

Trinity County Fire Safe Council
& Firewise Communities Program



Minutes
January 24, 2013
Trinity County Office of Education
201 Memorial Drive
Weaverville
7:00 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

Jesse Cox welcomed everyone and began the meeting with introductions. We had 29 in attendance for this special meeting being hosted by the Trinity County Fire Safe Council.

USDA Visit to Trinity County – January 28-30, 2013

Alex Cousins provided an overview of the December 2012 visit by Tom Vilsack, Secretary of US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the efforts locally to organize for the follow-up visit to Trinity County by key, senior staff of USDA. Alex provided two draft “white papers” that were developed by two groups of local individuals. These two groups were organized around two broad themes – co-management of public lands in Trinity County and promoting economic development in Trinity County. These two themes are linked by a desire to develop a community-based collaborative. Alex also noted that the idea of a collaborative effort in Trinity County was presented to, and approved by the Board of Supervisors in September 2012, before anyone knew that there was going to be a visit by Secretary Vilsack.

Alex Cousins then led a discussion of issues and ideas. Some key thoughts that were brought out included the following:

General support for the concept of a collaborative group, but some concern about how to make it as inclusive as possible with an interest in making sure that the group represent not only a wide range of viewpoints, but all geographic areas in the county.

Will the group be focused on forestry/land management issues or will other areas be included (e.g. support for small agriculture & food security; management of Trinity & Lewiston Lakes; recreation).

Concerns that litigation will trump the efforts of the collaborative when USFS moves forward with NEPA and there was an alternative management system proposed by which the County takes the lead in project planning, approval and implementation.

The collaborative must insist on solid, science-based decision-making as it moves forward with USDA.

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Opportunities were suggested by which the Secretary may have executive authority to encourage local citizens to help remove “biomass” (dead and down material) as firewood through Federal Code 16 USC 477.

The importance of USDA Rural Development to Trinity County was emphasized.

Alex Cousins then went over the tentative schedule for next week’s visit by the Chief of the USFS and other key USDA staff and invited folks to attend the public meeting the evening of January 29th.

Stafford Fire

Ken Boucher (USFS – South Fork Management Unit) let folks know that the USFS is beginning the planning process for treating this fire and that there is a community scoping session on January 29th. This is just first outreach. There will be more opportunities to participate.

Meeting ended at 8:37 PM.

**Next Meeting
February 28, 2013
TCRCD Conference Room
6 Horseshoe Lane
Weaverville**

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Minutes
February 28, 2013
Trinity County RCD Conference Room
Weaverville
7:00 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

Jesse Cox welcomed everyone and began the meeting with introductions. We had 10 in attendance and Jesse welcomed two new participants, Ray & Sherri Schar.

Catching Fire – Prescribed Fire in Northern CA DVD

Michelle Medley-Daniel (Watershed Research & Training Center) gave an overview of this DVD, which was produced by the Orleans-Somes Bar FSC/Mid-Klamath Watershed Council with the assistance of the Watershed Center. They would like to organize a public screening of the DVD this spring. The FSC supports the idea. Several dates were put out for consideration and the thought was to have the screening at the Trinity Alps Performing Arts Center. Michelle will work with Will Harling (Orlean-Somes Bar FSC) and the Performing Arts Center and get a date set.

Living with Wildfire Insert to Trinity Journal

The group looked at the 2012 insert and came up with some ideas on updates that might be considered. Folks are to get their materials to P Frost & he'll have RCD forward them to the Trinity Journal. The deadline is March 27th to have materials to the newspaper.

Home Ignition Workshop June 1st

Frost provided an overview of this homeowner workshop that will be held at the Weaverville Fire Hall on June 1st. UCCE, Weaverville Fire Protection District, RCD and Firewise Communities Program are collaborating on this. FSC agreed to help through the RCD.

Trinity County Collaborative Public Meeting – March 7th

This is just a reminder that this public meeting, a follow-up to the USDA team visit in late January, is on March 7th at 6PM at the CD Hall in Weaverville.

Stafford Fire (added at the request of Roger Jaegel)

Ken Boucher & Jim Gonzalez (USFS- SFMU) described the status of the NEPA process, including the submittal of a request to have an emergency declaration in D.C. If the Emergency Declaration is approved, it will speed up the NEPA process. They expect to have a scoping letter out in the next month and will bring the project back to the FSC for consideration.

Roger Jaegel asked that the Stafford Fire be a “standing” agenda item each month.

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Project Updates

NRCS (Carrie Nicolls): They are working on getting this year's EQIP contracts set. Not much else to report with winter just ending.

Trinity County (Debra Chapman): The big thing for county right now is getting the Trinity County Collaborative off the ground. She encouraged folks to attend the meeting on March 7th.

USFS – South Fork Management Unit (Jim Gonzalez): His is really pleased with how the integrated suppression crew (SFMU-TRMU) is working as the “Westside Crew”. They are much more efficient and have been getting a lot of fuels work done this winter. Mud Springs CE should go out for public comment period soon; Hyampom project a bit slowed down to allow staff to focus on Stafford Fire and staff have put in a request for planning on about 35,000- acre watershed that is south of Stafford Fire.

Watershed Research & Training Center (Michelle Medley-Daniel) – Focus has been on the prescribed fire program. Got 30 acres done recently & hope for completing 200 acres, if they get the burn window. BLM/CalFire will treat BLM & water district property. The Fire Adapted Communities Network has been developed to help build local capacity to implement integrated fire management. WRTC hopes to have crew re-hired in April. They have to finish Kellogg project & some ARRA work, then will move to implementation of this year's Title III funding in Hayfork & Hyampom (in concert with Hyampom FSC).

TCRCD (Frost) – waiting for winter conditions to end so crew can be re-hired to work on RAC projects in WCF, the Burnt Ranch All Lands Project (with CAFSC funds) and a project with Trinity River Mill.

Meeting ended at 9:00 PM.

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March 28, 2013
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Weaverville

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March 28, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Trinity County RCD
Conference Room

Welcome & Introductions: Alex Cousins led introductions on behalf of Jesse Cox.

Planning Spring Firewise Activities

Larry Masterman, Trinity County Office of Emergency Services (OES), discussed Tops Market is having a preparedness day, and suggested that interested parties contact Howard Freeman to participate.

Discuss local interpretation of the Chief's 2013 "Response Protocol" and relevant actions from the FSC

Local Area Advisers (LAA) to meet with the Sheriff's Office, and then meet with the USFS. The Local Area Advisors need to somehow become involved with the local Fire Safe Council.

Annual Fire Management Plan coordination with USFS

USFS is working on its annual Fire Management Plan (FMP), and there is protocol for counties and local agencies to be involved. Alex Cousins to follow up with USFS and Larry to follow up with the county to see if there is involvement.

Discuss "pre-attack" planning and the integration of CWPP and fuels treatment information into Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS)

WFDSS is looking at fuels treatment and landscape features to help fight fires. Take local knowledge and incorporate that into WFDSS. Need to develop a pre-attach plan through WFDSS, using LAA, RCD, and WRTC. There is a WFDSS training in both Hayfork and Weaverville, and it would be helpful if the OES and Trinity County were involved, so they could provide input.

Coordination with Trinity County OES designated Local Area Advisers pre-season

This to be included in the annual fire management plan coordination.

Trinity County Collaborative Update

Next meeting set for April 12, in Hayfork, 10-4. This meeting will start setting the structure for decision making processes, and for rules of participation.

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Stafford Fire

Still waiting for the emergency declaration, they have a signed Project Initiation Letter (PIL), should have a scoping letter ready mid to end of April. They had a field trip with USFWS and it was very positive.

Project Updates

Lara Graham- Trinity River Management Unit USFS

- 5 cent burn maybe this spring, more likely in the fall.
- Down River project is going back USFWS for additional review, after USFS dropped 2000 acres.
- They are finishing burning piles on East Branch I, II and Garden

Alex Cousins- TCRC

Crews are starting April 15, various chipping and fuels reduction projects.

Nick Goulette – Watershed Research & Training Center

Big Creek burn was somewhat successful, various levels of burning achieved. RAC projects are on hold due to sequestration.

Ken Boucher- South Fork Management Unit USFS

- Burned 20 acres on Plumber
- Hyampom Community Fire Protection was moved to 2014, because of the extra push on the Stafford Fire Salvage
- Mud Springs was moved to later in 2013

New FMO will be on the job soon, the Acting Ranger starts May 1.

**Next meeting will be April 25, 2013
TCRC Conference Room**

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Minutes
May 23, 2013
6:00 p.m.
USFS Conference Room
Hayfork

Welcome & Introductions: Pat Frost led introductions on behalf of Jesse Cox. We had 10 attendees

Discussion on USFS road-by-road interdisciplinary assessment of all system roads on the Forest (D Harmon, Shasta-Trinity NF Supervisors Office)

This item was rescheduled from April meeting. Donna Harmon provided an overview of the process of assessing the forest's road network and getting input from the public and specific "user groups". She thought that it would be very helpful to get input from the FSC and also thought we would have ideas of other groups that she should contact. Generally input into the analysis could include:

- How does the road system affect the capacity of the Forest Service & cooperators to suppress wildfires?
- How does the road system affect risk to public safety?
- How does the road system affect ability of FSC partners to implement projects in the CWPP?

Donna provided a matrix of risks/benefits to consider and a form that can be submitted. The maps and form will be available on the Forest's website, too. Comments are needed by the end of July 2013.

The group suggested that she get on the agenda for the Trinity County Chiefs' Association and the Local Area Advisors. Frost will get her in touch with the President of the Chiefs' Association for their meeting on June 3rd and that Larry Masterman (OES) would be the best contact for the Local Area Advisors. Larry attends the Chiefs' meeting. Carol Minor (Hyampom FSC) said they had already been working with South Fork Management Unit on a mapping exercise and Ken Boucher (USFS) said he'd get Donna the shape files.

Trinity County Collaborative Update

Jospeh Bower & Roger Jaegel gave a brief update on the Collaborative. They have worked through the process of setting ground rules and at last meeting broke into sub-groups, including a Forestry Sub-group that is beginning to lay out issues and possible pilot project areas that could include Stafford Fire, Pettijohn and Red Fir projects.

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Public Outreach

The following public outreach events are in the works:

- Home Ignition Workshop June 1st –Weaverville Fire Hall (Weaverville FD, UCCE, RCD)
- 6th annual SkyCrest Lake Youth Fish Derby and Firewise Day – Burnt Ranch (Willow Creek FSC) on June 8th
- Catching Fire DVD showing and community event June 10th in Hyampom.

Project Updates:

Deferred updates to provide more time for field trip.

Stafford Fire - Field Trip

We carpoled to a site off of Wildwood Road to look at the Stafford Fire and had a detailed discussion of the current conditions and fuel loading, the risks to the community of this fuel load, not just today but over a longer horizon; possibilities for action; the types of projects envisioned by the group, the constraints to implementing different projects and the timelines for NEPA and Fire Safe Council input. We ended the tour at approximately 8:15 PM.

**Next meeting will be June 27, 2013
TCRCD Conference Room**

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Minutes
June 27, 2013
7:00 p.m.
TCRCD Conference Room

Welcome & Introductions: Jesse Cox led introductions. We had 7 attendees.

Trinity County Collaborative Update

No active participants in the collaborative were present at the meeting.

Review of Final Draft of Safety Element

Frost provided copies of the wildfire section of the draft safety element and also let folks know that it is on-line at the www.tcrcd.net website. He provided an overview of the update. There was some discussion with a general consensus that the document needs to have a bias towards flexibility. Frost asked that any specific comments be sent to him by first week of August (pfrost@tcrcd.net).

Public Outreach

The following public outreach events happened since the last meeting:

Home Ignition Workshop June 1st –Weaverville Fire Hall (Weaverville FD, UCCE, RCD). About 25 homeowners attended and this workshop was filmed. So it should be available later this summer and likely will air on the local accessible channel in Weaverville.

6th annual SkyCrest Lake Youth Fish Derby and Firewise Day – Burnt Ranch (Willow Creek FSC) June 8th. Andrew Spain (Willow Creek FSC & Six Rivers NF) reported that about 240 children attended with a total attendance of about 500.

Catching Fire DVD showing and community event June 10th in Hyampom. Carol Minor reported that they had about 35 attend the showing and had a good discussion afterwards. It was a good event to increase community awareness of fire safe issues.

Project Updates:

Lower Trinity Ranger District (Andrew Spain): They have received some “special” funding from the region for some assessment and planning associated with Late Successional Reserve impacts in the Sims Fire. They have a 122,000 acre planning area and will be using new lydar data to help. This project will be in coordination with the Shasta-Trinity NF.

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They also are developing a new C.E. for low intensity fire for cultural practitioners (for bear grass, willow and hazel) along roads. They hope to have the NEPA signed in the fall.

Trinity River Management Unit (Shasta-Trinity NF) Lara Graham: Burnt Ranch project has been revitalized with Jay Perkins working on it, but the Down River project is in a lull. Debra Harris from the North Coast Air Quality Management District would like to come to a future meeting to discuss installation of cameras on lookout towers. The TRMU is starting some post project monitoring to see that projects have met the specifications and intent of the projects.

South Fork Management Unit (Ken Boucher): They are having an open house at the fairgrounds in Hayfork for the Stafford Fire on July 10th. The NEPA “clock” started on June 29th, with a 30-day notice for comment on the environmental document, which has 3 alternatives. Gemmell Stewardship is going out to bid. Kellogg is being implemented & Mud Springs is starting in the planning process. There is a Kingsbury project that is being developed that covers 35,000 acres and they have regional funding to bring in an enterprise team to work on the NEPA.

NRCS (Carrie Nicholl): The local office has a new District Conservationist, Heidi Harris.

Hyampom FSC (Carol Minor): They are wrapping up the Title III work with the Watershed Center and talking together about a proposal for the CA Fire Safe Council RFP later this summer.

RCD (Frost): Crew has been working on projects in the Weaverville Community Forest, but will be moving to Mad River to work on the Beaver Slide Stewardship project in mid-July. The Burnt Ranch Defensible Space project is funded by the CA FSC and RCD anticipates implementing it in the spring of 2014.

Meeting ended 9:30 PM.

**Next meeting will be
6:00 PM
July 25, 2013
Hyampom Community Center**

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Minutes
September 26, 2013
7:00 p.m.
TCRCD

Welcome & Introductions: Alex Cousins led introductions on behalf of Jesse Cox. We had 10 attendees.

Trinity County Collaborative Update

Alex Cousins described collaborative's efforts. They are meeting 1/month on 3rd Fridays alternating between Weaverville and Hayfork. Meetings regularly have 50 attendees. The last meeting was on September 20. They developed and agreed upon a collaborative learning process – a structure for how to look at projects and learn from the projects and use that information to build the next two steps (collaborative planning and collaborative assessment). They have been conducting periodic tours of projects and are looking at Down River area for the next tour. Discussion on how best to link fire safe council with collaborative without being redundant. Group sees FSC as a resource to be consulted and it will be role of FSC members, who also are on the collaborative to make sure this linkage is kept intact. Stafford Fire rehabilitation would be another good site to visit.

Stafford Fire

K Boucher (South Fork Management Unit) provided update. The logging is underway and Ken is looking forward to the other restoration opportunities that will come after the logging is completed.

Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Project

Donna Rupp (RCD) provided an overview of this project, which is just getting started and will build on the safety element and CWPP, but will look to more specifics on how to mitigate potential hazards before they occur. It will be a countywide plan, but all special districts can play an active part in the planning (and include specific mitigation measures). She is looking for folks to volunteer to be on the committee that develops the pieces of this plan, with a strong emphasis on public input.

Weaverville Community Forest Oak Woodland Restoration Project

Ryan Desantis introduced himself to the group. He is the UCCE Forestry Advisor for Shasta, Siskiyou and Trinity Counties. He used a PowerPoint presentation to describe the project – restoration of a small (< 3 acre) stand of Oregon White Oak in the Weaverville Community Forest (WCF) that has had the conifers removed as a first step towards restoration. UCCE, RCD, BLM, Kenneth Baldwin & Mark Lancaster have designed a plan to do some thinning and some prescribed fire and to monitor effects (no treatment at all; oak thinning & prescribed fire; just oak thinning and just prescribed fire). There are a lot of oak stands in the WCF that will benefit for

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learning more about their restoration. Lara Graham (USFS- Weaverville) indicated that the USFS has a prescribed fire they want to implement this winter and it might also make a good candidate for monitoring. It is the Five-cent Gulch Prescribed Fire. Lara and Ryan will try to get together to look at it.

Dead Fuel Loading (concentrations) Analysis and Mapping

Marie Buell (Watershed Research & Training Center) provided an overview of this project, which grew out of the CWPP and Safety Element Update. It is an attempt to look at concentrations of fuel as they “evolve” in areas that have been subjected to wildfire to help prioritize projects, especially in the Wildland Urban Interface. Marie went over the data sets and analysis that they have been doing. Like most efforts of this type, it is a “work in progress”.

Project Updates:

RCD (Alex Cousins): Crew is working on a stewardship project with Trinity River Mill in the Ruth area (Beaver Slide Project) and will finish out the season on this project. RCD has continued to work with Trinity River Conservation Camp crews on projects in the Musser Hill and Browns area (Weaverville Community Forest). The next community project will be Burnt Ranch with CA FSC grant funds. They did a little community chipping earlier in September, but the bulk of the project will be implemented next spring. RCD submitted 1 application to the CA Fire Safe Council (CAFSC) in a partnership with CalTrans to expand roadside shaded fuel breaks along Highways 3 & 299 going out of Weaverville.

Hyampom FSC (Carol Minor): They have been partnering with the WRTC. They have finished the Title III project and they have submitted a proposal to the CA Fire Safe Council that would treat about 15 properties for defensible space.

South Fork Management Unit (Ken Boucher): Already talked about Stafford Fire, which is ongoing. They have a number of projects lined up for this fall/winter, including broadcast burning in Beegum and treating Kellogg piles (55 piles done by WRTC) and burning older piles in the Wallow Fire. The group agreed that the Wallow Fire might make a good collaborative learning field trip for the Trinity County Collaborative. Ken and Alex will get together.

Watershed Research & Training Center (Marie Buell): Crews finished work in Hyampom (Title III) and worked with Hyampom FSC to put together a proposal to CA FSC Clearinghouse. They are working on their 3rd burn plan. This one will be for prescribed fire on Bar 717 Ranch, and they also hope to get more burning done in the Big Creek area.

Trinity River Management Unit (Lara Graham): They are having a community meeting on October 8 (7-9 PM) at the Weaverville Fire Hall to present two prescribed fires – the Five-cent Gulch and Bluebird Mine burns. The “China Flat” project is about done. Alex and Lara described the evolution of this project. It was a part of the “Browns Timber Sale”, but pulled out, because of concerns about road-building in unstable geology. It then became a hand-work project, but the NEPA didn’t account for pulling the material out of the woods to be accessible for firewood, so additional hand labor has been needed to treat the cut fuels.

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University of California Cooperative Extension (Ryan Desantis): Ryan has been working on a lot of grant applications to continue Fire Safe Homeowner workshops like the one that was done in Weaverville last June. He'd like to get funds to do one in Hayfork. Also he let folks know that there is a really interesting conference on October 10 in Sacramento. It is the "Working for Conservation Conference". Ryan will send the notice to Frost and he'll get it emailed out to FSC list.

BLM (John Basulto): BLM and RCD are shifting the initial phase of treatments in the Grass Valley Creek Stewardship area to a 1,000-acre programmatic assessment to help the project compete for a "healthy lands grant". They also are continuing to work on the Ewing Reservoir project and in the Weaverville Community Forest, and will likely add the Oak Restoration plots onto the 100 acres of planned burning.

RAC (Frost): A 1-year extension to Secure Rural Schools Act was passed by the US House of Representatives last week. It is very similar to a Senate bill the passed earlier. Frost has sent an email to USFS to get more details and to begin a dialogue about next steps. Folks will recollect that the Trinity County Title II took a 62% hit last spring due to sequestration and his goal is to not see that happen again. One approach could be for the RAC to move on the prioritized list of projects that were left unfunded last spring. The unfunded included the fuels reduction projects prioritized by the RAC.

Meeting ended 8:42 PM.

**Next meeting will be
7:00 PM
October 24, 2013
TCRCD Conference Room**

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Minutes
November 21, 2013
7:00 p.m.
TCRCD

Welcome & Introductions: Jesse Cox led introductions. We had 9 attendees.

Overview of Prescribed Fires 2013

We had a good fall season for prescribed fire projects that included a number of partners. The Five-cent Gulch burn was about 70 acres on USFS with another 6 acres on adjacent private lands (Highland-Snyder Trust) and included Weaverville Fire Department. Big Creek, CalFire and Watershed Center got about 40 acres treated. An excellent training occurred through the Northern CA Prescribed Fire Training Exchange on Bar 717 Ranch (over 125 acres treated). BLM had a successful prescribed fire earlier in the fall in Grass Valley Creek watershed.

Other items of note – the Watershed Center and USFS have a Master Agreement for prescribed fire management projects and in Lower trinity the Hazel management Prescribed Fire Project is moving along nicely, for cultural resource management of hazel.

We might want to organize some public field tours in the spring to show-off some of these projects.

It also was noted that the Prescribed Fire Council would be having their next meeting December 5 & 6 in Redding, with a focus on oak woodland restoration.

2013 Fire Season Recap

It wasn't a particularly active fire season in Trinity County. The Corral Fire on the edge of Hoopa, being the major fire this past summer.

Fuel Hazard Mapping for Safety Element

Nick Goulette noted that the project is done with regards to the Safety Element and now we need to look at how else it might be useful.

CWPP Project Implementation & Status Update

Our CWPP is now about 3 year sold and it is time to update the data and maps showing what projects have been implemented. Kelly Sheen (RCD) will be getting in touch with project folks to begin that process. These data, also will be used in the Local hazard Mitigation Plan.

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Trinity County Collaborative Update

The collaborative is moving along. The forestry group still seems to be sorting out its issues and developing priorities. In the long run this countywide effort should link to the Community Capacity & Land Stewardship assessment process that the Watershed Center is developing to get a better handle on a collaborative assessment resource needs on a landscape scale.

Secure Rural Schools (Title II and Title III)

There was a 1-year extension, but still don't have all of the details. Board of Supervisors will be asked to decide the formula for allocating the funds that come to Trinity County in all three "pots" (roads/schools; Title II and Title III). Frost, as RAC chair, has had some preliminary discussions with County CAO to "stay the course". It likely will start moving in mid-December. So FSC should be thinking about priorities for fuels reduction projects that are NEPA ready, recognizing that none were funded through the RAC last year due to the sequestration impacts on Title II (>60% reduction in available funds).

Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Project

Donna Rupp (RCD) provided an update of this project, which is well underway now. Again, the goal will be to build on the safety element and CWPP, but will look to more specifics on how to mitigate potential hazards before they occur. It will be a countywide plan and there is a steering committee that will lead the effort, with a strong emphasis on public input.

Project Updates:

Stafford Fire

K Boucher (South Fork Management Unit) provided update with a map of progress. A lot has gotten done and his last visit to the site gave him encouragement that it is looking good. Maybe a spring field trip will be in order. The group was reminded that the salvage is just the first step. The restoration work that the FSC included in its letter of support is a critical next step.

South Fork Management Unit (Ken Boucher): Already talked about Stafford Fire, which is ongoing. They have a number of projects lined up for this fall/winter, including broadcast burning in Beegum and treating Kellogg piles (getting a masticator). The Westside Plantation Thin should have an EA out this spring. The Hyampom Community Protection project is gaining traction. They should start the NEPA in the fall and it will involve both SFMU and Trinity River Management Unit, and they are still working on chipping in Hyampom.

Trinity River Management Unit (Lara Graham): Burnt Ranch Fire Resiliency Project is moving along. There should be some public meetings in the new year; Jay Perkins is back working on it; the focus will be on roadside treatments and overall it could have a project size of about 8,000 acres to be analyzed. Pettijohn EIS is being litigated; Down River Community Protection Project is being re-developed to account for Prime Spotted Owl habitat; and they will keep working on pile burning as conditions allow.

Willow Creek Fire Safe Council (O'Hares): SWAP crews working on Scotch Broom and the FSC still has some neighborhood chipping going on. This will include Christmas tree chipping after the holidays.

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Lower Trinity/Orleans District (Andrew Spain): OCFR Project has pile burning. One result of the Corral Fires this summer is that there now is a nice shaded fuel break on Lone Pine Ridge. It is about 15 miles long and will require maintenance in the next 5 years. Waterman Ridge project has a new writer/editor, which should revitalize that project. A Plantation Thin should start up on South Fork Road (A project in the CWPP) and CCC's are doing work on Friday Ridge (in Humboldt County). The "Roots & Shoots" cultural resources management project is being scoped and could involve about 300 acres.

Hyampom FSC (Carol Minor): Things are quiet in Hyampom since they have finished the Title III project. They have submitted a proposal to the CA Fire Safe Council that would treat about 15 properties for defensible space in partnership with Watershed Center, but haven't heard anything yet.

RCD (Frost): RCD submitted 1 application to the CA Fire Safe Council (CAFSC) in a partnership with CalTrans to expand roadside shaded fuel breaks along Highways 3 & 299 going out of Weaverville. Likewise no word. This roadside project does bring up the possibility that we some energy should be put back into the project to do similar roadside work on the USFS properties at the same time – it would be most cost-effective. One in particular is the USFS lands on the opposite side of Highway 3 from The Knolls (Trinity Center). L Graham indicated that she is very familiar with the project area – she was working on it before Pat Butler came to the TRMU) and she just had a conversation with a resident of that subdivision. Frost offered to help get things moving again.

The Firewise Application for Burnt Ranch was submitted this week. Hopefully that will get approved shortly and the Firewise renewals for all of the other communities will get submitted in early December.

Watershed Research & Training Center (Nick Goulette): Already covered their topics, but he did want to mention that they are interested in finding landowners in the North lake area that might be interested in some prescribed fire.

Meeting ended 9:15 PM. – Happy Holidays

**Next meeting will be
7:00 PM
January 23, 2014
TCRCD Conference Room**