

DESIRED CONDITIONS 6 JUNE 2017

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0900-1100 - Desired Conditions (Becky Estes)

AIM: describe desired conditions for SOFAR area by July 31, 2017.

Unconstrained approach to this exercise, with some considerations:

- different landowners will have different desired conditions
- how to incorporate climate change adaptability
- changing species compositions / managed relocation
- capturing different conditions over community succession / over time

What product are we envisioning?

- a table or document with values at risk/of priority
- details of % landscape and detailed conditions
- map of where these are with attributes describing values and / or desired conditions
- match between proposed/ongoing/future projects and those desired conditions

Possible funding sources may rely on central clearing house to keep track of ongoing related projects.

- coordinator to manage projects and funding
- GIS support - is there outside funding available to get it going?
- estimate \$200,000 cost to fly rest of SOFAR footprint for LiDAR

Reviewed take-away from DC Thought Experiment: Concurrence 1 tab showing values of priority in each zone

- How do we translate these into desired future conditions? How do we put these on a map?
- Embed language from Community Protection Plan?
- Working to describe a desired condition that protects the values listed or maintains a resilient condition for those values
- Fire on the landscape is a desired condition, and regular disturbance is required, expected, and accepted in all zones

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Have documents available to help draft this!

How to incorporate management of large parcels of private in "built community"
How far out does the "built community" go? 100' defense zone? Village? Private tracts?

We need more information (visual/map) of the current communities to better describe this zone. (County data, integrate with FS layers?)

=Defined as the ???

COMMUNITY WILDFIRE DEFENSE

Have documents available to help draft this!

How remote is this zone? Embedded on large parcels? A ring around a village or "built environment"?

=Defined as the area adjacent of the built community, potentially embedded within larger, more rural communities

Reduce surface and ladder fuels and achieve canopy spacing to mitigate the threat of wildfire to built infrastructure.

GENERAL WILDFIRE THREAT

From previous discussion:

- Prescribed fire and managed wildfire may be used across the landscape, where conditions allow
- Under specified conditions, managed wildfire may be applied
- Likelihood of high-intensity wildfire is low
- Applicable to areas near the built environment (people/places/things), habitat of ESA-listed species (USFWS consultations), ecologically rare features, (young) plantations

How do we incorporate resilience into these, especially the spatial and temporal variation inherent in a high-disturbance landscape?

MANAGED FIRE ZONE

From previous discussion:

- Wildfire of variable intensity and severity acceptable, as defined by social, ecological, and economic goals (**Needs discussion and refinement**)
- Areas are defined by the resources at risk (e.g. watershed or wildlife) and tolerance to different levels of disturbance (e.g. low vs. high intensity)
- Managed natural ignitions may be the primary tool for fuel reduction

How general or specific do we want to be? May be more specific (by veg type, include non-fire resource conditions) since we are focused on one watershed within the landscape (not a whole forest). Revised LRMP looks too general - not enough specifics of how to manage the land.

Aim for enough specifics so that project planning may compare current and listed desired to determine if action is needed.

How to move forward toward July 31 deadline for Draft Desired/Future Conditions?

Built and Community Protection = Heather Campbell and Mark Egbert to draft

General Fire Threat & Managed Fire = Becky E., Pat M., Dan C.

Timeline to be given in follow up email = aim for JUNE 30 SO GROUP CAN REVIEW BEFORE JULY MEETING.

AIMS: adapt existing documents to SOFAR area, removing desired conditions irrelevant (e.g. fisher), adjust others (e.g. community requirements); include GIS needs so Kendal may bring those requests to that group.

Full meeting has time on the agenda to introduce an extended discussion on the desired conditions.