

NOTES: SOFAR Landscape Vision Committee

March 23, 2023

Next Steps

- Participants will engage in smaller offline conversations and keep updating the project list spreadsheet [\[LINK\]](#)
- CBI will advance the suggestion to add a Grizzly Flats focus area and any need to move from geographic focus areas towards a needs-based focus.
- Michelle Wolfgang and CBI will touch base about status of USFS projects and add agreement numbers to the spreadsheet (scheduled)
- CBI will follow up about specific projects with these people:
 - Craig Thomas and potentially Tamara Johnston about Georgetown (emailed)
 - EID (complete)
 - Mark Egbert
 - Crystal Basin projects
- Michelle Wolfgang and Chris Dallas to touch base about tracking projects and RFFC Program
- Dave Z will ask Heather Campbell and/or Dorothy Fine about Camino-PP projects and Karen Pullin about Mosquito Veg Management project (emailed)
- Lester will follow up with Kyle Ericson about Alder Creek project for Headwaters table at April 12 meeting

The next LV meeting will be April 27 at 1 PM online.

The next Collaborative meeting will be a project showcase April 12 from 1:30-3:15 in person at the EID building in Placerville.

Focus Area Fact Sheet Updates

The group worked together to update the [SOFAR Focus Area Projects Worksheet](#).

Michelle Wolfgang, ENF, announced new USFS staff who may attend future Landscape Vision meetings: Zach Browning as Region 5 shared Stewardship Advisor with Sierra Institute and Jeremy Camarra as Regional Shared Partnership Coordinator.

Headwaters / Caples

The scope of the three projects from the 2019/2020 Fact Sheets have all transitioned to Caldor Recovery. The five-year Caldor recovery implementation plan will have many project components beginning in the next year. Timber salvage projects are difficult because the market is overwhelmed, there are still not enough operators or biomass facilities to take all of the existing material. However, there is money coming into the system from the Bipartisan infrastructure law and Inflation Reduction Act, so local forests aren't as dependent upon commercial timber sales. EDCWA has asked in the Farm Bill for a pilot program to export logs off the landscape.

Headwaters should still be its own focus area, even though it is subsumed by Caldor Fire. The upcoming Alder Creek and Kyburz projects will be in the Headwaters area. Caldor Fire recovery will be completed in resiliency blocks – there may be a need to move away from a geographic focus area footprint to recovery needs footprint. Kyle Ericson and Lester Lubetkin will touch base about information on the Alder Creek project for the April 12 Headwaters table.

[Chili Bar to Georgetown](#)

Craig Thomas will know about status of Georgetown area projects, Tamara Johnston also wrote many grants for the FSC and would know the status of those projects.

USFS Mosquito Fire recovery work is still in the preliminary planning stages, but upcoming.

[Crystal Basin](#)

In Crystal Basin there are projects within projects. There are contacts in the spreadsheet for CBI to follow up with about project statuses.

[Camino to Pollock Pines](#)

CBI will follow up with EID and the RCD about projects in this area. Dave Zelinsky will reach out to the appropriate FSCs about the status of their projects in this area.

[New Focus Area: Grizzly Flats](#)

Grizzly Flats is within the newly expanded SOFAR footprint and has a lot of Caldor recovery project work. There should be a new focus area to the east to recognize this- from Grizzly Flats to Headwaters.

[Link](#) to All Meeting Materials