

**Chili-Bar to Georgetown**  
**November 26, 2018: Meeting in the field**  
**Meeting Notes by Craig Thomas**

**Attendees included:** Dana Walsh, USFS; Mike Webb, CAL FIRE; Burns Brimhall, BLM; Ray Griffiths, Georgetown Fire Safe Council, and Craig Thomas, Sierra Forest Legacy; and Matt Marshall, an interested homeowner in Garden Valley.

Missing were Mark Egbert, EDCO RCD and Jason Sieg, Georgetown District Ranger.

We had the Forest Service and CAL FIRE maps hanging on the back of Mike's rig and reviewed the priority areas in the southern part of the Chili Bar to Georgetown area where there is a mix of Forest Service and BLM parcels and private lands that all desperately need treatment or re-treatments to regain resilience.

**We discussed:**

A system of prioritized fuel breaks ID'd on the CAL FIRE map and much needed roadside treatments for the main roads (paved and dirt) for ingress and egress during an event.

During a short walk-around, we discussed the serious fuel hazard (in the photo) in the understory including lots of dense, tall, white leaf manzanita, toyon, and our least favorite invasive shrub, Scotch broom, that exits on hundreds and hundreds of acres of open areas and also growing under overstory forests of Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, Black oak, Madrone, and Canyon live oak. Most challenging for us all is thinking about not only getting the work completed on a significant number of acres to make a difference but also maintaining the resilience once achieved. We walked past several areas that were treated (thinned or masticated) 15-ish years ago on Forest Service ground and BLM ground on and near Shoo Fly Road that now look like the attached photo.

Mike discussed how critical these treatments are to be able defend and hopefully stop a fire coming out of the SF American River Canyon tracking the prevailing winds.

We also discussed getting the NEPA/CEQA completed and ready for a June 2019 CCI grant submission. We are looking to have a sit-down meeting with Mark Egbert in the near future to discuss the scope of the project.

With the Christmas Holidays coming, the next Chili-Bar to Georgetown meeting is **Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00 am at the Garden Valley Fire Station #51.**