

CFLRP understory monitoring subteam meeting

Meeting notes

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Discussion topic	To do
<p>In attendance: Paula Fornwalt, RMRS Steve Popovich, ARNF Yvette Dickinson, CFRI/CSU Claudia Regan, R2 RO Brett Wolk, CFRI Steve Olson, PSINF Ed Biery, PSINF Sheila Lamb, PSINF</p>	
<p>Paula gave a brief overview of the history of the CFLRP program, FR-CFLRP restoration treatment objectives, and the history of the FR-CFLRP understory monitoring efforts to date</p>	
<p>The team felt that the FR-CFLRP treatment objective statement relevant to understory plants (as stated in the Monitoring Plan) needed tweaking. The current language is: "Increase coverage of native understory plant communities."</p> <p>We developed a new objective statement that expanded on this statement: "Maintain or increase native understory plant abundance and diversity while minimizing exotic invasion."</p>	<p>Team: Mull over the new objective statement and suggest modifications, if necessary</p>
<p>The team thought that it would be good to reach out to other CFLRPs to learn about their understory plant objectives and monitoring methods</p>	<p>Yvette: Reach out to Uncompahgre Plateau (CO)</p> <p>Paula: Reach out to 4FRI (AZ), Southwestern Jemez (NM), Southwestern Crown of the Continent (MT)</p>

<p>Steve P. mentioned that we may want to incorporate PCAs in our monitoring scheme. PCAs = Potential Conservation Areas. The PCA map is created by CNHP and delimits spatially limited community types in Colorado. Some treatment units may fall in PCAs.</p>	
<p>The team started to articulate specific monitoring questions. Two questions related to exotics are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have treatments increased total exotic plant abundance and diversity?</li> <li>2. Have treatments increased the abundance of Colorado noxious weeds and other exotics of concern?</li> </ol>	<p>Team: Mull over questions and suggest modifications, if necessary</p>
<p>The team agreed to try and meet twice a month, with the hope of developing a monitoring plan that could be implemented by the 2013 field season. The team will respond to 3 Doodle polls to set up next 3 meetings.</p>	<p>Paula: set up Doodle polls</p>
<p>Are there other folks we should engage as we move forward?</p>	<p>Team: Let Paula know if there are other folks we should engage</p>