

Save the Date: NOVEMBER 4, 2010, 9:30-4:00

SIERRA CASCADES DIALOG INAUGURAL SESSION

LOCATION: Garden Pavilion Hotel, McClellan Air Force Base (just outside Sacramento), 5640 Dudley Boulevard, McClellan, CA 95652 (complimentary parking)

About the Dialog: This will be the first in a series of Dialogs among engaged stakeholders on a range of issues across the Sierra Nevada and the Cascades. The dialog will focus on the future of the Sierra Nevada and Cascades, with a focus on the national forests in these regions. The term “stakeholder” refers to any individual or organization that has a direct interest in public lands. This would include the Forest Service as the convener.

Background: In February 2010, the Forest Service and University of California convened a conference on *Pre- and Post Wildfire Forest Management for Restoration and Resiliency*. At the close of the conference, participants provided recommendations for additional discussion and work that can be categorized into four broad topic areas: strategic fuels treatments across landscapes with mixed ownerships, adaptive management, increasing public and agency education and ecosystem services. As an outgrowth from this conference, the Forest Service and stakeholders are interested in forming a new working group in California: the Sierra-Cascades Dialog Group. The goal is to create shared understanding among participants with diverse opinions. The outcomes of the dialog will inform future Forest Service decisions.

Dialogs provide an opportunity for learning, shared meaning, aligned actions, mutual respect and understanding different perspectives.

Goals

- Bring together public and private land managers to grapple with an “all lands” approach to planning and conservation, beginning with fire protection issues
- Lay the foundation for Forest Plan revisions
- Develop stakeholder collaborative capacity to address challenging complex issues on a broad scale
- Create shared responsibility and understanding
- Build relationships and trust among all stakeholders

Participation

All meetings are open to the public. Anyone is welcome to participate.

Registration

Please register on line at: <http://www.cce.csus.edu/conferences/ccp/scds10/index.htm>

Your \$15.00 registration fee covers all meeting materials, a delicious buffet lunch and morning / afternoon refreshments.

Questions: Contact Mike Chapel, USDA Forest Service; mchapel@fs.fed.us | Phone: (916) 498-5323

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