ACCG Prescribed Fire Work Group Action Items

February 22, 2021

Meeting Brief:

* The group discussed the reasons why the prescribed fire ad hoc group was formed including:
	+ The importance of and the “data dump” from Drs. Malcom North and Scott Stephens’ presentations and the recent prescribe fire panel. Participants discussed how the ad hoc formed to provide an opportunity for continued dialogue on how to increase the pace and scale of prescribed fire.
	+ The need to share information and better understand the constraints and opportunities for applying prescribed fire on public and private lands.
	+ The need to identify strategies and prioritize steps to apply fire at a landscape scale.
	+ The need for education, outreach and training to address potential public weariness.
	+ The need to focus specifically on prescribed fire, separate from the Planning WG meetings whose agendas are often very full.
	+ To achieve on the ground change, not just serve as an information sharing platform. The group discussed possible mechanisms to increase on the ground change (e.g., forest-wide plan amendment, forest-wide identification and prioritization of areas to burn, formation of a private land burners association).
* The group discussed the goals and functions of the ad hoc which included:
	+ To increase the pace and scale of the management tools that make forests more resilient, including prescribed fire.
	+ To re-establish a natural fire regime across forest landscapes.
	+ To consider a possible ACCG-supported policy paper on the use of prescribe fire that discusses prior research and analyses. Some participants discussed concern about an ACCG-supported policy paper.
* Several participants discussed their interest in pyrosilviculture, and how it could mean a policy change for resource agencies and how people think about fire.
* Jamie Ervin offered to help compile existing fire studies and analyses to assist the ad hoc’s initial efforts.
* The group discussed a shared interest in leaning about the constraints and challenges the Forest Service faces when it comes to prescribe fire. The group agreed that the Forest Service shall present their constraints at the ad hoc’s March meeting. Some participants also discussed an interest in learning about the challenges and constraints that private landowners face.
* One participant suggested the group consider a presentation by the Mid Klamath Watershed Council.
* CSERC will coordinate the ad hoc group’s meetings for the next few months, then re-evaluate its role.
* Next meeting is March 22, 2pm-3pm.

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| **ACTION ITEM** | **RESPONSIBLE PARTIES** |
| The Forest Service will present constraints to the application of prescribe fire at March 22nd meeting.  | Rick HopsonJesse PlummerRay CablayanKellin Brown |
| Regine will work with CSERC staff to transfer notes and draft an agenda for the next meeting.  | Regine MillerSara Husby |
| Regine will distribute the draft action items to the group for review and comment.  | Regine Miller |

Meeting Participants:

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| Name | Affiliation | Time (Hours) |
| Caitlynn Rich | Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center | 1.0 |
| Sara Husby | Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center | 1.0 |
| John Buckley | Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center | 1.0 |
| John Heissenbuttel | Cal Am, Amador FSC | 1.0 |
| Randy Hanvelt | Association of California Loggers | 1.0 |
| Rich Farrington | Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority | 1.0 |
| Rick Hopson | Eldorado NF, Amador Ranger District | 1.0 |
| Jesse Plummer | Eldorado NF, Amador Ranger District | 1.0 |
| Robin Wall | Eldorado NF, Amador Ranger District | 1.0 |
| Ray Cablayan | Stanislaus NF, Calaveras Ranger District | 1.0 |
| Kellin Brown | Stanislaus NF, Calaveras Ranger District | 1.0 |
| Greg Suba | Sierra Forest Legacy | 1.0 |
| Jamie Ervin | Sierra Forest Legacy | 1.0 |
| Shane Dante | Foothill Conservancy | 1.0 |