



Meeting Synopsis May 21

At its May 21, meeting, Sarah LaPlante, Deputy District Ranger, began the meeting with an update on the budget. She discussed the \$400,000 influx of core funding, and that it would be distributed evenly between the Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) crews and prescribed fire. Following the update, the Collaborative welcomed Mr. Jonathan Kusel and Ms. Allison Jolley from the Sierra Institute for Community and Environment to provide feedback on their 'Defining Local' project. The Collaborative also discussed the proposed Insect Mortality and Mitigation Project as a defensive strategy for community protection and safety. A member of the Monitoring and Science Symposium Work Group presented the themes and topic areas that would be covered at the symposium and requested member feedback. Finally, as a part of the ongoing activities, Collaborative members provided updates on the public field trip to be held August 21, and the progress of the Fire Policy Work Group. The full Collaborative will meet again on June 19, 2015.