chat tomorrow**
- Onion Meadows
 - Decided not as many conifers in Tyler meadow as thought so wouldn't make as much sense to do monitoring here
 - Focus will be on upper onion
 - High meadow is still iffy
 - Will try to do monitoring 10th and 11th and then volunteers can start cutting 12th and 13th
 - Recommend selecting transects prior to monitoring 10th
 - **Shana** make sure to send maps **done**
 - Meadows should be straight forward
 - On Gwen's list to do CE prior to conifer removal
 - Has a volunteer to be camp chef
 - Equipment – might have 12 folks – can have up to 3-4 crews
 - **Becky** will send a list of what we need to make sure have enough equipment will share with Gwen to make sure not missing anything and then send to **Robin** (might need at least 6 hard hats) and Robin will purchase
 - Can store at work center on ENF
 - Add loppers, pruners, shovels, post pounder, etc into the order list too

Amphibian Watch

- Heather Perry started amphibian watch – wants to get volunteers out in wilderness to do amphibian watch
- Enter data into I naturalist
- Subsequent training at Amador Joe helped out – a bit peripheral to ACCG, but tie to projects so looking for frogs at onion meadows area
- Volunteers already looking for SNYLF
- Invite was sent to all folks who had wanted to volunteer with ACCG
- Inform folks that happening through larger group - **Gwen**

- But to be part of program have to go through training, might not be another training

Future roles and responsibilities

- Future meetings
 - Meeting host will draft agenda, take notes (or assign someone to do it), and keep group on track
 - Next meeting August 8th – **Robin** will schedule call, put together agenda and take notes/ Alaina do notes too
 - Becky/Shana will not be on
 - 9/26th : Planning meeting ½ hour monitoring discussion – **Gwen**
 - 10/10: **Becky – normal call**
 - 11/14: **Becky – normal call**
 - Don't mix with planning meeting right now – keep as is monitoring group
 - **Becky** create pinyon folder external – ACCG monitoring

Revisit the strategy and monitoring database to make sure we are on track: January/February

- Good timing since FY19 last year of funding to identify things to accomplish over next 3 years for agreements
- Might take 4-6 hours of work and might take 1-2 meetings – try to
- Important to get more folks involved in – more ACCG members – maybe set aside a planning meeting just for this topic and if early in year might be without a field trip day, where are we going from here and what have we learned
- Check in closer to end of field season to get commitment from group to revisit
- ACCG generated monitoring – data analysis and data storage
 - Moving data analysis forward and storage – is it an idea to hire someone just to look at data and write reports for things like (onion, panther, etc) – any needs we need to cover
- Reporting on what we have done
 - End of October/ beginning of November
 - Brief summary of all of the projects we have done – send template and ask for update from last year – use photos, here is what gave us last year and can share: report out each year – follow up with everyone from Symposium plus - end of October
 - **Becky send out email now and then follow up early October**
 - Email to all folks plus new monitoring
 - Power fire reforestation – analysis: broad idea of what looks like currently (**Becky**)
 - Panther – summary of what done with photos
 - Onion meadows – summary of what done with great photos of volunteers **Gwen**
 - Power fire prescribed fire – **Jesse photos**
 - **Becky** – follow up with Malcolm and Jamie to follow up if resampled and then request what accomplished and photos
 - Oak work – **Pascal** provide summary
 - Plantation monitoring – **Becky** summary of status
 - Zack Steele –
 - Helen has more stuff

- How to share – stand-alone report -> share with scale
 - Annual report may be a summary
 - Share at full group meeting to just talk about what's in it – only have new information
 - Highlights

Photo point monitoring – target field trips (if time allows)

- Perfect thing to incorporate into planning meeting
- Before go on field trip identify photo points
- A little bit of guidance in power fire
- Provide a bit of structure – as far as direction, where you were, where to store
- Who is doing this – is it someone who is going on field trip
- Try to sell purpose of this to planning group
 - Hop out of vehicle and chat – is there where we take the photos
- **September planning meeting** – sell the idea of taking photo points **Alaina – make sure gets onto agenda**
- If folks are excited about idea – winter develop photo point protocol

Designation by prescriptions

- Cabbage in Hemlock going to be designation by prescription – to be implement by next year
- Might have ecology plots – **Becky to check on if we do and how many**
 - Add some more plots if don't have enough
- Main concern leaving too much too contractor – trust issue, also level of skill of contractor
- Primarily implementation question – how to make the contact inspection form very transparent (no harvest inspector right now)
 - **Alaina will make sure very transparent**

Follow-ups June meeting

- **Alaina**
 - Try development of an info graphic comparing collaborative survey started to do it, but a lot of information for one info graphic; are questions more important
 - Supposed to be condensed visual of survey
 - But because so many questions don't think it would work
 - Supposed to be easy graph to look at
 - **Becky** will think about what questions are important – no more than 5 questions – if mock up looks good then identify these key questions
 - **Alaina** will send mock run up with 5 questions of what it would look like
- **Reuben**
 - Look at example designation by prescription documents example of contract inspections to initiate conversation regarding these prescriptions and if additional monitoring will be needed
 - will reach out to additional folks who may want to volunteer on onion meadow projects

- **Gwen**
 - write up something about how to get volunteers involved in collaborative process (to do later in year) **carryover to next year**
 - Present ecological matrix at full group meeting if time allows this has not been done yet, greater weight if Gwen does this
- **Robin**
 - get Gwen and Rueben hard hat for Power Fire on 6/19 done
 - Find a 4 person vehicle for everyone on 6/19 done
 - Confirm Bear River group campground reservation and free for September 10-13 confirmed, yes it will be
- **Shana**
 - Send ecological monitoring matrix comments to Kyle and group on 6/20 – ask if should schedule a call with other groups to get their feedback sent 7/11/18: Becky to follow up on things to move this forward?
- **All**
 - Review <https://scale.sierrainstitute.us/ecological-monitoring/> ecological monitoring matrix info at above link – send any comments to Shana by June 19th to consolidate and send to Kyle (see above notes for preliminary feedback) received no additional comments so sent comments from June meeting to Kyle on 7/11