

FEATHER RIVER STEWARDSHIP COALITION

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Steering Committee Meeting Notes

April 11th, 2018

Quincy Provisions

91 Bradley Street, Quincy

Attendance: Ryan Tompkins, Forest Silviculturist PNF; Ryan Bauer, Forest Fuels and Prescribed Fire Program Manager PNF; Kristin Winford, Assistant Silviculturist Mt. Hough District; Chuck Bowman, Graeagle Firewise; Hannah Hepner, Plumas County Fire Safe Council, joined later by David Kinateder, Fire Ecologist Mt. Hough District

Future Project Identification

FRSC projects that have received financial support, or that have proposals submitted, have primarily been on the Mt. Hough and Feather River Ranger Districts. There are several Beckwourth Ranger District projects that were initially supported by the FRSC that we should refocus on. Projects in the WUI include Lakes Basin, Mohawk Vista, and Plumas Eureka - all of which will have a Decision in the near future. Other projects on the District include Frenchman and Dixie Valley. There is a spring underburn scheduled for Dixie Valley that warrants some outreach because the adjacent landowners have expressed concerns.

Plumas National Forest is undertaking two landscape-scale planning documents: Mapes and Middle Fork.

2018 FRSC Activities

A Eureka Fire tour was suggested at the last FRSC meeting. Ryan Bauer said the tour can also incorporate active and planned Forest Service timber sales, as well as a private land timber sale. The last two weeks of June were identified as a possible window for the tour. A date and time will be selected at the May 3rd FRSC meeting. Attendance will be limited by Forest Service vehicle capacity.

A tour of the Bucks Lake project is a possibility for September, by which time the project should be complete.

Current Projects

Ryan Tompkins asked for an assessment of current projects. One invoice has been successfully billed by PCFSC to SNC. However, an invoice from the Forest Service has not yet been processed. The Wolf Grizzly project is

currently being implemented and Bucks Lake will start as soon as it is accessible. An invoice will be requested from the operator so that we can go through the entire invoicing process.

Coordination Funding

The RAC grant agreement that supports the FRSC is expiring in June 2018. Plumas National Forest is interested in providing future support, however, an agreement may not be possible until FY 2019. After the May 3rd meeting, a work-group will look at the existing agreement to identify any desired changes.

Charter

Hannah Hepner noted that the FRSC charter is complete, but not signed. It was asked if it would be valuable to solicit signatures from Coalition partners. The general conclusion was that it is not necessary, but that it could encourage stakeholders identifying with the group.