

CFLR Planning Meeting Notes

Tuesday June 24, 2014

USFS Plumas National Forest Conference Room

1:00-4:00pm

Meeting attendees: Mike De Lasaux (UCCE), Nils Lunder (PC FSC), Nancy Francine, Ryan Tompkins, Ryan Bauer, Don Fregulia (USFS)

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

Ryan Tompkins announced that Kathleen Nelson (Ranger at the Almanor Ranger District) does not feel that her district has the resources at this time to participate with this process. She recommended that John Bristow be our point of contact and that he will be able to provide us information regarding current and future fuels reduction projects.

1:30-2:00—Discussion of RAC funds, updating the cooperative agreement between USFS and PC FSC; development of outreach committee, outreach materials and timeline for roll out of new CFLR website

Ryan Tompkins announced that RAC funds will be available to bring the budget for this project back to levels that were originally specified in the application. During the Federal Government Sequestration RAC funds were reduced by approximately 1/3. Ryan will begin the process of modifying the contract. Mike De Lasaux will work on the development of forms 424a and 424b in order to move this part of the process forward.

It was agreed by the group that there is not a need to develop an outreach committee at this time due to the small size of our group. Additionally, the goal is to hire an assistant who will be responsible for the development of outreach materials.

The group agreed that as soon as funds were secured that the PC FSC will develop and host a new website to house information that will be easily accessible to the public. The USFS will provide a link to this site on their main home page.

2:00-2:30—Powerpoint by PC FSC; outreach resources, past, present, future; website development, web hosting; DCR experiences and recommendations

Nils provided a presentation to the group that showcased a variety of outreach materials that the PC FSC has developed over the years in order to educate landowners. These included banners, fliers, billboards, and maps.

2:30-3:30—Connecting the dots; integrating this CFLR effort with current ecosystem management priorities, projects, plans; addressing current issues in Plumas County and developing collaborative solutions, ensuring relevance of this effort

The group agreed that having a WUI focus will clarify which USFS lands are prioritized for fuels reduction treatments.

The group had a discussion regarding current USFS mandates including the National Cohesive Strategy Framework and how these directly tie into our collaborative efforts. We discussed the importance of engaging private landowners who have been educated on fuels reduction and have implemented projects on their lands. We agreed that it will be important for our outreach efforts to begin with meetings with local CSDs, Home Owner Associations, and active citizens, and then conduct larger public meetings in the four main communities in the County.

Nancy Francine discussed the importance of identifying high priority areas and then working to “get them under NEPA”, as this process requires considerable time and resources. She noted that educated residents will facilitate forest management policy changes.

3:30-4:00—List of deliverables for next meeting; delegating tasks; development of announcement for coordination assistant; list of individuals that should be integrated into the process at the next meeting; discussion

Mike De Lasaux-424 A+B

Ryan Tompkins-Contract Modification with Robin Bryant

Nils Lunder-Research active websites of collaborative efforts and report back to the group

Nils and Mike-Develop job description for new assistant, share with USFS staff

Next meeting: July 29 @ 1pm