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Tree Mortality Task Force Prescribed Fire Working Group Agenda/Minutes

April 11th, 2016

10:30 – 11:30 AM

Conf. Call – 563-999-2090, Passcode - 265066

- Roll-call
 - o John D and ARB crew, Nic Enstice, Rob Griffith, Stacie Heaton, Judy Garcia, Rich Wade, Josh Lowe (CAPCOA), Chris Zimny (NRCS), Steve Bakken, Craig Thomas, Glenn Barley and Chris Anthony, Lindsay VanLanningham
- Agenda review and new items from participants
- Review outcomes and next steps from prior call
 - o Update from Fire MOU Partnership workgroup leads regarding workgroup priority development, new MOU members, and spring meeting dates
 - June 1-2, Hume Lake Ranger District. One day in the office, one day in the field at the Rough Fire (Rx fire and wildfire effects).
 - Nick reported on meeting with Director Pimlott, Deputy Eng, and Leg. Coordinator Godkin. Dir. Pimlott committed to getting DOF and CAL FIRE counsel to join conversation about collections and liability. Also committed to working together on a joint training and capacity building project that would be both within and beyond TMTF priority counties.
 - o CA Fire Science Consortium science synthesis on burning in areas of high-concentration tree mortality
 - Craig shared a prior synthesis from 2012 based mostly upon CO and other Rocky Mt pine kill and fire effects. Findings likely transferable to CA. Shared with group.
 - o Memo for TMTF leadership and participants synthesizing their work and the implications for prescribed fire as a tool associated with the TMTF and affected counties, land owners, and land managers
 - No progress. Nick and Craig agreed to work on this.
- Update on air curtain burner permitting process/guidance
 - o Outstanding challenge associated with moving woody material between airsheds to stationary air curtain burners
 - Districts still have two permitting pathways – open-burning in rural counties and stationary source in more urban counties. According to Steve B., would require legislative action to add air curtain burners to the portable equipment registration program (3 year program)



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- Other WG participant updates
 - Chris Z. pointed out that NRCS does have a cost-share program for prescribed burning with private landowners. Currently working on small projects with BIA. NRCS needs to build their staff quals for planning, and then there is also a need for private and public sector.
 - Also noted upcoming meeting with STEAC on 4/15 to discuss statewide training and capacity needs for Rx fire.

- Outline next steps and adjourn
 - Craig will pass on invite to Fire MOU meeting as plans are secured.
 - Nick will check in with Lenya Re: continued interest in synthesis document from Fire Science Consortium
 - Nick and Craig will work on memo for TMTF leadership