

Wild Rivers Coast Forest Collaborative Meeting Notes

April 13, 2017 // 10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Kelly Timchak, Gary Grotrian, Frank Burris, Jim Seeley, Rich Nawa, Mike Miller, Barbara Cisneros, Kailey Clarno, Kevin Adamak, Kendal Martel

Updates on Sudden Oak Death Task Force-Kelly Timchak & Gary Grotrian

- Kelly Timchak will send out an email to outline the specific tasks of the committees.
- At the next meeting, committee members from the forest collaborative will ask how communications from the task force will be distributed, and will report back at the May meeting.
 - UPDATE * Kelly Timchak spoke with the SOD Task Force Coordinator, and she said that all notes, agendas, meeting minutes, and results are public information and may be distributed to our associated groups. We can discuss at next meeting if the WRCFC would like all this information loaded to the Google Groups, or if they would like it in a different way.

Shasta Agness Project Update-Barbara Cisneros

- The Forest Service updated the group on their decision to switch the Shasta Agness project from an Environmental Assessment (EA) to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This is because of the complexity of the proposed action. Additionally, procedurally they now have to request a project specific plan amendment, because they are proposing cutting trees over 80 years old in Late Successional Reserves (LSR). This proposal was outlined in the June 2016 scoping letter, but the plan amendment requirement was not known at that time.
- The agency will be putting out a notice of intent about this change soon, which is required for the Plan Amendment as well as the EIS.
- The notice of intent will include what provisions the agency find applicable.
- There will mostly likely be a document available for comment in August, after which there will be a 45-day public comment period.
- The agency decided to conduct an EIS because of the complexity of the project, not because the intensity or scale of treatments has changed.
- Note: The plan amendment would be geographically limited to the units identified in the project planning area and would only last as long as the project and not beyond. i.e. the project is not proposing a permanent, forest-wide Forest Plan amendment.
- The collaborative will be able to be involved by submitted a collaborative comment, which is a letter that contains a general synopsis of agreement. [Kendal will find examples]

June Field Trip

- There will be a full day field trip on **June 8th, 2017**. This will be a public field trip. (The FS will NOT be taking public comment at this field trip) The morning meeting will be held at the Agness community center.

- Meet in the morning in Agness, do a brief presentation, answer questions, drive to units in the field, have an outside researcher join with the forest service scientists to answer SPECIFIC questions.
- *Outreach*: Kendal and Gary Grotrian will work on getting out flyers to the Agness community. Gary will reach out to the fire department in Agness. Outreach should request RSVP for attendance.
- The collaborative should be very mindful about documenting information from this fieldtrip in order to apply it when the 45-day comment period is open if we planning on making a statement as a Collaborative.

Informational Field Trip

- **Objectives:**
 - Forest service will give general explanation about what alternatives look like in the field.
- **Locations:**
 - *Sugar pine unit (high priority)*
 - Look at places where you're going to log trees over 80 years old.
 - High intensity logging of older trees.
 - Bigger units with high volume removal.
 - Example of a temporary road.
 - Example of a riparian area.
 - *Oak woodland (high priority)*
 - Where Doug fir is encroaching.
 - Example of a riparian area.
 - Example of a burn unit
 - *Managed stand plantation thinning (low priority)*
 - Example of a riparian area.

Science Workshop Discussion

- Potential Idea: Have a speaker come to the meeting to talk about the NW Forest Plan amendment/science synthesis. Specifically the new planning rule, the science synthesis, the future of the NWF Plan, etc.
- Mention of Gordie Reeves, who did monitoring for Elk River.
- Kendal will see if this is possible with time, funding, and availability of potential speakers.
- UPDATE: Trent Seager has agreed to come on the field trip and work with the group.

Multiparty Monitoring

- The collaborative reviewed examples of monitoring plans, as well as a draft monitoring metrics document.
- These will be edited and posted on the google group for further comment/edits.
- The monitoring plan will be discussed further in the May meeting.