



Forest Management Task Force
Northern Regional Prioritization Group Thursday,
January 10, 2019 (2nd Thursday of each month) 8:30 –
10:00 AM
Conference Call: **1 (707) 576-2048**

- I. Opening remarks, Welcome and Happy New Year (Shannon Johnson).
 - a. Attendance
 - i. Shannon Johnson, CAL FIRE
 - ii. Gabe Schultz, CAL FIRE
 - iii. Catherine Baxter, DOC
 - iv. Kelly Conner, CA Forestry Association
 - v. Dale Nova, Fire Safe Council of Siskiyou County
 - vi. Mary Mayeda, Mendocino County RCD
 - vii. Virginia Mahacek, Sonoma County
 - viii. Jim Chapin, Forest Landowners of California
 - ix. Lisa Worthington, CAL TRANS
 - x. Paul Mason, Pacific Forest Trust
 - xi. Bruce Courtright, National Wildfire Institute & Scott Valley Coalition of FSC
 - xii. Kelly Sheen, Trinity County RCD
 - xiii. Dennis Thibeault, MRC & HRC, LLC
 - xiv. Gerry Hemmingsen, Del Norte County BOS
 - xv. Larry Alexander, Northern CA Resource Center

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- xvi. Karuna Greenberg, Salmon River FSC
 - xvii. Mike DeSpain, Buena Vista Rancheria Me-Wuk Indians
 - xviii. Calli-Jane DeAnda, Butte County FSC
 - xix. Ray Haupt, Siskiyou County Supervisor
 - xx. William Tripp, Karuk Tribe
 - xxi. Jason Butcher, CAL FIRE
 - xxii. Kevin Conway, CAL FIRE
 - xxiii. Kristen Merrill, CAL FIRE
- b. Approve December meeting minutes (All).
 - i. Approved
 - c. Updated NRPg membership list with updated goals (Shannon Johnson, Gabe Schulz)
 - i. Updated goals sent to FMTF.
- II. Forest Health Grants due January 29, 2019 (Gabe, All).
- a. Update from Kristin Merrill on Forest Health Grants and possible extension of final submission date due to Federal Government closure.
 - b. http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_foresthealth_grants
 - c. 4 maps that Forest Health applicants can use to show that their project is in a PA, but is not required -
<https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=4f27ca5aeab84389b7d611bc4d5091c0>
 - d. FSIM Large Fire Probability for California. The original outputs from the FSIM framework, including burn probability (likelihood of occurrence) and fire intensity levels (flame length probability), are available
 here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/rds/archive/Product/RDS-2016-0034/>
 - e. 2017/2018 Forest Health Grants approved -
http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/JDSF/final_map_v2.pdf
- III. Review work group composition, provide update on missing representation (Gabe, All)
- a. Looking to add:
 - i. Other National Forests.
 - ii. BLM
 - iii. County specific (Shasta, Del Norte etc.). There is a lot of reach out in this category.
 - iv. Tribal contacts.
 - 1. Outreach to tribes was successful and representatives from Buena Vista Rancheria Me-Wuk Indians and Karuk tribe called into meeting.

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- IV. Review and prioritize list of issues/concerns related to fire prevention and forest health (All)
 - a. Discuss existing & developing projects-
 - b. Identify gaps in land base and partnerships.
 - i. Draft maps were sent to the group for review/comment.
 - 1. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Jc8vKPDFbMhqY748Ybqhb5i8Jt75jTiY/view?usp=sharing>
 - 2. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KLXw4TFCGXjQPYPmLdHviyTrguicys/view?usp=sharing>
 - 3. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r8WuJ9TowW6WekuKC6_f6dGPeJkuDM6M/view?usp=sharing
 - 4. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ChvxtLVyFu4m9L7KkFyFKyURcJ2DRdRi/view?usp=sharing>
 - 5. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/14gYrY0txjwOWR1cy-VOUgVK23BfBHsyg/view?usp=sharing>
 - ii. Additional input for maps:
 - 1. Fire History
 - 2. Priority Fuel Treatment
 - 3. Ignition Source Map
 - 4. Stewardship
 - 5. Ownership Types
 - 6. Fuel Type
 - 7. Harvest History
 - 8. Wildland Urban Interface
 - 9. Assets at risk
 - iii. Bruce Courtright, Ray Haupt, Lisa Worthington, Virginia Mahacek and Shannon Johnson will be a subcommittee to organize a workshop/meeting in March to discuss this issue further.
- V. Forest Management and Restoration Working Group November survey review (All).
 - a. Survey from Forest Management and Restoration Working was emailed to the group and responses should be emailed to Shannon Johnson and Gabe Schultz by January 24th.
- VI. Group discussion of the first three goals –
 - a. 1. Assess regional threats and restoration needs to improve forest health and resilience, community fire protection, recreation opportunities, and the protection of ecological values.
 - b. 2. Prioritize forest health maintenance and restoration areas by project type (i.e. prescribed fire, forest health, or fuel reduction), threatened natural resource, watershed, or other logical division based on potential funding streams.
 - c. 3. Incentivize the creation and networking of multi-stakeholder Landscape Collaboratives to address, in cooperation, forest health threats in prioritized areas.

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- VII. Look at answering the following questions –
 - a. Forest Management and Restoration Working Group Survey sent to the group.
 - i. Specific to your organization, what must be accomplished in the next 3-5 years to help achieve forest health success?
 - ii. What are the three primary barriers that prevent your organization from achieving this success?
 - iii. What specific actions is your organization taking to overcome those barriers?
 - 1. What does your organization need (that you don't already have) to overcome those barriers?

- VIII. New business and announcements.
 - a. Updates from Collaboratives.
 - i. 2018 Farm Bill https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/farm_bill/
 - ii. 2018 Prescribed Fire Use Survey Report – Attached to Agenda e-mail
 - b. Action Items.
 - c. Bin Items.
 - i. Consider the issue of NEPA/CEQA docs for the overall projects instead of small projects one at a time, the cost and time is a huge item for discussion for the group

- IX. Report items for the full FMTF in Jan 2019.
 - a. New goals submitted to FMTF
 - b. Group working on completion of Forest Management and Restoration Working Group Survey
 - c. Subcommittee created to arranged for NRPG workshop/meeting in March

- X. Closing comments and next steps.

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