

## SAG and TWIG January 2018 Updates

### SAGs:

#### WetSAG

- The February WetSAG meeting will take place in the field in order to collect validation points for the Wetland Mapping Tool, in cooperation with DOE.
- Wetland Mapping Tool
  - WetSAG received an update from Dan Miller (Terrain Works) and Meghan Halabisky (UW) on progress made using the tool as part of DOE's project with Amy Yahnke.
  - WetSAG is working with UW to develop a proposal for Phase 2 of the project
- Wetlands Management Zone Effectiveness Monitoring Program
  - WetSAG will continue to discuss what the group needs to do to move forward in the near-term with this project over the next several months
    - Designate a PI, synthesize information compiled by Netra Regmi
  - WetSAG made edits to an RFQQ compiled by Angela Johnson, which will allow them to select a PI or other team members to initiate the Scoping Paper/Study Design
- Policy Budget Update
  - WetSAG discussed the Policy request for project budget updates, and will finalize this at their February meeting.

#### UPSAG

- Deep-Seated Landslides Strategy Document
  - UPSAG approved a draft to send to CMER for review. The CMER review will be complete February 12, 2018, after which UPSAG will revise the document and return it to CMER for approval. Following CMER approval, the document will be sent to Policy and ultimately the Forest Practices Board.
- Mass Wasting Landscape-Scale Effectiveness Project
  - UPSAG will discuss moving forward with this project at their February meeting
- Policy Budget Update
  - UPSAG will discuss this at their February meeting

#### SAGE

- The February SAGE meeting has been moved to Tuesday February 20, 2018 due to a conflict with the Forest Practices Board meeting.
- Fire Salvage Literature Review and Synthesis
  - SAGE approved the Findings Report for this project, and sent to CMER for review. Comments are due February 16, 2018.
- Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP)

- SAGE continues to discuss next steps for the project, and has begun inviting outside experts to SAGE for further discussion.
  - Mark Teply presented at the January SAGE meeting
  - Matt Reilly and Andrew Merschel (tentative) will present at the February SAGE meeting
- Eastside Strategy
  - SAGE will continue this discussion at their February meeting.
- Policy Budget Update
  - SAGE discussed the Policy request for project budget updates, and will finalize this at their February meeting.
- Todd Baldwin and Rohan Theobald are the current co-chairs

### RSAG

- The February RSAG meeting has been moved to Thursday February 15, 2018 due to a conflict with the Forest Practices Board meeting.
- Extensive Riparian Vegetation Monitoring Pilot Project
  - DNR is in the process of contracting with Dr. Moskal to continue the next phase of scoping the Extensive Riparian Vegetation Monitoring Implementation Project.
  - RSAG will receive an update at their February meeting
- Hardwood Conversion report
  - The report was sent to ISPR in December 2017.
- Riparian Characteristics and Shade Response Study
  - RSAG will continue to discuss at their February meeting.
- BCIF
  - RSAG received the document from Dave Schuett-Hames, and will provide comments by January 18, 2018. Following RSAG approval, the document will be sent to CMER for review.
- Coordination with SAGE
  - RSAG discussed maintaining open conversations with SAGE concerning projects that are of interest to both groups. Angela Johnson will facilitate discussions and involvement between the two groups.
    - Extensive Riparian Vegetation Monitoring Pilot Project (RSAG)
    - Eastern Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (SAGE)
- Policy Budget Update
  - RSAG discussed the Policy request for project budget updates, and will finalize this at their February meeting.

### ISAG

- eDNA Literature Synthesis
  - ISAG brought to CMER a request to move funding from a literature synthesis to a eDNA pilot study. CMER discussion held were it was determined that the concept was acceptable but more detail was needed. ISAG has been working on refining the proposal

and will be providing an updated request along with what is being identified as a Phase-1 study to CMER for review and discussion at this month's meeting.

- Progress on development of an ISAG strategy document has been slow. Co-chairs have taken the lead on this.
- Next meeting scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>. Will be held on the westside but actual location TBD.
- Policy Budget Update
  - ISAG discussed the Policy request for project budget updates, and will finalize this at their February meeting.

#### LWAG

- Van Dykes Literature Review
  - ISPR comments have been received. Marc Hayes working on responses and plans on having a revised draft back to CMER in early February.
- Buffer Shady Study
  - Responses to ISPR comments were received from Jim MacCracken
  - Anticipate responses to comments will be completed and returned to ISPR for review in January.
- Hard Rock
  - Working with Technical Editor on final report.
  - Proposal on format of Phase-2 report submitted to CMER for discussion and decision at January meeting.
  - PIs have been spending a considerable amount of time on the Phase-1 Findings Reports which has had a negative effect on the Phase-2 analysis.
- Policy Budget Update
  - LWAG discussed the Policy request for project budget updates, and will finalize this at their February meeting.

#### **TWIGs:**

##### Forested Wetland Effectiveness Study (FWEP)

- DNR has contracted with Nate Hough-Snee to take over as lead writer and co-PI on the project
- Nate will provide a presentation to CMER at the January CMER meeting.
- The draft study design will be sent to CMER for review following Nate's presentation on January 23, 2018. Comments will be due by February 23, 2018.

##### Westside Type F Riparian Prescription Monitoring

- The study design was approved by ISPR on January 8, 2018. The TWIG is requesting CMER approval of the document, and will discuss implementation of the project.
- The group is developing a "prospective" Findings Report for the study design which will be transmitted to policy with the study design as required by the revised LEAN process. There will be a 14 day CMER review for the document.

#### Unstable Slope Criteria

- TWIG members have revised the draft study design based on the CMER review. The group is requesting CMER approval to send the document to ISPR for review.
- The TWIG will discuss this month the next steps in moving forward with the remaining study designs that are to be developed.

#### Road Prescription-Scale Effectiveness Monitoring

- TWIG meet with ISPR reviewers to discuss revised proposal. The revised study design was submitted to ISPR and is currently under review.

#### Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness - Perennial (ENREP)

- ISPR comments received by TWIG, the group held a conference call with ISPR reviewers and AE to discuss most recent comments. Revising the document based on that discussion with a deadline of January 18<sup>th</sup>. Anticipate ISPR approval late January or early February. Also revising and updating project budget based on revised study design. Revised budget due early February 2018.

#### **PSM Technical Group:**

- The group met on September 13, 2017 to kick off revisions on Chapter 8
- A timeline for updating chapter 8 was created and sent out to CMER on 8/22. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ash Roorbach.
- The next meeting will be on October 11, 2017 (September 27 meeting cancelled due to CMER meeting rescheduled)