

BOF Monitoring Study Group Update March 2013

- I. The MSG has not met since the last Board meeting. The next MSG meeting will be held March 20th, in Willows at the Mendocino National Forest Supervisors Office. Agenda items include:
 - a. A presentation by Dr. Cajun James, SPI, on post wildfire water quality and hillslope erosion monitoring data in the Battle Creek watershed.”
 - b. Presentation by Mr. Drew Loganbill, NRCS, on post-fire response in the Little Creek Watershed: evaluation of change in sediment production and suspended sediment export.
 - c. Discussion on the draft MSG **Effectiveness Monitoring Committee** Charter sent to RSC Chair Dr. Rick Standiford on February 1st.
- II. Caspar Creek, one of our 4 cooperative watershed studies, is holding its 50 year celebration on June 28th in the Fort Bragg area. The title of the workshop is “The Caspar Creek Research Project: 50 Years of Discovery; What are the Implications for Forest Management.” There will be summary presentations in the morning and a field trip to field sites in the Caspar Creek watershed in the afternoon. There is a website to register on the Caspar Creek webpage: <http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/topics/water/caspar/caspar50/>. This is a workshop for resource professionals and land managers. Dr. Richard Harris is helping organize the workshop for CAL FIRE and the UFSF PSW. A California Forestry Report summarizing our 50 years of learning will be available in May.
- III. Richard Harris is hosting riparian function and management webinar series from May 1st-May 29th. There will be 5 two-hour sessions on Wednesdays, starting at 11:00 a.m. These talks will include background information of riparian functions, approaches for selecting sites for active riparian management, tools for assessment approaches, and active riparian management case studies. For more information, see: http://ucanr.edu/sites/forestry/Webinars/Riparian_ecology/
- IV. Regarding FORPRIEM, or our Forest Practice Rule Implementation and Effectiveness Monitoring Program that uses a random selection of THPs and our Forest Practice Inspectors, Clay Brandow has been actively entering data into the FORPRIEM database, with total THPs submitted with data nearing 100 plans. We will have an interim report prepared by the end of 2013.
- V. I will be doing a Monitoring Study Group Overview for the California Water Quality Monitoring Council webinar series on September 19th. For more information, see: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/mywaterquality/monitoring_council/collaboration_network/index.shtml.