



## **CFLR Planning Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday January 14, 2015**

**USFS Plumas National Forest Conference Room**

**1:00-3:00pm**

1:00-1:30—Welcome, introductions, updates since last meeting

*Ryan Tompkins, Nancy Francine, Leah Wells, Nils Lunder, Mike De Lasaux, and Rachael Norton in attendance.*

1:30-2:00—

- Updates on FS participants in upcoming public meetings  
*Mike presented to the County Coordinating Council in January, and is scheduled to be on their agenda in March after CFLR public meetings. Ryan suggested FSC presence at the upcoming Butterfly Valley/Twain project meeting, date to be announced. Discussion of adding these FS meetings to the CFLR calendar of events for greater public exposure. FSC Hwy 70 Stevens grant project is scheduled to have a public meeting January 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the project with landowners.*
- Discussion and development of roles, determine realistic levels of engagement in this process  
*Nancy and Ryan are going to coordinate so at least one of them is at each public meeting along with the line officers to help develop more localized, long term relations with the CFLR process. Nancy and Ryan are also going to try to get the Ranger from each district to attend. **Action Item: Nancy and Ryan will inform line officers ahead of meetings and continue to engage FS personnel in the CFLR process.** Ryan Tompkins announced that recent invoices have been processed. He also discussed the DUNS #.*

*Nancy Francine feels that the Feather River District Ranger should be invited to participate in this effort. Nancy has been communicating regularly with line officers about the progression of this effort.*

*Both Nancy and Ryan will make efforts to attend the public meetings to represent the USFS. Nancy will work to provide continuity to this effort for at least the next 5 years.*

- Discussion and review of agenda for public meetings  
*The draft agenda was discussed and rearranged to provide optimal time for public comment. The scope of the CFLR movement was loosely defined as priority watersheds, fire restoration and fuels reduction, keeping mindful of suggestions to come from the future public meetings.*



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***Action Item: Rachael to update and redistribute public meeting agenda.***

***Nils sought input on his message during the public meetings. The group feels that Nils should define the CFLR, provide background on this effort and other similar regional efforts. He should provide an overview of the development of public engagement of this process, and should also give examples of how local projects can be identified, defined and developed. He should work to inspire attendees to keep engaged in this process. Nils will develop an outline for his portion of the meeting and will send that to the group.***

***Nancy emphasized that regardless of what happens with the CFLR, this collaborative process will lay the groundwork for projects in the future.***

***Mike D recommended that during the meetings the districts should work to illustrate what types of projects are being planned and implemented at this time.***

- Discussion of public meeting logistics

***The group was in agreement about arranging the public meetings as round table style, we also agreed to start set up around 4:30 with the meetings starting at 6 PM. Flipcharts and notecards for anonymous comment will be set up to capture public comment.***

***Action item: Rachael to gather these materials for the upcoming meetings as well as the large Plumas County map from the planning department.***

***Nancy recommends that maps are available in both paper and projector forms. Maps of USFS project will serve to ask the question "Are we working in the correct places? What areas are most important? Why?"***

***The meeting facilitators will be in charge of establishing boundaries and respect among all participants, will establish "rules of the road".***

***Ryan Tompkins emphasized that it will be extremely important to "set the scope" ie: no snow, no travel management. Our focus will be specifically vegetation and fuels management, wildlife and watershed management. The districts should work to discuss planned out-year work, but cannot identify specific out-year projects. Projects will also be developed to incorporate "Priority Watersheds".***

***Mike D feels that efforts should be made to focus on the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA)***

***Nancy clarified that priorities for hazardous fuels management are lands within the Wildland Urban Interface and within the identified "Priority Watersheds" of which there are 8 on the PNF.***

***Ryan brought up the concept of removing established time frames. He went on to recommend that we inquire with participants about their interests in this process. He emphasized that we***



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*need to ask them what the collaborative wants and to work to show participants that this process is really about them and their desires.*

*Nancy really hopes to engage with participants to get a sense of their “place-based interests”, in doing so we will be able to get a sense of what individual’s value (ie: logs, species protection, recreation...). In doing so, then we can work to tailor this process to the input that we receive.*

*Ryan also recommended that during our introductions that we really illustrate how this process is a true partnership between the USFS and the PC FSC, how that we are equal partners.*

2:00-2:30—

- Update on publication of press release  
*The press release has been sent to Feather River Publishing and is set to be printed in the Jan 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the paper, for each region of the county.*

*This info will be presented in the form of a ¼ page advertisement. This format ensured that the specific wording that was derived by all parties and their suggested edits would not be modified by the editor.*

***Action Item: each of the members present will send the press release to additional interested parties to get optimal awareness of public meetings.***

*In addition to these efforts other tools will be used to ensure that we make it easy for participants to provide input on this process, we will make the website a tool for collecting information and we will use both paper and digital maps as data collection tools. We will encourage participants to share their stories and their personal connections to lands within the upper Feather River watershed by drawing on these maps (both sharpies and clicks).*

- Discussion on methods of public engagement outside of meetings  
*The CFLR website is newly remodeled, the new url is [www.plumascollaborative.org](http://www.plumascollaborative.org). Forums are available for discussion on the CFLR process, the intent is to continue public involvement through the website as well as at public meetings.*
- Discussion of other potential outreach materials: blog posts, webinar, maps, website  
*Utube videos by Malcolm North and others can be found, describing the importance of collaborative forest management, as well as current issues in forestry.*

***Action Item: Rachael to post some of these videos on the CFLR website, Mike to maintain communication with M. North for future input on our collaborative effort.***

***Action Item: Ryan to discuss appropriate blog posts and FS updates that can be published on the CFLR website, most likely some materials will be created in the spring.***

***Action Item: Leah to create some materials to be distributed at the CFLR meetings for the IRWM workshops.***



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**Other partners will be invited to be featured bloggers on the site. Ryan recommended that USFS staff specialists are invited to develop blog posts that illustrate their tasks and the diverse work that the USFS does on the PNF.**

**It was recommended that we review the California Fire Science Consortium website and perhaps use that resource as a model for developing our site.**

- CFLR map- add SOPA materials, GIS layers from Ralph Martinez  
**Ralph has GIS layers of past, current, and planned projects that we can use in our interactive maps. Ryan suggested having one map of the forest so people can see the magnitude of work being accomplished.**

**Mike D inquired about the process of integrating planning shapefiles into the dynamic map.**

**Action Item: Ryan to coordinate a day with Ralph Martinez to gather these layers. Attributes needed are status, project name, year, and acres and activity.**

- Addition of HFQLG planned DFPZ areas to CFLR map  
**Included in discussion of layers provided by Ralph Martinez.**  
**The PC FSC will work to update maps of lands that have been treated by their projects. These data will be featured on future maps.**

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- Potential funding sources for the implementation of fuels reduction projects across the forest  
**PC FSC has applied for SRA funds, Greenhouse Gas funds. Mike pointed out the future potential to use private funds to treat public lands.**  
**Regarding the GHG funds, Ryan brought up the Forest Vegetation Simulator (FVS) as a tool for quantifying how these projects influence carbon sequestration.**  
**No new information on RAC funds.**

**Leah Wills mentioned that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) could be a future source of funds for forest health-related projects.**

**Mike D mentioned that he recently spoke with a new investor who is optimistic about the future of biomass energy. This particular source believes that in the future up to 50% of all energy will be based on “renewable” sources and this will increase the demand for biomass energy.**

**Ryan mentioned that the PNF is working to implement HFR projects and to get materials out of the forests and onto landings, even if there is not an identified outlet at the time of harvest. Thus, there will be opportunities to move large volumes of material if markets present themselves.**

- New updates on building local capacity to implement projects- any new contacts we should invite to this process?



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***New connections made with Julie Ruiz, the new air quality control person for Plumas County. Mike mentioned possible investments going into the Loyalton biomass facility, Mooretown Rancheria and Susanville Rancheria are both investing in small biomass fueled boiler systems. The Maidu Consortium is creating their own chipping program.***

- List of deliverables for next meeting, delegating tasks  
***The next meeting is set for Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 at the SO, with the first public meeting the following Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM at the Quincy Library. Subsequent meeting dates were set for March 12<sup>th</sup> for the core CFLR group, at 1:00 following the PC FSC meeting which is at 9:00 AM. Additional public meeting dates were set for April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>, the time and location to be announced.***