ACCG August Monitoring Meeting Notes

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

TEAMS Meeting

Attendees: Becky Estes, Leif Mortenson, Helen Loffland

**Updates on 2021 Monitoring Activities**

Helen - WCB work

* Mechanized treatment units identified - met the criteria for monitoring these plots
* Aspen fencing areas are complete - three transects in fenced areas and three outside of the fenced areas
* Added in the leaders browsed into the protocol to determine browsing pressure on aspen
* Monitoring areas in variable density planting units – Spring Planting has not faired well with very poor survival
* Moving into monitoring the hand thin units
* Treatments may happen September 1 so trying to get this completed
* Did want to do some work with the PACs to compare other treatments with old forest characteristics
* Bumblebee Foster Meadow surveys were complete

Megan (not present but shared via email)

* Photo monitoring has started in Arnold Avery project and CSEs will start next week

Becky

* Panther and Hemlock monitoring are on hold until next year until implementation is complete. If the projects get implemented we will attempt to complete them this field season.
* Foster Firs has been delayed due to windthrow salvage but will be completed this year

Chuck

* Onion Project monitoring implementation work

**Evaluate website additions**

* Please review the task list and follow up on collecting information on all ACCG monitoring projects for the website

**Power Fire Symposium**

* Check in with District Staff to see if we can pull this off in the Fall or should we maybe focus on a virtual webinar

**Round Robin**

* NAC meeting in October - check on team membership - Life from the Ashes: Exploring the Impact of Prescribed & Natural Fire on Insects and Other Invertebrates

**August Task List:**

All Ongoing

* Short presentation to appropriate audience re: need for monitoring funds post-project (up to 10 years post).
* **U**se SLAWG to help address whether we are treating/monitoring the right acres.
* Share relevant papers or talks that might be important to share with the group (ongoing)
* Online Symposium to Present Monitoring Data – Add to April ACCG monitoring meeting. Maybe delay presentations until winter when we have reviewed data.

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* Review Arnold Avery monitoring plan if necessary prior to the full group ACCG meeting before baseline data is collected
* Continue review of ACCG monitoring strategy for June meeting

Becky

* Snow survey Hemlock update (Bales or Conklin)
* Continue to merge all monitoring spatial data into one place (ongoing)
* Tie in with Chuck on Caples browse pressure (Becky)
* Have the group at Caples take photos of the aspen for potential fencing
* Check in with Gwen on Onion Valley and post treatment monitoring
* Check with Alissa on point counts Foster Meadows
* Check in with Rick on Power Fire Symposium for the Fall
* NAC Conference – October – check on attending as part of our October monitoring meeting

Chuck

* Check in with Maura and Jeff on removal of aquatic terrestrial
* Report out on Karen Pope - Sierra Nevada Yellow Legged Frogs

Megan

* Website additions

Gwen

* Add Little Indian Valley, Thompson, and Foster Firs to Climate Engine monitoring

Helen

* Helen will share WRAM with group when finalized
* Look at range plots for potential inclusion to address monitoring strategy questions
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Zac

* Check to see if Matley got read prior to implementation by the range monitoring program
* Follow up for the BMP for summary for the planning

All

* I want everyone to come up with topics of interest for our future monitoring meetings
* Everyone should review the monitoring projects spreadsheet and update all publications and presentations – Becky will assign projects for people to check on (see attached for assignments – I tagged people where I felt they were in charge of the project or they knew the project really well). One goal here is to populate the monitoring projects folder with all presentations, publications, etc.
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## Future Agenda Topics

1. Monitoring Strategy - review the strategy and see if there is something else we might need to pursue (ongoing)
   1. Track key issues and make sure we are monitoring them
   2. Is there any new information gained that can be applied to management?
2. October – Power fire field symposium – reevaluate if there are additional speakers (i.e. Gwen and conifer effectiveness), need to be able to carpool for field tour to be feasible
3. CA Forest Observatory – could be a good topic for our group (this might be a great SLAWG topic as well)
4. Landscape Scale Assessment – circle back to reporting and how we can tackle assessing at a broader scale – maybe LiDAR will help us with this? (linked to part 2 of SLAWG been postponed)
   1. Think about how we can use the LiDAR as a monitoring tool and start looking at outputs
   2. Shana could present about how was used in LTW for assessment and now for monitoring
   3. Presentation on LiDAR products once it is available for the ENF
5. Summarizing data now that we have data – what projects need a report out?
   1. discuss how information is being presented/translated and if we can improve that
6. Presentation or working group meeting on POSCRPT tool – post fire regeneration tool