**ACCG Monitoring Meeting**

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

8:57 AM

**Attendees:** Chuck Loffland, Greg Suba, Helen Loffland, Alissa Fogg, Shana Gross, Gwen Starrett, Shane Dante, Becky Estes

**2020 Monitoring Project Updates – COVID19 related changes**

*Variable Density Planting in Power Fire*

* Check to see if this work is moving forward (need to check with Marc) or will priorities shift in COVID19
* Update on Monday contractor planting is moving forward but the window for planting is shrinking
* It might be that they will focus on areas 6000 feet and up
* Organization/Partners would have to fill out the risk assessment as well if we have volunteers go out and perform work in the field
* Need to complete the post planting sampling this field season if the seedlings do indeed get planted
* Herbicide treatments are on hold depending on when where they will occur (check in with Marc on where this will be occurring)

*WCB Grant Monitoring*

* Continued conversations with Regine to plan this monitoring and contracting with Helen
* Timing of the grants we think can be flexible (check with Regine on this)
* Present the WCB monitoring protocol to the WG in June so that this work can be finalized before sampling is required

*Bumblebee Monitoring*

* The data is much reduced from previous years and will be collected by Helen
* Only work will be done in treatments that were completed from last year (Foster Firs, Three Meadows)

*Point Blue Avian Monitoring/Power Fire*

* Permission from the ENF needs to happen for avian work – Alissa has forwarded this to Chuck which went on to Rick but hasn’t been approved yet
* This needs to happen to begin work in the next couple of weeks
* Work will be completed by Alissa as she also has no field crew

*Three Meadows Project*

* Photo monitoring will happen this year following the implementation that will happen this summer
* Alissa might not have the capacity to do the three meadows work (early June)

**Risk Assessments**

* Risk Assessments need to be completed before anyone can be in the field including all contractors and volunteers
* It would probably be good to have a COVID related risk assessment and then modify the existing JHAs for the work that is being done in
* Schedule a meeting with everyone who needs to fill our the risk assessments so that we can all be on the same page (Becky)

**FACTS data layer**

* GPASS (I wasn’t sure about this acronym so please correct) has mostly the correct data layer for the Power Fire accomplishments
* Most complete and easiest data set to manipulate
* National clearinghouse data was not complete and had to be merged together and was missing the herbicide data layers
* New layer is more complete but still not prefect
* Accomplished date is still not certain as it doesn't go to a unit level and only entire areas that have been treated (weakest link)
* Maybe posting the public data for the herbicide treatments (does this get stored)

**Round Robin**

*Foster Meadow*

* No cattle grazing in Foster so likely the treatments will be more effective plus it is a different meadow
* Point Blue has long term avian monitoring sites
* Treatments will happen this summer
* Climate Engine pre and post meadow restoration might be good to do (Gwen)

*Matley Meadow on Calaveras*

* What type of monitoring will happen here?
* There are long term range monitoring plots here as well but no conifer monitoring that is being completed on other meadows
* Restoration work will happen soon here
* Check with Calaveras (Zack Croyle, Plumas Corp, John and Dawn who is the acting Ranger currently)

**Future Agenda Topics:**

* Progress report from the Power fire will be sent out to the group and she can cover at one of our upcoming meetings (Alissa)
* Helen will also share bumblee bee data and can schedule a time to talk at one of our upcoming meetings (Helen)
* Relevant paper reviews maybe everyone should look at these and suggest ones that are important - how we want - make sure to share these papers and topics (All)
* Climate Engine work – it might be good to revisit this after restoration treatments are completed
* Develop a folder for papers on box to store what people are interested in
* Maybe ask Iris Allen to present on the work in the Power Fire for an upcoming webinar

**Task List:**

* Check in with Regine on whether Chips is moving forward and schedule a meeting also ask her about the timing of monitoring to determine if it is flexible (Helen)
* Schedule presentation to the ACCG monitoring group on the proposal for the WCB grant (Helen)
* Check in with Marc or Jeff on variable density planting status and herbicide status and share with the group (Helen)
* Keep Alissa in touch with what is happening in the Three Meadows for timing of avian monitoring (Gwen)
* Follow up with Michelle and Liz on risk assessments (Becky)
* Use climate engine to look at pre and post meadow restoration for Calaveras meadows – work with Shana on this (Gwen)
* Check on Matley Meadow status of implementation to see if we can add conifer monitoring (Becky)
* Alissa will share the Power fire Progress Report with the group (Alissa)
* Reach out to the variable density stand/plantation work for next agenda topic – Iris and Jianwei (Becky) (done)
* Share past notes with Greg and make sure to include on the Box location (Becky) (done)
* Work with Alissa on setting up Zoom for next meeting (Becky)
* Schedule a meeting with everyone who needs to fill out the risk assessments so that we can all be on the same page (Becky) (done)
* Becky will tackle filling out the tracking sheet and everyone should double check this for accuracy (Becky) (done)
* Share relevant papers or talks that might be important to share with the group (All)
* Reach out to Michael and SLAWG to determine the mechanism between the ACCG Planning WG and SLAWG so we can implement with Grant Monitoring – is it an MOU (Regine)
* Take a look at what's on the website to determine what type of presentations and publications are available particularly for climate change (Alissa)
* Take a look at the planning documents to figure out what Rich wanted in regards to climate (Aliana)