



Meeting of MOUP, UCST, and USFS American River Ranger District Staff at the American River Ranger District 10/02/06

The following are the key agreements and a meeting summary that will be approved by all meeting participants and posted on the SNAMP web site for public comment.

Key Agreements:

- 1) Kim will work with Peter Stine, Reg Barrett, and John Battles to initiate wildlife discussions prior to the November 1 meeting in order to ensure that key agreements are reviewed, understood, and reached.
- 2) The MOUP and UCST will have a conference call at 3PM on October 11 in order to develop further the agenda for the November 1 meeting to better identify key participants, including the key district staff, if necessary.
- 3) The November 1, 2006, MOUP/UCST full team meeting (from 9 am to noon) will also include District Staff Partners.
- 4) The current agreement between MOUP, UCST, and USFS on the SPLAT locations is based on field trip and subsequent communications to date:
 - a) We will focus within the Last Chance area.
 - b) We understand that the Greek Project will no longer impact this project area.
- 5) The UCST PIs (Roger, Scott/John) will visit district sites again and examine other data in order to study a USFS proposed SPLAT management in the Deep and Grouse Creek watersheds, leaving Peavine and Screwauger for controls.
- 6) The UCST and the agencies will continue to discuss the data sets required to develop our work plans and prepare for the field research.

Meeting Summary:

The meeting began with a discussion of expectations for the day. This included relationship building between the American River Ranger District (ARRD) staff and the UCST and MOUP, getting to know the local area, and getting a clearer picture of the future. Jan Cutts, American River District Ranger, and her staff demonstrated a commitment to work with the UCST to build relationships, develop shared understanding and shared goals for the UC SNAMP efforts, and develop key agreements about the process to support communication and implementation as we move forward.

This was followed by presentations about the American River Ranger District Silvicultural and Fire prevention strategies and activities, as well as SPLAT considerations and placements within the district.

The Map 3 presented at the meeting, outlined DRAFT SPLATs that are “not set in stone” according to Silviculturist Karen Jones. SPLATs will avoid PACs and HRCAs, therefore we will need the appropriate data layers to make these determinations as we move forward. We narrowed our focus within the Last Chance SNAMP (@ 40,000 acres); seven sub-watersheds are located within this area. The current agreement between MOUP, UCST, and USFS on the SPLAT locations is based on field trip and subsequent communications to date: 1) We will focus within the Last Chance area, and 2) we understand that the Greek Project will no longer impact this project area. The USFS is proposing SPLAT management in the Deep and Grouse Creek watersheds, leaving Peavine and Screwauger for controls. UCST PIs (Roger, Scott/John) will visit sites again, as well as examine other data.

There was much discussion about how the maps were developed, utilizing what data sets, etc. The UCST and the agencies will continue to discuss the data sets required to develop our work plans and prepare for the field research. Maps and other data sets will be made available.

It is recognized that wildlife issues may be larger than the SPLAT areas. More discussions are needed to clarify the UCST role, relationship, and responsibility in the North. Clarification of potential multi-species efforts is also required.

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