# **Meeting Brief**

# MAC Project Fuelbreak Delineation overview and discussion

* MAC Project DBH limit recommendations from Ad Hoc: Planning Work Group consensus recommendation
* Upcoming GM topics discussion

# **Housekeeping:**

* **Action item**: Minor edits to last meeting summary made in track changes during meeting. Megan will get those updated and make summary final.

# **MAC Fuelbreaks:**

* Group received a ppt presentation on the MAC Project fuelbreak revised delineation approach, using three buffer categories: 1,000-ft, 600-ft and 300-ft wide.
* **Action item**: Suggested additional FB maps to help aid in fuelbreak discussion: 1) map of existing NEPA that covers fuelbreaks (including Caldor EA), 2) MAC FB network overlaid with POD boundaries, 3) map of MAC Project fuelbreaks showing portions that will be implemented by SPI, and 4) map of adjacent land owner fuelbreaks.
* **Action item**: share literature on PODs
* Fuelbreak prescriptions would help aid in the discussion about fuelbreak widths.
* CSERC recommendation (text taken from follow-up email correspondence): In seeking a plan for MAC Project fuel breaks that can have full ACCG support, **CSERC does not desire, but we are likely to be wiling to accept in a spirit of compromise, 1,000-ft wide fuel breaks along the major highways (Highway 88 and Highway 4) if the remaining fuel breaks in the MAC Project are no wider than 500 ft, and hopefully are composed of a mix of 300' and 500’ widths.**  Recognizing that there are a limited amount of currently existing or already approved 1,000’ wide fuel breaks on the Amador District, **CSERC would also agree that previously NEPA approved fuel break segments of 1,000’ in width are also appropriate to be added to the highways as additional 1,000’ wide fuel breaks within the Project area.**
* Brief discussion on long-term maintenance of fuelbreaks and how various tools will be included in the MAC EIS, grazing, prescribed fire, etc.
* Discussion on wet fuelbreaks creating and support wetland areas. Beavers positive effect on wildland fires, wildfires stop or less severe, opportunities to reintroduce beavers. The reintroduction of beaver could help combat future potential high severity fire by conserving and holding water. I don't know that fuel brakes are the place for beavers to be released, but strategically used could benefit this project greatly by helping forest ecosystems. **Action item**: Chuck connect with Anne with Eric Nicita.

**Ad Hoc recommendations for DBH limits for MAC Project**

Planning Work Group agreed to provide a consensus recommendation on the Ad Hoc’s DBH limit recommendations for the MAC Project and will bring this to the the full ACCG membership at the April general meeting.

**Upcoming ACCG GM Topics**

* **Action item:** Megan, Char follow up with Anne Calderwood about a presentation on beaver reintroduction to a GM later this year.
* Group heard update on September ACCG Field Tour, date and topics coming soon.

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