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Subject: Power Fire settlement \$ -- ACCG follow-up

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Hey, Rick: Hope you're doing well. This note is to follow up on the request at ACCG for information on the Power Fire settlement funds. We know that the FS did a lot of good work with that money and that you were given a short amount of time in which to spend it.

I know y'all are really busy and short-handed, but as your ACCG partners, we're seeking transparency regarding the Power Fire settlement funds that were intended for restoration in the area affected by the fire (which is inside the Cornerstone boundary). It would help us to know the original plan for the funds, how they were spent, what funds might be remaining, and whether we can collaboratively put any remaining funds to work in the PF area rather than lose them to another purpose.

We'd like to have the following information. Maybe you, Rich and I can talk on the phone about any clarification or time frames, etc, or we can just handle by e-mail.

Here's what we'd like to see:

1. The original plan/need for restoration submitted to the court that led to the settlement.
2. Any other business plans the FS created for spending the settlement money or revision of the original plan.
3. The amount of PF funds received by the Forest Service and date received, and the total amount first made available to the Amador RD and the date it was made available.
4. The unspent or unobligated balance of the PF settlement funds available to the Amador RD as of September 30, 2018.
5. The amount (if any) of PF funds currently available to the Amador RD.
6. Any reports, documents or assessments the FS produced regarding whether and how the original needs identified in the restoration plan have been addressed by the expenditures.

7. An accounting of any PF funds transferred to NFWF and used for PF restoration projects and any used for purposes other than restoration within the PF or mapped nexus area.

8. A full accounting of how and where the funds were spent or reduced since first received by the Forest Service. We'd like to see a list of specific projects funded and their cost, expenses related to administration, any losses due to fire borrowing, any transfers to cover Power Fire suppression, etc.

9. If PF funds remain unobligated with NFWF after this grant round, do they come back to the Amador RD for use in the PF area, and when would NFWF release them? If they don't come back to the ARD, who decides where they're going to go and how they're going to be used?

We understand that some of this information will be easier to produce fairly quickly, and it may take a bit of time to get the rest of it together. Can you please let us know by when you think these items can be provided and if we need to discuss for clarification?

Thanks much,  
Katherine