

Feather River Ranger District

Collaborative

2018

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Feather River Ranger District Collaborative

June 5th 2018

Agenda

- 4:00 to 4:15 (pm) Welcome and Introductions
- 4:15 to 4:30 Collaborative Purpose and Goals
- 4:30 to 4:45 Stakeholder Input
- 4:45 to 5:00 Summarize Initial Goals / Next Steps
- 5:00 to 5:15 Break
- 5:15 to 5:45 Break-out Sessions (if Necessary/Desired)
- 5:45 to 6:00/7:00 Break-out Summary / Closing

*Note: Agenda or times may change based upon needs of the group.

Purpose: The purpose of the Feather River Ranger District Collaborative is to provide a venue and opportunity for any interested or concerned citizen or stakeholder to be involved in the active and adaptive management of our public lands under the jurisdiction of the Feather River Ranger District on the Plumas National Forest as part of the US Forest Service and Department of Agriculture.

Formation: The FRRD Collaborative is being formed on 18 April 2018, to help accentuate and augment public resources currently available and those not available to ensure all aspects of the FRRD management of public lands can be addressed in a transparent and inclusive manner.

Participants: All US citizens, visitors, and interested groups in our public lands are invited and encouraged to participate in this Collaborative and associated sub-committees, groups, and activities.

Members: The primary members of the Collaborative will be those of the specific staff/resource areas of the Feather River Ranger District and any other members/groups that want to be involved in planning, development and implementation activities in District and Plumas NF geographic areas. Members must commit to active involvement in meetings, correspondence, and communication; other than that, they have can their voice and input heard at meetings with public comment or during public scoping periods.

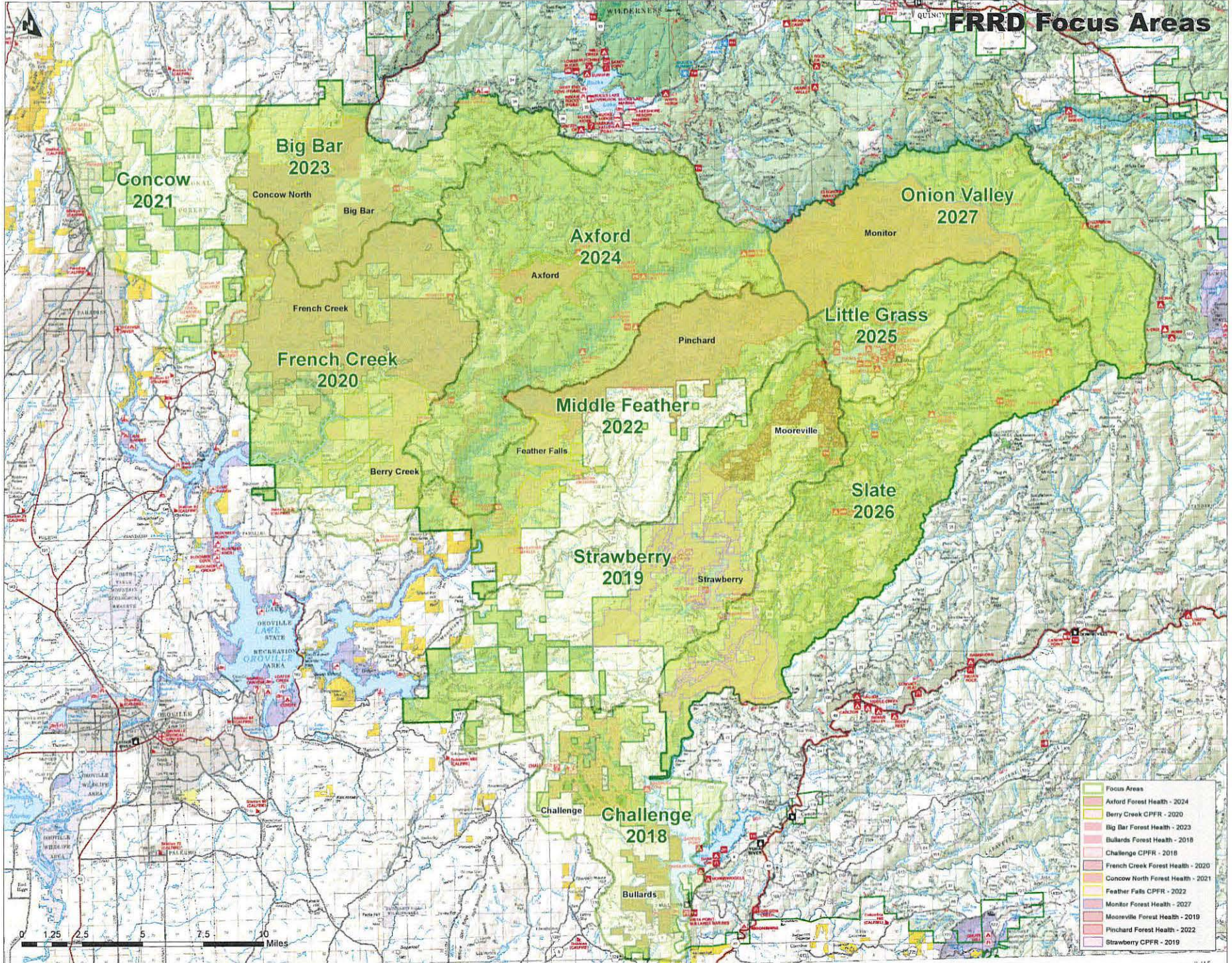
Committees: The following sub-committees will be established as part of the FRRD Collaborative.

1. Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) – Fire and Fuels Committee
2. Public Services – Recreation Committee
3. Motorized Travel Committee
4. Wildlife Habitat Improvement Committee
5. Public Concern and Solution Research Committee

Meetings: Meetings will occur once-a-quarter at the Feather River Ranger District generally on the Third Tuesday of the month from 4pm to 7pm, unless on a holiday week or must be changed for other important considerations. General committee meeting will be from 4pm to 5pm; and sub-committee meetings will be from 5pm to 7pm. The meeting months will generally be in February, May, September, and November. The initial meetings scheduled for 2018 are at the Feather River Ranger District Office at 875 Mitchell Blvd, Oroville, CA 95965 on Tuesday June 5th, September 18th, and November 27th, 2018 from 4pm to 7pm.

Authority: The FRRD Collaborative is a volunteer partner, collaborative, and input group to the Feather River Ranger District Team, the Feather River District Ranger, and to the Plumas National Forest. It is a public forum and does not carry any financial or fiduciary responsibilities.

FRRD Focus Areas



Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
2018 Emergency Road Repairs CE *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Road management	In Progress Scoping Start 05/15/2018	Expected: 06/2018	06/2018	Herman Wendell 530-532-7466 hwendell@fs.fed.us
	Description: These Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO)funded projects would replace failed culverts with larger pipe and other water control improvements before repairing damaged roadbed with the existing travel ways to reestablish access. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54024				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable China Gulch, FSR 23N60, MP 8.95; Four Trees Sites 1 and 2, FSR 23N28, MP 14.5 and 15.3; Milsap Bar, FRS 23N60, MP 6.8; Ponderosa Way Sites 1 and 2, FSR 20N24, MP 2.85 and MP 2.87				
Big Pan Mining Plan of Operations EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Comment Period 03/28/2018	Expected: 05/2018	05/2018	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Continued placer mining operation, using gold pans and sluice box. Long term occupancy. Non-system road with gate. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=53004				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T22N, R11E, Sec 7 eight miles west of the Beckwourth ranger station				
Bullards Bar Invasive Plant Treatments Project CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress Scoping Start 11/23/2017	Expected: 06/2018	10/2018	Lawrence Janeway 530-532-7417 ljaneway@fs.fed.us
	Description: To eradicate or control six species of non-native invasive plants: rush skeletonweed, yellow star-thistle, Scotch broom, barbed goatgrass, Italian thistle, and Medusa head using a combination of chemical (herbicide) and manual treatments. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=52835				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable Within one (the western) of two quarry sites along Marysville Road in the vicinity of the New Bullards Bar Dam.				
Challenge - Community Protection Wildfire Resilience Project EA *UPDATED*	- Fuels management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Jason Vermillion 530-532-7434 jvermillion@fs.fed.us
	Description: This HFRA wildfire resilience project is designed to treat the wildland urban interface (WUI)around the communities of Challenge and Woodleaf, California; enhance firefighter safety; remove hazardous trees along roads; improve forest health. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=49695				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable Wildland urban interface in and around the communities of Challenge and Woodleaf, California.				

Challenge Stand Maintenance and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management 	In Progress Scoping Start 08/09/2016	Expected: 06/2018	07/2018	Jason Vermillion 530-532-7434 jvermillion@fs.fed.us
Description: To authorize new entry and reentry into stands within the WUI, including experimental forest and spotted owl habitat to perform forest health improvement activities such as mechanical and hand-thinning, mastication, targeted grazing, prescribed fire. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54023					
Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable In and around the communities of Challenge and Woodleaf, California.					
Devils Gap Road Side Hazard Tree Project CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fuels management - Road management - Forest products 	In Progress Scoping Start 05/18/2018	Expected: 06/2018	07/2018	Eric Murphy 530-532-8922 ejmurphy@fs.fed.us
Description: Tree mortality has occurred along the 21N51 road from American House to Devils Gap. The District proposes to remove hazard trees with structural defects likely to cause failure of all or part of the tree, which may fall and hit the road prism. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54028					
Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable Along the National Forest System Road 21N51 from American House to Devils Gap.					
FRRD Abandoned Mine Closures - 2018 CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minerals and Geology 	In Progress Scoping Start 05/18/2018	Expected: 09/2018	05/2019	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
Description: These abandoned mines currently pose a safety and health risk to the public. There are five open adits. Underground, unstable rock, rotting timbers, rusting metal, bad air, low oxygen levels, deep water, and other unknown hazards may exist. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54025					
Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - MDM, T19N, R6E, Sections 3-5 & 8 South and East of South Fork Feather River entering Lake Oroville.					
Hughes Wetland Development and Maintenance CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants 	In Progress Scoping Start 03/28/2017	Expected: 09/2018	10/2018	James Johnson 530-283-7827 jamesmjohnson@fs.fed.us
Description: Propose to protect, maintain and enhance existing habitat conditions and provide additional breeding habitat for the California red-legged frog by constructing ponds, remove invasive species, and other activities in designated critical habitat. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=51541					
Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - Not Applicable Hughes Place within the French Creek watershed has been designated as critical Habitat for the California Red-Legged Frog.					
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Mooreville Ridge Insect and Disease Resilience Project CE	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress Scoping Start 05/18/2018	Expected: 10/2018		Eric Murphy 530-532-8922 ejmurphy@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	<p>Description: Reduce the risk of insect and disease-caused tree mortality through mechanical thinning. Fuels deduction and maintenance would be accomplished with mastication and prescribed burning. Residual stands will be more open, increasing resources for trees. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54027</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable Project area is located ~2 miles west and southwest of La Porte, CA at elevations ranging between 3,700 and 5,900 feet. Stands are Region 5 Forest Health Protection priority areas for treatment.</p>				
	Regular Baptist Camp Waterlines Special Use CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2018	Expected: 05/2019	05/2019
<p>Description: Authorize holder to operate, maintain, and upgrade existing waterlines across NFS lands to adjoining private camp through issuance of a 20 year Special Use permit. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=50386</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Sierra. LEGAL - Portions of T. 22N., R. 10E., section 20 NFS lands north of Delahunty Lake, adjacent to private lands known as Pilot Lake Camp.</p>					

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RANK	PROJECT NAME
1	Pendola Fire Restoration Project
2	Bullards Bar Fire Restoration Project
3	Bullards Bar Invasive Plant Treatments Project
4	Gibsonville Healthy Forest Restoration Project
5	Challenge Stand and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project
6	Mooreville Ridge Insect and Disease Resilience Project
7	Strawberry Valley Wildfire Resilience Project
8	Devils Gap Roadside Hazard Tree Salvage Project
9	Pondo Fire Salvage Project
10	Mountain Spring TC
11	Oregon Hill Hazard Tree Sale
12	Brush Creek Hazard Tree Sale
13	Palmetto MP Thin
14	Slate Creek IRTC
15	Forbestown IRSC
16	Oak Ridge IRTC
17	Paulson (On Top) Planting Contract
18	French Creek Insect and Disease Resiliency Project
19	Berry Creek Wildfire Resiliency Project
20	Jack Creek Meadow Restoration Project
21	District-Wide Underburning Implementation Projects
22	District-Wide Pile Burning Implementation Projects
23	Grass Flats DFPZ Service Work Grant
24	Concow DFPZ Good Neighbor Authority Service Work
25	Backlogged Fuels Reduction Service Work
26	Small Fuels Projects
27	Special Use Administration
28	PG&E Special Use Operations and Management Plan
29	FERC Licensing, Re-licensing, and Administration
30	Mining and Minerals Administration
31	CalTrans Highway 70 Road Work Special Use Proposal
32	Little Grass Valley Lakeshore Trail Bridge Replacement
33	Objections, Litigation, FOIA, Regulatory Compliance
34	Recreation Program Operations
35	Non-Native Invasive Species (NNIS) Control
36	Feather Falls Trail Repair Project
37	Swayne Skid Shacks – FY2018 Heritage Section 110 Work
38	Gibsonville Cemetery – FY2018 Heritage Section 110 Work
39	Out-Year Heritage Section 110 Work
40	Big Pan Mining Plan of Operations Project
41	Abandoned Mine Lands Closures 2017 Planning
42	Abandoned Mine Lands Closures 2018 Planning
43	Hughes CRLF Wetland Development & Maintenance
44	2018 Emergency Road Repairs Project
45	HDH Millet Non-System Road Obliteration Project

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46	Table 2 Trails Assessment Grant Project
47	Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership (SNAP) Intern
48	Diamond Springs Watershed and Wildlife Improvement
49	Slate Creek Oak Restoration Road Improvements
50	Grass Flat Meadow Restorations
51	2018/2019 OHV Ground Operations & Maintenance Grant
52	OHV Restoration Grant
53	Granite Basin Motorized Recreation Grant (Butte Co. RDC)
54	Flume Camp CERCLA Site
55	Jackson Ranch Cultural Resource Protection Project
56	Cleghorn Pit Toilet Replacement
57	Tawes Cabin (Trespass at Howland Flat) Removal
58	Backlogged Special Uses Applications (Expired SUP)
59	Regular Baptist Camp Waterlines Special Use Application
60	Watdog Road Closures and Decommissioning
61	Sugarload Road Decommissioning
62	Concow Watershed Restoration Project
63	Concow Wildfire Resiliency Project
64	French Creek Road Closures and Decommissioning
65	Slate Creek Road Closure and Decommissioning
66	Forest Service Road 22N61 Road Improvements
67	On Top Road Decommissioning
68	Feather Falls Watershed Restoration Project
69	Big Bar Insect and Disease Resiliency Project
70	Little North Fork Road Decommissioning
71	Nelson Creek Road Improvements
72	Sierra County Roads Project
73	Feather Falls Land Donation
74	Deadwood Hydro Special Use
75	Dome Trail Stair Reconstruction Project
76	Valley Creek Trail Expansion Project
77	Axford Integrated Vegetation Management Projects
78	Little Grass Integrated Vegetation Management Projects
79	Slate Creek Integrated Vegetation Management Projects
80	Onion Valley Integrated Vegetation Management Projects
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Collaboration Process for the Feather River Ranger District

For the Feather River Ranger District, the responsible official has opted to use a collaborative process for strategic and tactical project planning that includes multiple interested persons representing diverse interests and is transparent and non-exclusive, as required by the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, Section 603(b)(1)(C)(i) and (ii)(I).

The following information demonstrates how the responsible official and the planning team: identifies and involves relevant stakeholders early in the process; develops a strategy to conduct a non-exclusive and transparent collaboration process; and plans for development and implementation of the project as part of the collaborative effort.

Identify and Involve Relevant Stakeholders Early in the Process

1) What agencies/organizations/individuals are being invited to participate early in the process to ensure diverse interests are represented?

a) Federal, state, and local government agencies: Congressman Doug LaMalfa, Congressman John Garamendi, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Oroville, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Yuba City, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Quincy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Fire (CalFire), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), Butte County, Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), Yuba County, Butte County, Yuba County, Sierra County, Plumas County

b) Tribal governments: Estom Yumeka Tribe of Enterprise Rancheria, Tyme Maidu Tribe of Berry Creek Rancheria, Concow Maidu Tribe of Mooretown Rancheria, Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria

c) National, regional, and local stakeholders; non-governmental organizations: Sierra Forest Legacy (SFL), Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), John Muir Project (JMP), Plumas Forest Health (PFH), Lassen Forest Preservation Group (LFPG), Butte County Forest Advisory Committee (BCFAC), Feather River Land Trust, Sierra Institute for Community and Environment, Camptonville Community Partnership, Bear Yuba Land Trust

d) Communities: City of Oroville, Town of Paradise, Forest Ranch Community Association, Mountain House Community Services District

e) Interested groups or individuals, including resource advisory committees, fire safe councils, resource conservation districts, and watershed councils: Butte County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC), Yuba County Fire Safe Council (YCFSC), Plumas County Fire Safe Council, Feather River Ranger District Collaborative (FRRDC), Berry Creek FSC, Concow/Yankee Hill FSC, Feather Falls FSC, Forbestown Ridge FSC, Paradise Ridge FSC, Dobbins/Oregon House Fire Protection District, Yuba County Water Agency, Butte County Water Commission, Butte County Resource Conservation District (BCRCD), Butte County Tree Mortality Task Force, Butte College, Feather River College, California State University Chico, University of California Cooperative Extension, Dick Artley

f) Business and industry representatives: American Forest Resource Council (AFRC), Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI), Soper-Wheeler Company, Siller Brothers, Inc., J.W. Bamford, Inc., Trinity River Lumber Company, Apex Enterprises, Inc., Kubich Forest Products, Mike Corliss, Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E), South Feather Water and Power

2) How are these entities contacted? The District posts its proposed projects on the Forest's Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA), as well as displaying its' strategic 10 year program of work publicly and on its

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website. Collaboratives and partnerships are notified in writing ahead of the proposed projects and ahead of implementation if and when reasonable and possible. As well, email is used to engage potential/appropriate stakeholders in the project or program area. Some projects are posted and publicized with a public field trip and/or public meeting. Projects may be discussed in conjunction with a field trip or in a walk-through format.

Strategy to Conduct Non-exclusive and Transparent Collaboration

1) What method is used for facilitating the collaborative process and how does this method promote inclusiveness and transparency? The Forest works with the Tribal Governments, Butte County RAC, the BCFAC and the FRRDC. The Butte County RAC, BCFAC, and FRRDC are open groups which promote inclusiveness and transparency and currently has a very diverse active membership.

2) Demonstrate how the responsible official establishes clear objectives, roles and responsibilities for all participants at the beginning of the collaborative process.

a. What are the objectives of the collaborative process for the District? The objectives of the collaborative process are to improve Forest resiliency to resist or preclude damage to the Forest from insect and disease outbreaks, reduce potential for catastrophic fire outbreak that could have detrimental and serious consequences for the Wildland Urban Interface and for our threatened, endangered, and sensitive wildlife and plant species. The process intends to involve subject matter experts as well as taking into account concerns and needs of stakeholders. Additionally, it is a goal to have a collaborative process that continues through implementation so that more resources are available for effects monitoring.

b. What are the roles and responsibilities for the Collaboratives and District Team?

i. Participants: Share ideas and priorities with the Responsible Official relative to how projects are designed to best meet objectives. Additionally, work together to help create a plan on how the collaborative can complement work Forest Service and explore opportunities through Partnerships to work collaboratively in the implementation phase.

ii. Inter-Disciplinary Team (IDT): Share ideas and priorities with the Responsible Official, collect needed data, review best available science, and provide analysis as directed by the Responsible Official.

iii. Responsible Official: Give guidance to the Inter-Disciplinary Team and the participants. Listen to all involved in the collaborative process. Stay engaged and informed throughout the process.

3) Demonstrate how the responsible official clearly defines the decision space from the beginning and creates incentives for a variety of interested individuals and organizations to participate.

a. How will the responsible official identify for the collaborators the laws/regulations/policies and Forest Plan standards that guide and/or constrain the decision space and how will these be presented?

The Responsible Official or a representative will make project briefs available for public and collaborative review, appropriate members of the IDT will discuss these items during field trips and at collaborative meetings. Additionally, project documents will be shared when appropriate and available. This information will be shared and discussed early in the process and throughout as new information is gained.

b. How will the responsible official work to set realistic expectations, while encouraging participants to think creatively, optimistically, and pragmatically throughout the process? The Responsible Official or a representative will be engaged at collaborative meetings as to have a good understanding of the capacity and skill sets of participants. The Responsible Official or a representative will be positive but realistic relative to timelines and what the collaborative effort can accomplish. The Responsible Official or a representative will be engaged and involved to help participants in the collaborative process better understand their role by clearly defining the decision space.

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4) Demonstrate how the responsible official clearly explains the project principles, sharing of ideas and asking for input from collaborators.

a. Based on initial data collection and project area visits, how does the responsible official outline some of the opportunities that exist? The Responsible Official or a representative will summarize what is known about the project and provide updated information at regular intervals as necessary through the process. Information will be presented and discussed so that it can be understood by most of those involved. The Responsible Official or a representative will frame information relative to the sideboards of what will be allowable from such things as laws/regulations/policies and Forest Plan standards.

b. Based on decision space and initial opportunities identified, how does the responsible official outline some of the options (proposed treatment areas, possible types of treatment, mitigation measures/design features etc.) that exist and will he/she disclose the perceived pros/cons associated with these options? The Responsible Official or a representative will give as accurate as possible proposed action site maps and narratives, show proposed treatment areas, possible types of treatment, mitigation measures, and design features in a format that is simple and can be updated as new information becomes available. This document and other appropriate information (such as maps, etc.) will guide discussions at collaborative meetings.

c. Upon identifying these initial opportunities and options, how does the responsible official allow for feedback and input from the participants? The Responsible Official allows feedback through multiple methods such as verbally, in writing, by email, or during collaborative meetings. The preferable methods being in writing or email, so they are easily summarized and can be put into the project record as appropriate.

d. How does the responsible official intend to use this feedback? The Responsible Official will take into account all feedback from participants, the Interdisciplinary Team, public scoping, collaborative groups, and from project proponents to frame proposed actions, conduct review and analysis, and make decisions that best meets the objectives of the project and the needs of the stakeholders.

Plan for Development and Implementation as Part of the Collaborative Effort

1) How does the responsible official share information widely and continuously (i.e. routine updates on the project webpage, email, etc.)? The Responsible Official or a representative will be engaged in collaborative meetings which allow for continuous dialogue, keep the Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) and the District Strategic Plans updated, and provide evolving briefing papers when appropriate that provide basic project information as well as current project status.

2) How does the collaborative process utilize local knowledge in conjunction with scientific research? Engaging the local knowledge of the diverse membership of the collaborative as well as using the best available science from the Forest Service and partners enable dialogue that takes into account both local knowledge and resource specialty expertise from the government and academia.

3) What commitments does the responsible official make to the collaborative group, and how will he/she ensure these are honored and consistent with existing laws and regulations? The Responsible Official will be engaged and communicate clearly when commitments are being made. The Responsible Official is committed to listening and having meaningful dialogue. The Responsible Official will us reviews by Forest Service specialists to ensure consistency with existing laws and regulations.

4) How will collaborative participants engage during implementation and will they remain involved in monitoring after project completion? Through the collaborative process the groups will explore partnerships for implementation and monitoring through agreements and other authorized mechanisms to be able to continue monitoring from the planning through the decision and implementation stages of project development and review.

