



Fire Learning Network Notes from the Field

On the half-day field trip, participants warmed themselves by a campfire while increasing their shared learning about management issues and sensitivities in late seral conifer forests.

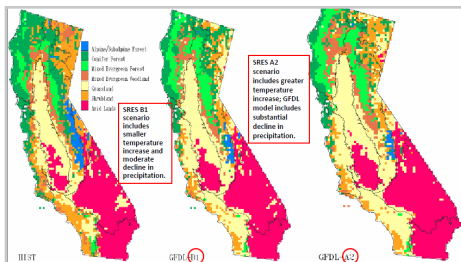


FireScope Mendocino Workshop #5

January 28-29, 2015

In late January, 44 stakeholders in the FireScope Mendocino landscape took part in the fifth of a series of planning workshops using the Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation. Those present brought a wide range of expertise, including in botany, ecology, archaeology and fisheries, as well as forestry and fire. They represented industry, homeowner groups and conservation organizations, as well as CAL FIRE and significant commitment from the Mendocino National Forest, including the acting forest supervisor, two district rangers and a deputy district ranger.

The group worked on refining strategies developed earlier in the process. This included testing those strategies in light of climate change forecasts. Two presentations on climate change science, and predictions scaled to California and the scope of FireScope Mendocino helped participants develop a shared understanding.



Chad Roberts (Tuleyome) gave a presentation (“Climate Change Primer—What is Climate Change and How Should We Think about It?”) tailored to the landscape. The presentation is available on www.conservationgateway.org (search *FireScope Mendocino climate change*).

Subgroups that will advance work on four key strategies were also identified at this workshop, as were pairs of people to lead each subgroup. The subgroups (and their leads) are:

- *Collaborative Vegetation Management*—Chad Roberts (Tuleyome/Audubon) and Gary Urdahl (Mendocino NF).
- *Fire Adapted Communities*—Dawn Pedersen (CAL FIRE), Curtis Coats (Mendocino NF), and Linda Juntunen (Lake County Fire Safe Council).
- *Tribal Involvement*—Mike Dugas (Mendocino NF tribal liaison)
- *Air Quality Issues*—Don Amador (OHV Blue Ribbon Coalition), Frank Aebly (Mendocino NF) and Tom McCubbins (Tehama County Resource Conservation District)

Assignment for Subgroup Facilitative Co-Leads

1. Provide an open, inclusive environment.
2. Act as convenors for the group.
3. Reach out to additional stakeholders.
4. Keep basic records.
5. Report to the core team and group participants.
6. Make sure all ideas are considered.

Participating Agencies & Organizations

American Forest Resource Council
 Audubon Society—Tuleyome/Yolo
 CAL FIRE
 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
 Crane Mills
 Environmental Protection Information Center
 Lake County Fire Safe Council
 Office of Congressman Doug LaMalfa
 Pillsbury Homeowners’ Association
 Sierra Pacific Industries
 Tuleyome
 USDA Forest Service—Mendocino National Forest
 USDA Forest Service—Region 5
 as well as private landowners, citizens and foresters

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