

FEATHER RIVER STEWARDSHIP COALITION

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Steering Committee Meeting Notes

August 30, 2018

Quincy Provisions

91 Bradley Street, Quincy

Attendance: Ryan Tompkins, Forest Silviculturist PNF; Ryan Bauer, Forest Fuels and Prescribed Fire Program Manager PNF; Nancy Francine, Ecosystems Staff Officer PNF; Chuck Bowman, Graeagle Firewise; Hannah Hepner, Plumas County Fire Safe Council

Future Project Review

At the April steering committee meeting several Beckwourth Ranger District projects were identified as priorities for implementation/funding. Plumas National Forest is in the process of submitting an application to SNC for a portion of the Lakes Basin project. A letter of support and grant writing resources will be provided by FRSC. The Plumas Eureka project is the next possible candidate for implementation. Service work units on that project have not yet been identified. Ryan Tompkins noted that biomass activities add a level of complexity to projects that can make them hard to complete within a grant timeframe. In the future, commercial activities should be implemented by the forest and leveraged as “geographic match.” Additionally, the focus will need to shift from implementation to planning as the “shelf stock” NEPA has nearly been exhausted. Chuck Bowman shared that a large private lands project is being developed in the Mohawk Valley area that could tie in with a Forest Service proposal. Discussion of FRSC’s capacity resulted in a decision to complete the Wolf/Grizzly and Bucks Lake projects before pursuing additional projects.

2018 FRSC Activities

An October field tour was discussed. It was decided that the tour will include Bucks Lake units that are in progress and the CCI-funded Spanish Ranch underburn and adjacent PACs. A doodle poll will be sent out to determine the tour date.

Current Projects

Wolf/Grizzly: Round Valley and Ingalls units are complete. Pile burning needs to be done before the grant expires at the end of 2019. The Jankman units will not be initiated until next year.

Bucks Lake: The Forest was able to provide funds that will complete more work than outlined in the grant proposal. The status of the CCC implementation units is unknown.

Butterfly Twain/Little Grass Valley: Tenure agreements are in progress. Collection agreements will also be required.

Plumas Collaborative Forest Health: Collection agreement required. Public lands shouldn't require a tenure agreement. PCFSC will update their landowner agreements to reflect ongoing monitoring requirements on private land. Research protocol on public lands was discussed.

Coordination Funding

Additional coordination funding has been provided by PNF. There was discussion about future sources of funding from the Forest Service and the timeline to utilize those funds.

Pacific Forest Trust Presentation

Colin Kelly from the Pacific Forest Trust has requested an opportunity to brief the group on work that the organization is doing to improve forest health in the State's upper watersheds. Meeting attendees were supportive of a presentation at the next FRSC meeting. A copy of the Pacific Forest Trust's risk assessment report for [California's Key Source Watershed Infrastructure](#) was requested by steering committee members.

Next meeting: Thursday September 20th, 9:00am