

CFLR Meeting Notes

April 22, 2015

Mike D. Intro—PCFSC + USFS effort to bring forest management to a landscape level. Working to find solutions to the issues of this time. This meeting is being broadcast. Welcome.

Project Learning Tree—Originated in California. Educational programs to provide environmental education to the public regarding forests and our relationships to the forest.

Three statements were processed by the group, 1 on 1 dialogues occurred with attendees of the meeting.

Introductions:

Mike De Lasaux-UCCE, PC FSC

Nancy Francine-USFS, Ecosystems Manager PNF

Bob Beckwith-Genesee Valley Forest land owner

Nils Lunder – PC FSC Coordinator, Feather River Land Trust

John Sheehan-Plumas Corp/PCFSC/

Mike Frazier-PNF Temporary Employee, works with Dave K

Dave Kinateder-Fire Ecologist, Mt. Hough RD

Brian West-Forester, formerly chair of PCFSC, QLG

Ryan Bauer-Forest Fuels/Prescribed Fire Program Manager, PNF—Fire and Ecosystems

Leah Wills-Policy Issues County of Plumas, IRWM

Mark Mimevc-Person, here to learn

Carlos Lovizzaro-From Brazil, Biomass energy

Steve Munson-Chair of Far West Biomass Power—Loyalton

Large scale forest thinning has grown in popularity, believes that public awareness has shifted and is feeling encouraged about the future of biomass power in the region.

Mike Savala-Crew leader of the Greenville Indian Rancheria

Denise—Indian Valley resident, here to learn

Ryan Tompkins—Forest Silviculturalist PNF

Jim Beard—District 4 Sierra County BOS

Rachael Norton—Outreach Coordinator for CFLR effort

Discussion of group name, Vision, and Mission

Overview of the CFLR groups in the region. What is our vision? What is our mission?

How will this group make decisions?

Where will funds for this process come from?

Review of agenda—Future agenda topics

Name:

John Sheehan—Do not use the word Collaborative in a group name

Steve—Plumas Forest Stewardship Group, QLG Fellowship Association

Mike D—Plumas Forest Restoration Group

Rachael—Prefers not to include the entire PC CFLR.

Nancy F—Feels that CFLR has a lot of limitations as it is tied directly to a specific funding source, in favor of keeping the name separate from that program.

Membership:

How is membership defined?

Leah Wills—What is the purview of this effort?

Mike D—This group will define that.

Decision making methodology:

Rachael Norton introduced 6 decision making strategies

Mark Mimevc—Recommended a compromise approach

Nancy Francine—Clarified some elements of the Compromise approach

The group approves of this approach

John Sheehan—Recommends the Spontaneous Agreement as a tool to make decisions when appropriate

Ryan Tompkins—recommends that we keep all 6 of the options available at all meetings, to use these as options for a diverse suite of decisions in future meetings.

Spontaneous Agreements and Consensus Building have been accepted by the group.

Vision Statement

Rachael gave an overview on what a vision is: Defines the optimal desired future state , the mental picture, of what an organization wants to achieve over time.

“To protect and restore the forests and other natural resources as well as the local economy of Plumas County”

Nancy F. - Use the word Resilience

Carlos— We should not be in a hurry to define the vision statement as it should be worked out over time, it should reflect the real community

Dave K— We are not doing enough and we are not doing it at the rate that is keeping pace with the need

Mark M— We should define what restoration actually means, establish goals and include those in our mission statement

Dave K—Draw from previous documents and experiences as we develop these statements.

Ryan T-Can we post content online including words, phrases, and other items that will help the group to develop these important statements? Rachael-Yes we can.

Steve— Can this group work to better understand reports and previous work that has been accomplished regarding forest management? He wants to ensure that our group utilizes any reports or studies that have occurred as we shape this group.

John S—Third party review was a fundamental element of the QLG, we need to incorporate that data into our efforts. This will lend credibility to this effort. Lessons learned should shape how our organization navigates the challenges.

Mission Statement:

Steve—Liked the example of the Blue Mountain Forest Partners.

Nancy F.—Likes the Amador/Calaveras example—“community-based” element, as that is an important element of the group.

Steve—Since we do not live here, should we be excluded?

Ryan T—Community is not exclusive to Plumas County residents, it can be a larger definition. A very malleable definition.

Key words: Diverse stakeholders, Community based (broadly defined), includes all counties that include PNF lands. Also need a clear understanding of “restoration.”

John Sheehan—The QLG should have taken more time to engage the Maidu Community, if they would have, then the process would have been more inclusive and would have had a better chance to succeed.

Funding:

Mike D—PC FSC examples:

Steve—Can this group secure funding? How does that work?

Carlos—We should build up an agenda. This can evolve over time.

Due to time constraints, we agreed to skip this topic.

Future Agenda Topics:

Communication methodology

Operating principals—Funding, processes, brain storming

Internet use is universal within the group

Priorities of stakeholders

Use of maps

Past, present and planned projects (USFS)

Steve—Would like to see better data coordination from the QLG effort, data presentation in a coordinated effort, especially to see which projects have not been completed.

Nancy F—That already exists for the HFQLG, it is a matter of updating that data with the current projects.

John S—PCFSC has been mapping QLG, PCFSC and some Private Industrial/NRCS projects

Dave K—Acknowledges that many projects have cleared through the NEPA process and that they are incomplete/unfinished.

Steve—Priorities should be based on projects that were developed but are not implemented.

Dave K—Feels that times are changing and that management will continue to change in an adaptive manner. Ex. Spotted Owl PACs and fire exclusion, forest thinning exclusion

John S—In QLG lands that were deferred should be now revisited for future treatments, also off base from a habitat stand point, were not considered appropriate for thinning. These should be reconsidered. Also riparian corridors were not adequately analyzed.

Ryan T—The PNF has been modifying their treatments for approximately 10 years following the Boulder Fire.

John S—WUI, more work needs to be done in this area. How do we prioritize these lands?

Steve—20 Ac of paved area exists at the Loylton CoGen site. Jim Turner will be CEO of this endeavor.

Mike D—Wrap up, this has to be a County Wide effort, and we need all residents to get involved. Mike urges all to participate and to consider the web cast.

We need a vote on agenda topics, please use the website, we need to rank topics to better address the concerns of the group.

Carlos—Recommends the formation of groups within this effort. He feels that sub committees should be formed. Ex. Funding, Projects, Community Engagement, Science, Economy

Steve—Would be happy to seek federal funds to facilitate this effort, Steve is willing to participate in this committee.

Ryan T—Challenges the group to participate in the website, he urges all of us to engage in this process.

Steve—Would like to have someone from the group to engage with students to seek their relationship with the forest. Mike D, spoke of the work of Rob Wade and Learning Landscapes.