



## SLWG Strategic Planning Meeting I Notes

### *Guiding Principles*

- Protection of life and property
- Forest health and resilience
- Carbon sequestration
- Biodiversity
- Water yield and quality
- Community well-being
- Proof of concept: increasing pace and scale

### *Desired Landscape Outcomes*

- Increased fuelbreak coverage and connectivity
- Reduced fuels continuity, greater landscape scale forest heterogeneity
- Reforestation of recent burns
- Increases and improvement in wildlife and fisheries habitat
- Restoration of riparian zones and meadows

### *Desired Process Outcomes*

- SLWG continues to function, strategically advancing projects on high priority acreage
- Projects are collaboratively developed and implemented
- Wildfires of a significant size are managed across jurisdictions
- Innovation in treatments and restoration practices
- Taken as a sum, projects have multiple benefits
- TEK is used as a guiding principle for land management

### *Desired Social Outcomes*

- Increased local workforce capacity (environmental analysis, implementation, processing)
- Increased involvement of, and capacity within, Tribal groups and organizations
- No major fires, and resulting community loss, in area WUI

### *First Steps*

- Estimate total WUI acreage, determine what we can treat
- Fire modeling to determine high priority acreage

### *Considerations*

- Capacity within the woods work “ecosystem”

- Extent of untreatable acreage (mechanically unsuitable or legislative restrictions)

### *Approaches*

- Ensuring a program of work for local contractors
  - Helping the USFS institute a strategic five-year plan
- Improving conditions for Rx fire on the landscape through strategically placed fuelbreaks and fuels reduction projects
  - Identifying acreage for managed fire

### *Stakeholder Engagement*

- Recreation/trails
- Community viability
- Regulatory agencies: review plans before we get to project phase, review strategic plan
- Tribal and cultural: incorporating priorities, assistance in capacity building

### *Ideas for Project Prioritization*

- By tier, first vs. second entry
- By sensitive area/feature allowing for advanced planning (e.g. TES)
- By fuelbreak connectivity, greater return on investment
- By type of action (e.g. WUI, fuelbreak, meadow restoration)
- By conservation goal

### *Requisite Resources*

- Maps: color coded treatments based on date of entry, NEPA ready projects, existing fuelbreaks
- Analysis of fire spread combined with expert opinion
- Landscape scale EIS (?)

### *Next Steps with SLWG*

- Present outcomes of strategic planning meeting I and timeline (completed plan by September, 2018)
- Executive committee needs assessment
- Codified decision-making protocol
- Mapping exercise(s); drawing on group knowledge
- Field tour