

**Forest Climate Action Team**  
**State and Federal Public Lands Issues Subcommittee**  
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Quarterly Update:

- The Subcommittee will take the lead on biomass use and biomass energy as a management action and strategy for the Forest Carbon Plan
- Subcommittee members are compiling data on number of acres treated over the past 10 years (2005 – 2015) and where possible, noting the specific management actions funded. Also, costs of treatments will be compiled over these 10 years to provide a baseline to support targets and investments outlined in the Forest Carbon Plan. In addition, the Forest Service, as part of the forest plan revision, is identifying goals on each forest by answering the questions:
  - What acres and management actions would be implemented over the next 10 years if there were no limits?
  - And the same question but recognizing funding as a limitation.

The Tahoe National Forest has compiled preliminary findings answering the above questions. The rest of the California forests will be using the template developed and providing similar findings over the next 12 months. This information could be included in the forest carbon plan to provide more specific information for the individual eco-regions.

- Public land managers are interested in coordinating large landscape projects across multiple public and private land ownerships in order to improve cost-effectiveness by targeting areas for treatment that provide the greatest benefit, as well as gain efficiency through coordinated project planning
- Furthermore, there is an interest in coordinating investments from different sources of funding (GGRF, Prop 1, Federal funds) in the same watershed or fire shed
- Two documents have been developed by the Subcommittee to date. The first identifies all land planning and management guidance used by the various land managers and evaluates to what extent carbon benefits is or could be included as a goal. The second is in draft form and outlines several partnerships and initiatives that are in the works that could be leveraged to help support and implement the planning targets and actions outlined in the Forest Carbon Plan