



Sierra Nevada Forest and Community Initiative
Regional Coordinating Council Agenda
January 23, 2013 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
The Ridge
Ridge 1 Room
2020 Golf Course Road
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Meeting Goals:

- 1) *To adopt this as an official position statement of the Council and a commitment to consider supporting adaptive management as the Council considers other issues .*
- 2) *To review the socioeconomic indicators section of the Leadership Intent Implementation Plan, to discuss how it will be used in the forest plan updates moving forward, and to discuss applications for making the indicators a practical tool that can be used on the ground throughout the Sierra.*
- 3) *To provide feedback to the Forest Service regarding the information that should be included in the Forest Chapter template update to the USFS Leadership Intent Implementation Plan.*
- 4) *To update the Council on the current status of the CA Bioenergy Action Plan, the Southern Sierra Fisher Conservation Strategy and spotted owl conservation efforts, and to introduce the Council to the new Ecological Restoration Team.*
- 5) *To identify additional ideas, tools and Council actions that could increase pace and scale while keeping benefit in local communities; to identify opportunities to redirect resources more effectively to increase pace and scale; and*
- 6) *to clarify the role of the Policy Working Group as it relates to follow up on the issues described above.*

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
10:00	<p>Welcome and Agenda Check</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Mandy and Tristyn’s roles in the Council
10:10	<p>Review of SNFCI Position Statement on Adaptive Management</p> <p>SNFCI fosters continuing adaptive management research through full integration of scientists and field resource experts that can contribute to the development of a hypothesis—experiment—monitor--adjust approach to inform project design and implementation of ecological restoration and habitat improvement.</p> <p><i>Objective for this agenda item: To adopt this as an official position statement of the Council and a commitment to consider supporting adaptive management as the Council considers other issues .</i></p>

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TIME	AGENDA ITEM
10:15	<p>Review of Socio-Economic Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Leadership Intent Implementation Plan—Socioeconomic Indicators Sectionb. Integration into Forest Plan Updatec. Practical applications of socioeconomic indicators <p><i>Objective for this agenda item: To review the socioeconomic indicators section of the Leadership Intent Implementation Plan, to discuss how it will be used in the forest plan updates moving forward, and to discuss applications for making the indicators a practical tool that can be used on the ground throughout the Sierra.</i></p>
10:45	<p>USFS Leadership Intent Implementation Plan Discussion: the challenges of Increasing Pace and Scale and Forest Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Forest Chapter Template Revision Discussion <p><i>Objective for this agenda item: To provide feedback to the Forest Service regarding the information that should be included in the Forest Chapter template update to the USFS Leadership Intent Implementation Plan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">b. Updates for efforts that could affect increasing pace and scale<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Introduction of new Ecological Restoration Teamii. CA Bioenergy Action Planiii. Southern Sierra Fisher Conservation Strategyiv. Spotted Owl Update <p><i>Objective for this agenda item: To update the Council on the current status of the CA Bioenergy Action Plan, the Southern Sierra Fisher Conservation Strategy and spotted owl conservation efforts, and to introduce the Council to the new Ecological Restoration Team.</i></p>
12:15	Lunch

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TIME	AGENDA ITEM
12:45	<p>USFS Leadership Intent Implementation Plan Discussion: the challenges of Increasing Pace and Scale and Forest Planning (continued)</p> <p>I. Discussion of ways to increase pace and scale in a way that ensures that the work generated benefits local communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. What's working?B. What are the obstacles?C. Are there resources supporting redundancies, inefficiencies or irrelevancies in the system that could be redirected more productively?D. Are there unutilized tools we can employ?E. What can the Council do? <p><i>Objective for this agenda item: To identify additional ideas, tools and Council actions that could increase pace and scale while keeping benefit in local communities; to identify opportunities to redirect resources more effectively to increase pace and scale</i></p> <p>II. Clarify role of the Policy Working Group in this area</p> <p><i>Clarify the role of the Policy Working Group as it relates to follow up on the issues described above.</i></p>
1:40	Other Updates
2:00	Next Meeting Date; Adjourn

Meeting Ground Rules

- **Electronic courtesy.** Most of the participants have demanding responsibilities outside of the meeting room. We ask for your attention during the full meeting. Please turn cell phones, or any other communication item with an on/off switch to "silent." If you do not believe you will be able to participate fully, please talk to your facilitator.
- **Be comfortable.** Please help yourself to refreshments or take personal breaks.
- **Humor is welcome** and important, but humor should never be at someone else's expense.
- **Stay focused on the charge and deliverables.** There are many related topics that people care about. The group cannot address all of these. The facilitator will help the group stay focused on the deliverables.

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- **Use common conversational courtesy.** Don't interrupt others. Use appropriate language. Avoid side conversations.
- **Treat each other with respect.** People are passionate about these issues and in many cases have invested their careers in this work. People offer their time, expertise, insight, and resources in these discussions. Please respect the work that people do to advance the conversation and create common ground.
- **All ideas and points have value.** You may hear something you do not agree with. You are not required to defend or promote your perspective, but you are asked to share it. All ideas have value in this setting. If you believe another approach is better, offer it as a constructive alternative.
- **Avoid editorials.** Please avoid ascribing motives to or judging the actions of others. Please speak about your experiences, concerns, and suggestions.
- **Honor time.** In order to achieve meeting objectives it will be important to follow the time guidelines provided by the facilitator.