

FEATHER RIVER STEWARDSHIP COALITION

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Steering Committee Meeting Notes

August 1, 2019

Quincy Provisions

91 Bradley Street, Quincy

Attendance: Nancy Francine; Plumas National Forest; Ryan Tompkins, UC Cooperative Extension; Matt West, Plumas County Fire Safe Council; Brad Graevs, Feather River Resource Conservation District; Chuck Bowman, Graeagle Firewise; Will Brendecke, Plumas National Forest; Hannah Hepner, Plumas County Fire Safe Council, Dave Kinatader, Mt. Hough Ranger District; Kristin Winford, Beckwourth Ranger District

Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program

Ryan Tompkins provided a background of the Feather River Stewardship Coalition: Mike DeLasaux submitted a Resource Advisory Proposal to form a collaborative following the sunset of the Quincy Library Group. Initially the meetings were a “road show” in different communities to garner grassroots participation. However, the group encountered a lack of capacity for volunteerism. Consistent participation has been from individuals with resource management focused positions. The FRSC developed a website, interactive map, and grant proposals. To date projects have been opportunistic based on existing planning. The strength of proposals developed by the FRSC is the interface between public and private.

Hannah Hepner presented the current Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR) opportunity for funding. She pointed out that the funds come with a 5-year monitoring requirement and a 50% match.

Will Brendecke pointed out that there is a lot of work needed to determine the boundary including the Forest’s current program of work, forest health risk map, and CAL FIRE High Hazard Tier 1 & 2 designations.

Nancy Francine said that a proposal should include all of the Districts, but doesn’t have to be the whole Forest. She will talk with the line officers, but it is a quick turnaround. She suggested creating a strategy to aim for a strong FY 21 proposal. She pointed out that CFLR funds direct the program of work and should, therefore, be inclusive and strategic. She also noted that once the Crescent Mills biomass facility is operational the opportunity to utilize forest products will strengthen the application.

The group opted not to make a proposal this round but to have a plan by next spring. It was determined that a four-hour meeting with line officers would be an appropriate place to start the CFLR planning process.

Next meeting: Thursday December 5th, 3:00pm

Upcoming Events: Butte TREX one week Nov 1-21st
Plumas Forest Health CCI Partner Meeting Aug 21st, 1pm