

# ACCG Monitoring Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2019; 8:30-11:30 AM - Eldorado NF Supervisors Office: 100 Forni Rd, Placerville, CA 95667; Call in number: 888-844-9904, Access Code: 238 364 2

**Participants:** All in person: Robin, Chuck, Gwen, Becky, Shana, Alaina, Alissa

## Review outstanding agenda items

- See notes below

## Ecological Indicator Report

Box Folder: <https://usfs.box.com/s/u6eeiu5pj14w429mcytslq0rx5gyobmr>

Reminder of what folks signed up for:

- Shana will be task master with the help of Chuck
  - Alaina - Fire Regimes,
  - Becky - Watershed Condition,
  - Shana - Wildlife Habitat,
  - Chuck (Helen) - Invasive Species
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- Work off the one with most recent date Cornerstone
  - Revised business plan: use for our new targets
    - At this point only accomplishment target is year 8 – so 2019
  - Summary of what we have done in 2019 should be done by November – so % completed fill that in later
  - Going this annual report indicator to summarize – target to hit by 2019
  - Q1 highlight business plan was updated in 2018 (invasive species is an example)
  - Query – fire regime, invasive species projects from database
  - Invasive species: for some of veg projects look at this (red fir may have had specific)
  - Q4/5: business plan – letter head why requesting business plan revisions (why business plan is updated): **Robin letter uploaded 3 page**
  - Q6 Fish and Wildlife: more of a cumulative effects analysis – changed treatment in Panther because of private lands, BLM, PGE, Cal Fish and WL: **Chuck help with** – should be yes, but not changing over all monitoring implementation actions (sometimes if they do monitoring we don't need to do it)
    - For Fire regime very relevant since multiple land owners doing work: SLAWG (strategic landscape assessment working group) good thing to add: **Becky** send objective from group
  - If we have questions - Lindsey Buchanan - WO , cc Sherlock is regional contact
  - Priority watershed questions – Becky will contact folks, STF Zach
  - For Q7 and Q9: use a combination of objective and revised business plan targets:
    - Project – send question to **Robin** - need clarification from WO how do we summarize this for project level scale
    - Landscape - Objectives: Walk through questions to maintain consistency, identify where we need to request help from outside the monitoring group, set up a timeline to

complete report allowing for review from key stakeholders – **this might not be answer – get clarification**

- **Robin** load annual reports onto box
- **Evaluation metrics** – will be sufficient to just be in general – briefs get more specific (see number x monitoring metrics and recourses)
- ACCG website: cornerstone website will be updated – projects, cornerstone projects, monitoring tab
  - Cornerstone website under constructions so direct links may no longer be viable
  - **Let Robin** know which reports are missing
  - **Everyone** if notice resource missing let us know, report missing
- For methodologies: individual project, if looking at multiple projects together then click landscape
- Tally accomplishment annual report – tally spreadsheet, business report,
- Timeline
  - At annual report – say working on report at full group – share link to the documents
  - October 9<sup>th</sup> draft done, Becky will have list of questions since won't be there
  - 10/9 – discuss edits
  - 10/25 – review full document
  - 11/1 incorporate edits - send to group at same time as send to FS supervisors (only have 7-10 days to review just informational)
  - November 15<sup>th</sup> – send to Joe

#### Editing the ACCG Monitoring Workgroup Description

- Develop a description of Monitoring Work Group's roles and responsibilities for the ACCG MOA
- Agreed upon description:

The monitoring workgroup provides ecological, economic, and social monitoring oversight to 1) meet the objectives for the CFLRP program and ACCG and 2) translate the benefits and lessons learned from restoration efforts to future management activities. The monitoring workgroup accomplishes this in a collaborative multi-party environment to oversee the monitoring strategy and monitoring activities on the ground.

- **Gwen present next week** – all monitoring group is in agreement, just get thumbs up from full group and then we send it to Tanya, Regine, Stephanie

#### Rescheduling Power Fire Field Trip

Identify field trip goals and objectives; identify key participants so that select a date

- October/November – full day

Objectives: prescribed fire units, variable density plots – plantations, prescribed fire; talk about all research and work happened in Power Fire

- Talk to Rick to see if Paul and Jesse are available, James could be back up; Marc/Jeff for plantation part

- Malcolm
- Jainway
- Alissa
- Pascall
- Helen
- **Becky will develop a proposal** and send to Rick
  - **Send a poll out to key participants**

#### Other notes:

- Regine and Stephanie will do full ACCG - admin
- Tanya involved in planning – facilitator, note taker

#### Future agenda items

- DxP: review Cabbage to discuss how to incorporate as part of larger monitoring
- Go over photo monitoring protocol and finalize – purpose is for ACCG field trip (power fire may be test case for photo point monitoring)
- Meet in Pioneer on 9/11 – **Robin make sure conference room 9-12**

#### **Current Action Items**

##### Becky

- Paring down the email list or consider just emailing the list to determine who wants to continue on the email list
  - Add Regine to email list
  - Send an email out to current list – if you don't reply will be dropped by this date (note read reply)
- Send draft request to Rick about goals of a Power Fire field trip
- Send poll to key participants for the Power Fire field trip to select a date. Include Malcolm, Jainway, Alissa, Pascall, Helen, Jesse/Paul, Marc/Jeff and aim for late October/Early November
- Send SLAWG objectives to group for inclusion in indicator report (likely most tied to Fire Regime indicator)

##### Robin

- Discussion at full group meeting with 16k – website update, or equipment
  - Monitoring update to website is needed and appropriate
  - When we do update the website consider including a data request form for information to respond to if report or data is not available
- Order 2 tablets ASAP - focus on the Cornerstone mission and monitoring and who will be responsible for the tablets after Cornerstone is no longer around
- Reserve conference room at Amador for next monitoring meeting 9/11 from 9-12
- Make sure business plan letter is uploaded onto box

##### Gwen

- At next full group meeting
  - let folks know that updating our monitoring pdl, if folks want to be on it and are not currently on it email Becky

- Let folks know we are working on the indicator report and have our draft monitoring information currently on box. This is where we are keeping active documents – if you plan to help out and don't have access let Becky know, otherwise you will see draft report when completed
- Present monitoring workgroup roles and responsibilities for MOA

#### Chuck, Shana, Becky, Elena

- Continue working on indicator report (draft to be completed by 10/8)
- Send any questions have to Shana to consolidate so that Robin can ask Lindsey for clarification – ideally by 8/30 so we can have clarification at our next meeting
  - Current questions:
    - For questions 7 and 9 how do we differentiate between project and landscape for Cornerstone. We have objectives at the cornerstone level that we implement projects to achieve.
- Let Robin know which reports are missing on ACCG website (if there is not currently another link to the report) so that we can get reports posted and refer to the reports.

**June Task List Outstanding Actions Items and resolutions** (note if something still is outstanding it was moved to current action items):

#### Becky

- Look at ecology? plots in GIS and determine if any treatments have occurred in those areas before moving forward with a field trip or monitoring needs
  - tabled
- Dig up project specific monitoring that occurred on the Calaveras RD several year ago and share with Elena and Joe – **nothing to follow up on**

#### Robin

- Provide us with a table of the projects that have been completed (Robin and Joe) – any to add from 2019 after 2018 annual report? **complete**

#### Robin/Chuck/Gwen

- Provide information on potential contact at Rock Crawlers to Gwen for transport into Leadeaux meadow (Robin) - **don't need to do this, premature**
- Talk offline on utilization work to determine needs in the meadows (Chuck, Robin and Gwen) -
- Gwen will do homework on a utilization study protocol and whether we need any equipment to purchase before this is implemented (Gwen) **Gwen is going out to highway 4 to learn this from, MIM from Dawn**
- Schedule time and date for Leadeaux work – (Robin, Chuck, Jeff and others) **Not sure going to get to this**

#### Shana

- Share any past research or follow up that was done on the project specific monitoring plan - **removed**

#### Jeff

- Follow up with us on the amphibian watch work that is occurring - **complete**