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Based on an experience in the Dinkey Landscape Restoration Project where an earlier Proposed Action did not include some critical information that stakeholders expected would be provided, for the next project we negotiated this list of elements to clarify in advance what topics would or would not be covered in the project. We modified the final list based on preliminary investigation and consensus about what could be removed based on the specific scope of the given project.

EXCHEQUER PROPOSED ACTION ELEMENTS | DLRP DINKEY COLLABORATIVE

Recommendation to the Forest on July 28, 2014

This outline identifies the information necessary for the Collaborative to make an informed recommendation on the Proposed Action for the Exchequer Project in December 2014 or January 2015. The relevance, emphasis, level of detail, and depth of information are expected to evolve during the course of field work, Interdisciplinary Team meetings, and meetings and field visits with the Collaborative.

1. Introduction

a. Background

- i. Big picture goals, CFLR legislative purpose, key messages
- ii. How the project fits within the landscape

b. Existing Conditions

- i. Existing Stand Conditions Table covering
 1. Units
 2. Total acres
 3. California Wildlife Habitat Relation habitat types
 4. Average basal area
 5. Average % stand density index
 6. Mistletoe rating
 7. Quadratic mean diameter for trees above 6" dbh
 8. Large snags/acre
 9. Large logs/acre
 10. Average tons per acre of dead/down fuels
- ii. At-risk species and their habitat
- iii. Special status species (Forest Service and state sensitive, threatened, and endangered species, and their important and/or critical habitat)
- iv. Shrub cover
- v. Meadows, aquatic species
- vi. Fire
- vii. Oaks

2. Desired Conditions

- a. Indicators and their definitions (based on Landscape Assessment)
- b. Desired conditions

3. Purpose of and Need for Action

4. Proposed Actions including No Action Alternative (describe what these actions achieve: fire risk, NRV, etc.)

a. Vegetation Treatment Prescriptions and Methods

1. Commercial harvest treatments
 - a. Thin from below
 - b. Single tree selection

- c. Sanitation
 - d. Table comparing target basal area range and existing basal area for treatment units with conifer stands proposed for commercial harvest
 - e. Biomass (commercial or other)
 - 2. Precommercial Thin
 - 3. Fuels Prescription
 - a. Activity Fuels and Natural Fuels Treatment Methods
 - i. Mastication
 - ii. Hand or tractor pile
 - b. Prescribed Fire
 - i. Burn piles
 - ii. Broadcast burn
 - iii. Cultural burn
 - 4. Prescribed fire as a surrogate to wildfire to restore fire as natural process
 - 5. Cultural burn
 - 6. Snag creation (prescribed fire or mechanical)
 - 7. Downed log creation
 - 8. No action at stand level
 - 9. Species distribution (from restoration standpoint)
 - 10. Reforestation Principles
 - a. Tractor Site Preparation
 - b. Planting
 - c. Release
 - 11. Open and closed roads and trails, including a map
 - 12. Summary table showing all treatments, acres/treatment, treatments by stands, and no treatment acreage
 - 13. Map showing
 - a. Project area
 - b. Treatment units
 - c. All treatments color-coded
 - d. Wildland urban interface (WUI)
 - e. Aspects
 - f. PACs, HRCAs, Giant Sequoia Grove
 - b. Recreation
 - c. Socioeconomics
 - d. Restoration opportunities
 - e. Road restoration
 - f. Watershed restoration
 - g. Managed wildfire
 - h. Meadow restoration
 - i. Invasive plant treatments
- 5. Implementation Schedule
 - 6. Non-Significant Project Level Forest Plan Amendment
 - 7. Design Features

- a. Visual Resources
 - b. Wildlife
 - i. Non-special status terrestrial wildlife
 - ii. Special status terrestrial wildlife
 - c. Aquatic wildlife
 - i. Non-special status aquatic wildlife
 - ii. Special status aquatic wildlife
 - d. Botany
 - i. Forest Service Sensitive Plant Species
 - ii. Invasive plants
 - e. Soils
 - f. Water resources
 - g. Private land and special uses
 - h. Cultural/heritage resources
 - i. Air quality
 - j. Heterogeneity (clumps, gaps, etc.)
8. Monitoring (follow relevant parts of the Monitoring Plan)