

NOTES: SOFAR Landscape Vision Committee

Held May 31, 2018

Key Outcomes

Priority Focus Areas and Advancing Projects

Headwaters – Caples: The Eldorado has identified Travis and Kendal to participate in the small headwaters work group in the Caples area along with Ben Solvesky and Duane. Michelle Havens will also participate but is leaving for a 4-month detail. Travis will serve as lead for the group.

Sly Park to Camino

The small group has met and identified projects. The committee requested that the group request that Caltrans do thinning on its easement as part of ongoing work and that the small group write up the strategy.

Chili Bar to Georgetown

Dana Walsh is leaving on a 4-month detail. Craig Thomas of Sierra Forest Legacy is conducting outreach in this priority focus area to build a foundation for work to advance. The committee will hear more at its June meeting.

Next Meeting

June 28, 1:00-3:00 (note, Gina on vacation)

- Headwaters
- Chili Bar to Georgetown

Meeting Materials @ <http://sofarcohesivestrategy.org/meetings/>

Action Items

Chief Webb / Small Group		<p>Pollock Pines / Sly Park Request that Caltrans do thinning on its land in the easement as part of its work. .</p> <p>Write up brief overview of strategy and projects.</p> <p>Small Group: Mark, Dan, Pat, Heather, Teresa, Mike</p>
Travis Ben Duane Kendal	Be ready for 6/26 meeting	<p>Headwaters Caples Get together: Ben, Duane, Travis and Kendal Goal – bring a conceptual plan, including boundary, and next steps to this group by 6/26 meeting Update project description sheet (on google docs)</p>
Craig Thomas		<p>Chili Bar to Georgetown Conducting outreach over the summer</p> <p>Goal – bring a conceptual plan, including boundary, and next steps to work group</p> <p>Small Group: Mark Egbert. BLM (Monty), Scott from FS, Craig Thomas, Sarah Gerard, Fire Safe Council; Chief Webb; Linda “Sneez”, Karen Swansboro Fire Safe Council</p>
Mark Jose	For small group meeting	<p>Chili Bar to Georgetown Identify structures over \$10k in value and population centers for the analysis</p>

Priority Focus Areas

Pollock Pines – Sly Park Focus Area

A small group met and looked at the Camino and Pollock Pines area. The Fire Safe Council, EID, ENF, SPI and others met to identify projects and opportunities for coordination. EID and the Pollock Pines/ Sly Park Fire Safe Council is putting in a grant to fund additional work. Some of the projects identified include:

- ❑ Independent Badger area / project to bolster Fire Safe Council work (about 6000 acres).
- ❑ SPI is doing several fuel breaks. The others are separate from Fire Adapted 50, but nearby. SPI will continue the fire line that was cut during the King Fire. Essentially, it will be a giant ring around Jenkinson Lake. SPI is coordinating with others on ridgelines east of Jenkinson Lake.
- ❑ EID identified areas where it will have projects to protect infrastructure. EID is looking to treat around the lake in the 2019-2020 timeframe.
- ❑ ENF is pursuing plans on urban lots that are being contracted to the RCD and several others.
- ❑ Fire Adapted 50 is also moving forward just outside of the SOFAR boundary.

- BLM has a couple of parcels in the area. Maybe they could be incorporated.

Identified Previously and Currently Underway

- Weber Creek – RCD is moving forward.
- Fire-Adapted 50 Phase 2 is going through Independence Hill and Badger Hill.

What's Next? What's Needed?

Caltrans is removing hazard trees, but they are not doing thinning on parcels along Highway 50. The RCD and CalFire would have to work with Caltrans to get them to pursue this. If they could do from Strawberry down to Placerville would be really significant.

Homeowners really need to treat their properties all along Sly Park Road and beyond there. The Fire Safe Councils are critical to this work.

Next Steps

CalFire explore pursuing thinning along the Highway 50. Would like to see them extend beyond their easements as well.

Headwaters – Caples

The headwaters area is about 50,000 acres and the Caples area is around 8,000 acres.

Jay Kurth from the Eldorado identified owl habitat areas (protected activity corridors or PACs) and goshawks in the project area. Owls and goshawks tend to require similar habitat. The forest would like to do some prescribed fire in that area. These maps can be used to prioritize what treatment might be appropriate. The small group will factor in fuel breaks and SOFAR zones.

Chili Bar to Georgetown

The focus for this work would be:

- Fuel break
- Fire resilient communities
- Fire resilient landscape

The area has mixed ownership: BLM and FS and private property

Next Steps

Small Group: Craig Thomas is a good person to lead on this; Mark Egbert; BLM (Monty); Scott Berkhart (fuels officer) from FS (away on detail); Teresa current Georgetown District Ranger; Sarah Gerard, Fire Safe Council; Chief Webb; Linda "Sneez" Seczpeznick; Karen at Swansboro Fire Safe Council.