

## SOFAR Projects in Progress

### Eldorado National Forest

- **Cleveland-Ice House Forest Health Project** - reduces stand density, competing vegetation and fuels with a combination of mechanical treatments in plantations identified as overstocked and at risk of loss to insect and disease.
- **Caples Ecological Restoration Project** – currently completing 12.5 miles of hand line including cutting and piling (75 acres) as prescribed fire containment line preparation within 4,400 acres of understory burning.
- **King Fire Restoration Project** - removal of dead trees in strategic fire management areas on 1,634 acres to reduce future volumes of snags and surface fuels, which limit the ability of firefighters to safely and effectively control wildfires and manage prescribed fires.
- **Wrights Lake Recreation Area Fuels Reduction Project** - Fuel reduction in a popular recreation and permit cabin area through fuels reduction and treatment. Provide increased access, egress and infrastructure protection with road brushing, heavy fuel load reduction and burning.
- **Pillikin Forest Health Project** - Commercial & non-commercial thinning, pruning residual trees will increase the height to live crown, post-harvest treatment of activity fuels, reduction of understory fuels by hand means or via mechanical treatment, and prescribed burning of piles and understory following treatments.

### Fire Adapted 50

- **Camino/Pollock Pines Fuel Break** – fuel removal from Slab Creek Dam to Pony Express Trail along the rim of the canyon. Improves and reinforces existing fuel breaks developed during the King Fire, and will tie into existing Iowa Hill and Independence Fuel Break.
- **Highway 50 Fuels Reduction Project** - hazardous fuel reduction on approximately 1100 acres in the wildland-urban interface around Silver Fork, Kyburz, and Strawberry and roadside fuel reduction on the north side of Hwy 50 from Pollock Pines to Strawberry.
- **Sly Park Vegetation Management Project** - expands on an established shaded fuel break developed over the past 27 years, to connect to Highway 50 and Forest Service land along Sly Park Road.

### Sierra Pacific Industries

- **The Hoot Timber Harvest** - A commercially thinned project that reduces fuel loading, opens up tree canopy densities and raises canopy base heights.
- **King Fire Treatments** - Treatments include salvage harvest, clearing of slash and residual materials from the King Fire, and replanting.

### El Dorado County Fire Safe Council

- **Multiple community fuel reduction projects** including ridge top fuel breaks, roadside shaded fuel breaks, neighborhood cleanup chipping programs, etc. Projects include educational and outreach programs regarding fire-adapted communities, prevention/mitigation programs, and firewise literature.

## SOFAR Stakeholder Assessment

In spring 2016, the Consensus Building Institute (CBI), a neutral nonprofit that helps groups collaborate, conducted a stakeholder issue assessment to learn about perspectives and possible collaborative approaches to fulfill the goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy (cohesive strategy) in the South Fork of the American River Watershed.

To understand and reflect the variety of perspectives on how to fulfill the goals of the Cohesive Strategy, CBI conducted 27 confidential interviews with 30 individuals from a range of stakeholder interests, including business, cattle grazing, the environment, fire safety, forestry, industry, landownership, local and state government, the local community, recreation, the Sierra Nevada mountain range, utilities, watershed management, and wildlife. During interviews, CBI invited participants to articulate their interests and concerns related to achieving the Cohesive Strategy's three main goals: resilient landscape; fire adapted communities; and safe and effective fire response. -- *Executive Summary, Draft Stakeholder Issue Assessment Findings and Recommendations by CBI*

**Any comments on the stakeholder assessment are requested by July 15, 2016.**

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## South Fork American River (SOFAR) Cohesive Strategy

### PUBLIC WORKSHOP – June 24, 2016 Stakeholder Assessment Review

The SOFAR Cohesive Strategy is an All-Lands Wildland Fire Management Strategy for the South Fork American River Watershed which has three goals:

- Resilient Landscapes
- Fire Adapted Communities
- Safe and Effective Fire Response

The Cohesive Strategy will be developed using a collaborative process that looks at the landscape as a whole and prioritizes treatments for great efficiency and effectiveness.

The Cohesive Strategy will build on the many efforts that are currently underway. The projects showcased here already involve a lot of collaboration on the individual project scale. Only by collaborating on a larger scale, can fire protection and ecological health be significantly enhanced throughout the watershed.

There are many different perspectives. We will not agree on everything, but we will find a lot of common ground.

The Eldorado National is initiating the SOFAR Cohesive Strategy, but this strategy will not be possible unless all of the cooperators and stakeholders in the watershed work together.