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Tree Mortality Task Force – Forest Health and Resilience

Meeting Notes – May 4, 2016

Group Objectives

1. ~~Evaluate resource impacts associated with the removal of trees.~~
2. Monitor forest health and resilience as a result of tree removal efforts.
3. Evaluate and monitor overall forest health.
4. Provide guidelines for how to achieve long-term forest health and resilience.
5. Work cooperatively with landowners and agencies to implement forest health and resilience guidelines at a landscape level across ownership boundaries.
6. Provide regular updates at Task Force meetings to ensure effective communication and geographic coordination among all task force groups and stakeholders.

Action Items

- Review of Collaborative Landscape Level Projects (supports objective 5) S. Hazelhurst and R. Wade
- Review of USFS collaborative programs/projects that includes:

Cohesive Strategies Projects

Two Chiefs Projects (Trinity watershed and San Bernardino)

Healthy Forest Restoration Act Projects

Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (Dinky Creek and others)

Firescape Collaboratives

National Forests Foundation Projects

Additional information can be found on the following websites.

1. USFS Pacific Southwest Region Forest Health - we collect and maintain data for many forest health programs. This link provides the gateway to that info. http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r5/forest-grasslandhealth/?cid=fsbdev3_046691 . Our National Forest System and Forest Inventory & Analysis groups also have data. If you have specific needs, let us know and we'll get you to the best sources.
2. National Forest Foundation – tools for collaboration. Many good resources including webinars and best practices. Based on the workshop last week, I think they will be expanding this section to serve as an even more robust network to link people practicing collaboration. <https://www.nationalforests.org/collaboration-resources>

So. Fork American River Fire Management (R. Wade)

Collaborative landscape level planning for fuel reduction projects that cut across ownership boundaries.

www.treetaskforce.org



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Monitoring (Group Objective 3)

FIA discussion – Constraints with existing FIA data collection for addressing tree mortality issues were discussed. The current FIA re-measurement cycle is 10 years; some states have a 5 year re-measurement cycle. In addition, there are regional add-on for measuring other forest stand conditions that are not part of the normal measurements. USFS (S. Hazelhurst) stressed the need to define the forest health questions that need to be addressed through monitoring. Glenn Barley stated that there is no existing funding available for monitoring and that the short term focus of TMTF was on tree removal and public safety. A sub-group (S. Hazelhurst, C. Fettig, and C. Keithley) agreed to draft a short document on forest health monitoring needs.

Indicators – A brief overview was given covering indicators that are being developed by Cal Fire as part of the update to the Forest and Range Assessment (Chris K). Several of the indicators address forest health issues. Work group members were asked to review and provide comment back on these.

Landowner Guidance Document – An update is needed, but the item was deferred until next meeting.

Forest Stewardship Series - Brief overview was given on the UC Forest Stewardship Series and their proposal to update sections related to: exotic pests, wildfire and fuel reduction treatments, and forest pest and disease. An ongoing discussion is being held with UC PI's to discuss supporting this work and addresses landowner issues in drought impacted areas.

Steps for Next Meeting

- Group members review CAL FIRE indicators
- Subset of the working group draft a short document on forest health questions and monitoring options.
- Request presentation from UC Davis researchers on species range modeling.
- Update to landowner guidance document

Note: Working Group Leaders to present current workgroup priorities and accomplishments at full Task Force Meetings.