ACCG Monitoring Notes

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

9:14 AM

**Attendees: Robin, Chuck, Alissa, Helen, Shana, Shane, Becky, Gwen**

**MOA Revisions**

How can we increase the pace and scale in the monitoring group?

1. Make sure we integrate better with the planning with the group to insert us into grants so that monitoring - write into the MOA revision
2. Revisit the strategy to make sure that this is updated on either a regular basis
   1. Check on the date of the strategy
3. Outreach - also making sure we are reaching out to the collaborative groups via the symposiums and other opportunities
4. Assure that monitoring is feeding back into management.

Benefit to have not have a single year as a membership - continuity will improve this group

* The last full ACCG meeting of the year we would revisit membership in the monitoring group and ask for recommendations if we feel membership has fallen the required three signatories or if membership isn’t enough to accomplish our goals.

Admin Group

* Make sure to be on the meeting agenda and be present at the meetings
* Monitoring Group will make sure to have a representative - make sure communications are happening
* Don't make it mandatory but have proper communication

Data Storage

* Include bullet on the metadata for the ACCG monitoring DB - all final documents will be stored on the ACCG website

 Deadline for this process

* Topic at the full ACCG meetings so maybe should have it by Tuesday

**SLAWG**

* Good attendance at the meeting
* CalFire was there but didn't share any spatial data
* Goal was to collect treatments that have been completed and proposed
* There wasn't a lot of time to look at all the maps to evaluate what has been done but a good first attempt
* Monitoring WG will maintain a presence at the meeting
* Who is going to maintain the mapping process so that they can move it forward? Not quite sure how this effort will move forward with limited capacity.
* Didn't have the means or the capacity to maintain

California Forest Observatory

* Overlap between SLAWG and this group
* Goal is to make data available to public
* Effort was private funded
* Tree level map using a combination of different data sources bringing in different datasets and they want to have maps of
* Could be a good fit for SLAWG

PODs Data

* Should the data be shared with ACCG – maybe maybe not
* Mission creep in SLAWG – probably should just focus on the initial task
* This wouldn't inform the public

Initiate a response to the MOTOR project from the SLAWG

* SLAWG was to make recommendations to the MOTOR – treatment locations

**Spring Monitoring Symposium**

**(see spreadsheet for final notes)**

Chuck/Robin - logistics for this trip

Helen/Alissa - speaker stops - maybe help the

Malcolm

Robin - megaphone

Shoot for early to mid June to have a spring field tour

A few field stops

Topics to Discuss in the Power Fire (no more than 3)

Bumblebee work should be done - treatment effects - at any stop could discuss

Avian/Bat - maybe some treatment effects

Prescribed Fire work - Jesse/Malcolm

Plantations - variable density work

Owl Work - birds are still there and they haven't come back and nothing is reproductive

Blackback woodpecker - Rodney talk about any of this work to talk about some of these findings

Beetle sampling - in conjunction with Danny Cluck - beetle killed trees versus fire killed trees - the timing of the usefulness

SPI - is there anything we would want them to come talk about with respect to owl monitoring - Kevin Roberts - GPS tracking - maybe more ENF data

Jonathan/Pascal - oak thinning and results to share with the group - touch base in with them to see what was accomplished

Future work that is going to be happening - and future monitoring - how has this helped form the project work

NFWF grants - amphibian surveys - culvert replacements - Jeff Mabe - bug Jeff about this

Meadow work - monitoring

**2020 Field Season**

Updated FACTS database for the Power Fire through the 2019 field season - Helen and Alissa - might be in the SLAWG data - send Robin an email

Helen - No bumblee bee surveys planned for 2020

Deliverables - any project areas that surveys would be important for compliance etc. let Helen know where these might be across the landscape

Three Meadows Project/Foster Meadows - NFWF grant

* Implemented this field season monitoring maybe necessary later in the season

Alissa - second field season in Power

* Second bird season and Onion meadows/birds in Foster Meadows - in Power Fire nexus area
* Fen fencing/Cole Creek tributary - maybe talk about these areas - keep everyone in the loop on these projects

Gwen

* Maybe do some initial monitoring in the Three meadows
* How willow recruits back into the system
* Maybe look at this on the Cole Creek section
* Little Indian Valley to look at baseline for bee and potentially willow recruitment - baseline count points (Helen)
* No grazing in this area

Chuck

* Logging in the Scottiago area will be happening this year - check on any mixed conifer monitoring

**Task List:**

Make edits to the MOA and send out to the group (Becky) (done)

Edit MOA monitoring (All)

Connect Michael with CA Forest Observatory (Shana)

Contact with CA Forest Observatory on whether the SLAWG process is useful to them (Shana)

Shane will take on participating on the SLAWG calls (Shane)

Everyone will help out with the Spring Symposium (All)

Alissa will share bat paper that just came out on bats (Alissa)

Develop spreadsheet for the Spring Symposium (Becky) (done)

Everyone sign up for tasks on the Spring Symposium (All)

Bee survey for Foster Firs/Onion Meadows coordinate on other possible work this field season – (Helen/Alissa)

Anything in nexus of the Power Fire for Alissa to complete - vegetation data (Alissa)

Robin send SLAWG Power fire Facts to Alissa and Helen (Robin)

**Agenda Items**

1. Monitoring Strategy - review the strategy and see if there is something else we might need to pursue
   1. Track key issues and make sure we are monitoring them
2. Maybe have Michael connect with CA Forest Observatory – could be a good topic for our group
3. Review 2020 monitoring tasks and make sure we are covering everything
4. Tackle how we want to approach grant applications
5. Spring Symposium