



SOUTHERN SIERRA NEVADA CHANGE ADAPTATION WORKSHOP

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SOUTHERN SIERRA CONSERVATION COOPERATIVE**

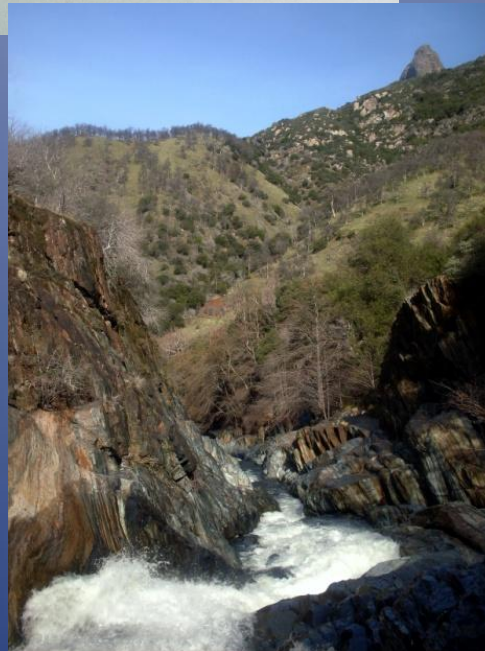
February 20-22, 2013

Logistics

- Registration
- Fire exits
- Restrooms
- Lunch / restaurants
- Breaks & refreshments

THIS IS A **WORKSHOP!**

- Workshop Workbook
- Participation = learning
- Avoid doing other things
- Behavior principles (see guideline)
- Self-facilitated & team facilitated
- Please be seated on time
- Enjoy the opportunity



Workshop Origins

- 2008 MOU
- 2008 Science Symposium
- Strategic Framework for Science
- Forest Planning
- Parks Natural Resources Condition Assessments

2008 Southern Sierra Science Symposium

*Agents of Change Affecting the
Southern Sierra Ecosystems*

You've been invited to join us on

Thursday, September 4, 2008

9:00 AM—5:30 PM

Visalia Convention Center
303 East Acequia Avenue
Visalia, CA 93291

Please RSVP to Maichi Phan,
mphan@fs.fed.us, or (530) 759-1700
by August 20, 2008

For more information on the symposium, visit:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/southernsierrascience>



“Strategic Framework for Science in Support of Management in the Southern Sierra Nevada.”

This strategic framework for management-directed scientific inquiry, **serves as a foundation for a comprehensive, coordinated approach for integrating science into regional land management activities.**

It was developed as a conceptual guide rather than a detailed prescription for specific science projects.



Southern Sierra Partnership



Southern Sierra Conservation Cooperative





Partnership Lessons Learned

HUMAN DIMENSION CHALLENGES

- Jurisdictions (legal constraints)
- Mandates, goals, objectives
- Capacity is limited in time and space
- Engage in initiatives that touch all partners
- Partnerships are Relationships – its always about mutual trust and respect, ...and having enough money and time

The elusive “SWEET SPOT”

- Can't appear to make **decisions**. Insist on a **non-political** agenda/membership.
- Can't engage to influence **public policy**.
- **Control** as many variables as possible.
- Need quick **successes** to keep interest among members
- **Synergy** between individuals is critical; staff turn-over is an obstacle; too many or new/rotating players can be fatal.



Your Expectations

The President of the United States in his State of the Union Address; Feb 12, 2013

“We can choose to believe that...the most severe drought in decades, and the worst wildfires... were all just a freak coincidence. Or we can choose to believe in the overwhelming judgment of science – and act before it’s too late.”



Change Adaptation Pioneers



Workshop Organization

Session & Focal Question	Format	Tables
TODAY		
1 – INTRODUCTION: What do we know?	Plenary: presentations	N/A
2 – SHARED CONSERVATION VALUES: What do we really care about?	Plenary: presentations, exercise, discussion	Values grp (#)
Evening: POSTERS & COLLABORATION STATIONS		
TOMORROW		
3 – VULNERABILITY: How can we determine the vulnerabilities of shared conservation values?	Plenary: presentations, mini-exercise	Critical Attribute grp
4 – STRATEGIES, CONSTRAINTS & TOOLS: What can we really <u>do</u> to prepare for rapid change and an uncertain future?	Plenary: presentations Then....Break-Out grp exercise	Critical Attribute grp

Workshop Committee

- Bakersfield Field Area, BLM
- California Landscape Conservation Cooperative
- Kings Canyon, Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks
- Sequoia National Forest & Giant Sequoia National Monument
- Sierra National Forest
- USGS, Western Ecological Research Center – Sequoia/King Canyon and Yosemite Field Stations
- Sequoia Natural History Association

