**Notes | ACCG Monitoring Group**

**Date/Time**: December 9th 10:00-1200

Participants: Robin Wall, Alissa Fogg, Rich Farrington, Shane Dante, Zac Croyle, Robin Wall, Gwen Starrett, Becky Estes

December Task List

**All**

* Review ACCG monitoring questions (when Helen sends – prior to January meeting)
* Review WO CFLRP monitoring strategy (2 documents)

All Ongoing

* Share relevant papers or talks that might be important to share with the group (ongoing)
* Provide CHIPS/Thurman feedback (ongoing)

**Rich**

* Send checklist if want monitoring group help to evaluate how to turn checklist into meaningful socio-economic monitoring

**Becky**

* Add Rich to ACCG monitoring pdl
* Share examples of successful landscape scale monitoring

**Alissa**

* Propose pyro-silviculture and high severity/patch size papers as a full group topic

**Helen**

* Review/Summarize ACCG monitoring questions in strategy and send to group to reevaluate group questions to see if additional questions needed

Website discussion

* Meeting with admin group is this afternoon
* Will add back onto the agenda in Jan.
* Check in on how keeping meeting dates accurate
* Feedback regarding timeline

Annual Report

* Done – sent to RO yesterday
* Joe usually comes back with questions and its due to WO on 18th, WO normally gets questions back from Feb

Socio-economic monitoring

* Updating proposal support and question came up about monitoring, is there any monitoring, recent survey presented at last general meeting that UMRWA
* Socio-economic group - Ad Hoc committee – is there monitoring socio-economic benefits
* Planning work group set up an Ad Hoc committee for social economic because reviewing proposals didn’t seem like anything was addressed for social economic, Rich trying to get a bit more information, ad hoc group has come up with a proposal to supplement proposal application support that includes social economic questions, one of the questions someone thought was to require contractors to do monitoring
* Community and economic benefits checklist included into proposed projects – intent to get project proponents to think about how they can include these benefits
  + One benefit would be to include to monitor and economic benefits
* Separate working social-economic working group hasn’t been involved since questions for Sierra Institute
* We were putting a hold on socio-economic discussions until CFLRP review
* Maybe we are complicating things? Checklist could be really simple or more complicated
* Checklist has a lot of different things
  + 1 how include benefits
  + Develop idea of how monitor it
* UMRWA survey some how needs to be picked up – different than SI report, exploring directly with contractors existing and potential how viewing additional fuel work that UMRWA has been doing
  + Effort to better cultivate local contractors and jobs
* Maybe take offline to discuss with socio-economic ad hoc committee
* Need to circle back to Social-economic report, UMRWA, WO CFLRP Strategy and summarizes what has been done and where we want to go -> bring this information then forward to planning group – Shana/Becky to figure out how
  + 3 recommendations that came out of monitoring study, maybe those are the areas we should actually focus our questions/goals regarding
  + UMRWA survey really aimed at barriers local contractors face
  + Are key questions already being answered by checklist – because all the other parts are community and economic benefits
* Once Ad Hoc finishes proposal for checklist, then will be shared with monitoring group and monitoring group can think about how to think about the checklist as another step to evaluate monitoring (rather than from proposal of this is how many jobs we think we will have, versus this is how many jobs we actually made) – Rich to send to group when its ready to think about from monitoring perspective
  + Ask Tanya can bring it monitoring work group and then planning work group
* Add Rich to monitoring list - Becky

CFLRP – Monitoring Strategy

* At this point in time will be required of all new CFLRPS, no guidance of how it will affect us
* Really focused on landscape
* Everyone to review and think about what we can add to our monitoring up to this point – is it going to require any extra planning for to do it
* Any glaring obvious piece then maybe we can make that change
* If ACCG decides to apply for an extension, then we might be required
* For landscape scale metrics our treatments are not providing enough change
* Opportunities to work with SLWAG
* What is successful for landscape scale assessments – Becky to share examples
* Point Blue bird data could be dropped to scale of ACCG – when think that birds are good ecological indicators, state of bird report

Power Fire Spring Symposium

* Spring is out
* Think about late summer/early fall as field tour
* Let’s wait to do field event, tired of webinars
* Check in March agenda to evaluate if fall will work
  + Reevaluate if there are additional speakers
  + Maybe effectiveness of conifer removal data analyzed - Gwen
* Planning group was planning power fire field tour as well with fuel loads as well as Hemlock DxP work
* Need to get to a place where can carpool to make happen
* Rich’s presentation on Hemlock DxP is on website as is UMRWA contractor survey

Round Robin

* Prioritize meadows for restoration in Upper Mokelumne – doodle poll with availability will come out soon with date aimed for around end of January
* Gwen is looking for a more permanent home for all ACCG monitoring stuff – is room at Ranger Station, talk to Robin first and then ENF SO could be a back up
* Becky working with CFSC to do a Caples virtual tour, getting into the field has been challenging, but still might do a virtual webinar in next month or so
* SWLAG will help identify where we should be treating
* Alissa has new paper coming our about pyro-silviculture showing that fires needs to get a bit hot in a patchy mosaic way – diversity wide group of species, mature forest ones are not in fire, but the “rest” of the community prefer fire area vs. no disturbance – should be ACCG full group meeting combined with Zach who is another paper about patch size and diversity – Alissa propose

Agenda topics January – Jan 13th 9-12

* Landscape level indicators need to be on our radar and continually discussed
* WO -CFLRP Monitoring Strategy
* Socio-economic
* SLWAG post workshop discussion
* ACCG monitoring strategy revisit – check in with Helen on status of this
* Website discussion

Future agenda topics

* March – 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

# November Task List

All

* Provide Alissa feedback on 1 page web proposal by 11/30. Link to google doc: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/18MVITUjya4zS36YAfO791TtpzLldWeQ-V85Xl-vLwVU/edit> - done
* Review ACCG monitoring questions (when Helen sends – prior to January meeting)

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Alissa

* Send up dated website discussion to Regine and Stephanie with a cc to Robin by 12/1 for their ADMIN group -done

Becky

* Provide examples of LTW, NYP story maps to group (for consideration for web page) -done
* Ask Jeff for couple lines of summary related to aquatics monitoring in Power Fire and cute frog picture -done
* Reach out to Ben regarding volunteer data for Caples Big Trees before the end of the month -done come to a dead end with understanding raked/not raked areas even with GPS its almost impossible, when large trees are dense its hard to find
* Confirm number of acres that burned on Amador and in Cornerstone from Power Fire (current number Amador 1007) -done
* Send Martin Meadow Aspen brief summary and photos to Robin for annual report by 11/28 -done

Helen

* Review/Summarize ACCG monitoring questions in strategy – Shana to send a message
* Send monitoring brief summary and photos for WCB and Bee/bird surveys to Robin for annual report by 11/28 -done

Robin

* Postponed until after review CFLRP monitoring strategy: discussion with Shane/SI about socio-economic templates
* Postponed until after access storage unit: Clean up monitoring supply list so list of what we have, rather than what we want to order. Cross-reference list Gwen sent out

# Future Agenda Topics

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. Is there any new information gained that can be applied to management?
2. March – 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
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