

NOTES: Landscape Vision Committee

Nov. 14, 2017

Key Outcomes

- All **desired conditions** information due by **Dec. 8** close of business. On **Dec. 11**, document will be “frozen” so everyone can review for discussion on Dec. 13.
- Mapping work for **existing conditions** is underway.
- A small group will meet to look at the Tahoe West indicators and decide the best way to adapt that approach for SOFAR, which the committee will discuss.

Next Meeting: Dec. 13, 1:00-4:00

- Desired Conditions (top priority)
- Tahoe West Indicators Application to SOFAR Desired
- Values at Risk – revisit work group previous decisions

Immediate Next Steps

Kendal – share the values at risk developed by working group

Becky – share the Tahoe West indicators

Action Items

Desired Conditions Action Items

All – by 12/8 enter all changes on desired conditions

Duane – will follow up with Mike Webb and Travis to review theme 5, wildfire response

Gina – will follow up with Mark Egbert to add a bullet to social and economic on agriculture

Gina – add in “surrounding community informed / education” concept in social and econ value

Kendal -- will follow up with Eric Nisita to touch up the soil language

Kendal - Introductory language

Ben – add glossary terms

Debrief of Collaborative’s November Feedback on Desired Conditions

In November, the full collaborative reviewed the draft desired conditions. The committee discussed key observations from the input received.

Everyone appreciated the good feedback and engagement. The Collaborative indicated general agreement for where the landscape vision is headed.

All agreed that it's important to remind constantly that this is focused on the landscape level (i.e. very high level) and to know that the desired conditions are advisory; the desired conditions are not focused at the property level or even

project level. Participants need to understand the purpose of the desired conditions.

A continuing challenge is how non-Forest Service lands fit into this. Ownership questions keep coming up. The Committee concurred that it does not need a special category for vineyard or orchard, yet it's a feature that no one wants to burn up. One way to address concerns about working landscapes / economic engines would be to incorporate into the built environment to make sure that is clear. Values at risk will highlight some of these values.

Glossary Terms

Industrial (CalFire Forest Practices)

Non-industrial

Resilience (include climate change)

Timelines

By 12/8 COB -- enter all changes on Google Docs.

12/11, Monday morning -- **freeze document** on Monday morning – any other comments, bring to the meeting.

Dec 13 Desired Conditions Discussion Topics

- Air quality
- Wildfire response
- Industrial and nonindustrial lands

GIS / Mapping

Forest Service staff are working on developing the GIS / mapping data for SOFAR. Current condition is probably the most important map underway. Resilience indicators and indices for wildlife, etc. would be important layers that SOFAR could use.

Existing projects can tend to be too general and don't offer a lot of insights regarding when a site needs to be revisited or what the project needed.

Tahoe West

Tahoe West created indicators and then placed value on them that they were then able to map to qualify resilience. Tahoe West had Lidar while SOFAR only has Lidar on part of the landscape. Having Lidar on some areas and not others could create confusion when interpreting the maps.

Dana would like to adopt the indices that Tahoe West used. SOFAR has desired conditions; some are trying to identify indicators for those desired conditions. For our desired conditions, SOFAR needs to think about what are the indicators that will help identify and define resilience. SOFAR will have to adapt Tahoe West to SOFAR indicators.

The first steps are to take SOFAR desired conditions and do a “cross-walk” between those conditions and the indicators.

Dana and Becky and Tracy volunteered to spend some time on the “cross-walk” between SOFAR desired conditions and the Tahoe West indicators to identify what SOFAR can carry over and what data sets that SOFAR has available.

Someone from fire and fuels will be important for this work.

Dec 13 Discussion (time permitting)

Initial Consideration of Indicators

Kendal -- Revisit Value at Risk discussed in an early meeting

Agenda Item Tracking

This is a list of items that the group is tracking for discussion, which will go on the agenda when ready.

- Discuss detailed information of General Sherman area in November or soon thereafter
- Discuss current assessment of communities' fire readiness status