#### BURNEY HAT CREEK COMMUNITY FOREST AND WATERSHED GROUP CE BOUNDARY FINALIZATION WEBINAR NOTES: WEDNESDAY, JUN 8, 2016

#### Link to Recording

#### Webinar Synopsis

In response to the <u>field tour and meeting</u> held on May 24, 2016, USFS representatives presented a modified Categorical Exclusion (CE) polygon network for the group's review (see Appendix A). Considerations including the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), highway corridors, and survey requirements were reflected in the modified boundaries. The group approved the network as designated areas for surveys and analysis.

#### Attendees

Don Curtis Pete Johnson John Owen

Crystal Danheiser Jonathan Kusel Allison Reeves Jolley Ryan Hadley Trish Ladd Aaron Rieffanaugh

Karen Harville Lori Martin Kristy Hoffman Jeff Oldsen

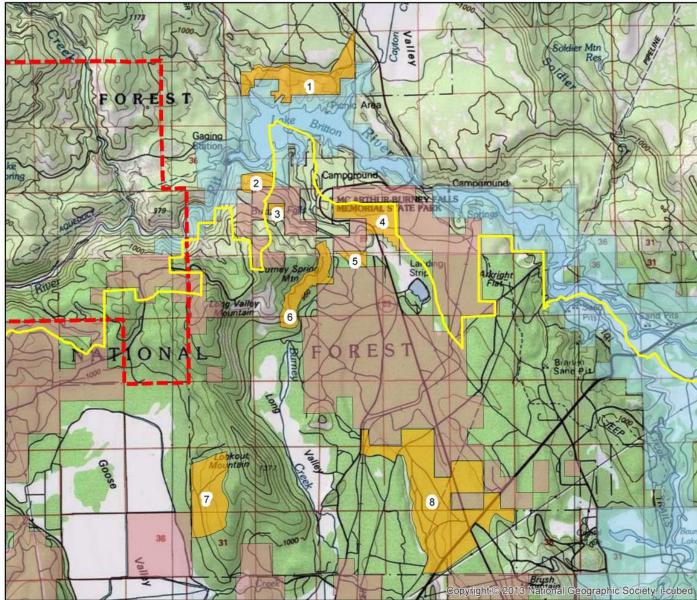
#### Webinar Notes

- USFS modified the boundaries, prioritizing areas adjacent to highways and the WUI as discussed by the Collaborative in previous meetings. Survey requirements and timing issues were also taken into consideration.
- One significant change included removing acres from the area adjacent to Burney Creek (section 6), and adding more acres to a new section (section 8) that is near the HWY 89/299 intersection.
- The revised Section 8 is now integrated with adjacent Fruit Growers Supply (FGS) land.
- Section 6 originally included areas with "survey and manage" species. The acres were removed and boundaries redrawn to limit the survey requirements for the area.
- The current CE boundaries now encompass approximately 2,700 acres.
- Section 7 was not visited by the group during the May 24<sup>th</sup> field tour. USFS notes the area is between Goose and Long Valley, with residences to the southeast. The area was originally identified through aerial surveys of tree mortality; it primarily consists of brush, oak, and large standing dead trees.
- T. Ladd inquired about the potential prescriptions for Section 4, noting the value of the understory in its current state. C. Danheiser mentioned the possibility of using restoration techniques in the area. Type conversion from pine to oak and the lack of merchantable material further support the use of restoration techniques.
- J. Kusel recommended holding a discussion of type conversion for the group at a later date.
- USFS restated the value of section 7 and it was approved by the group.
- USFS emphasized the importance of communication going forward, particularly for the status of assessments.
- C. Danheiser informed the group that the boundaries reflect areas for analysis, not prescription work. There will need to be an assessment of cumulative effects prior to treatments.

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**CFLR Boundary** 

Britton Burney HFRA Units

Late Successional Reserve

Fruitgrowers

**PGE** 

Unit	Acres
1	439
2	76
3	31
4	262
5	52
6	226
7	406
8	1259

