

CMER SAG UPDATES

March 2022

The AMP Team created a folder on Box for 23-25 CMER Work Plan edits. Each SAG may begin making edits, revisions, and/or comments using track changes. If you need help accessing the Box folder please contact Lori. <https://deptofnaturalresources.box.com/s/c3qn8aj92nwdznnxek0z4csxvzx4fnkd>

WetSAG

Co-Chairs: Debbie Kay & Harry Bell

AMP Project Manager: Alexander Prescott/ Lori Clark / Jenny Schofield

Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project

- The Wetland Scientist, Tanner Williamson joined FWEP subgroup in working on the Site Selection and Data Collection Plan. Subgroup is meeting 2x/month.
- Two contracts have been finalized to help support the FWEP project over the next few months. NWIFC has an intern who is also helping out with this project.

Wetlands Management Zone

- Discussion of WMZ is currently being reviewed by WetSAG. The project charter is available on the DNR AMP Box site.
- Funding for the WMZ begins in FY26, with implementation funding slated to begin in FY28.

UPSAG

Chairs: Ted Turner

AMP Project Manager: Lori Clark

Deep-Seated Landslide Research Strategy

- UPSAG had decided that they need to take a different approach with the DSL Study Design. This project will be significantly delayed. UPSAG will present to CMER as soon as there is clarity on the path ahead.

Unstable Slope Criteria Project

Project Team: Julie Dieu, Dan Miller, Ted Turner, Greg Stewart (CMER Staff)

AMP Project Manager: Lori Clark

- The Object-Based Landform Mapping with High-Resolution Topography Study report has been delayed due to increased CMER Scientist staffing workload due to a recent vacancy. It is expected to go to UPSAG for review in March of 2022 and CMER Review in April 2022. Dan Miller has begun work on Designs for Empirical Evaluation of Shallow Landslide Susceptibility and Frequency by Landform (Project 3). This study design is expected to go to UPSAG in April. The Empirical Evaluation of Shallow Landslide Runout (Project 4) Study Design will be drafted following UPSAG's approval of the Project 3 study design.

SAGE

Chair: Todd Baldwin

AMP Project Manager: Anna Toledo

Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP)

- PM is working to get a contract to fund project team members and a post-doc and advisor to serve as PI to complete the study design and keep this project on track. Funding being requested from Policy Budget Workgroup.

Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project (ENREP)

- Harvest at Blue Grouse study site was completed February 11th. Due to the delayed harvest completion date, an additional year of monitoring (summer 2024) may be needed at Blue Grouse to capture two years of post-harvest data.
- Processing of benthic and eDNA samples is ongoing as well as preliminary analyses.
- Data QA/QC and processing is ongoing.
- Working on a contract for field technician for buffer checks at two of the study sites in May/June 2022 and fall 2022.

Eastside Forest Health Strategy

- At the May 2021 Policy meeting, members expressed an interest to meet with other interested Policy and CMER members to discuss concerns about forest health and fire in RMZ's and attempt to develop a strategy that could be handed to SAGE/CMER for further development. An Eastside Forest Health Strategy workgroup was formed and after several meetings from June 2021 to February 2022, resulting in a document with guidance and questions based on stakeholder concerns. This document was shared with CMER on March 15, 2022 for a 30-day review. Comments are due back on April 14, 2022.

RSAG

Chair: Joe Murray

AMP Project Managers: Anna Toledo (RCS), Alexander Prescott (Westside Type F)

- RSAG held a field trip to Pack Forest in March.
- RSAG considering quarterly field trips (in addition to regular RSAG meetings). RSAG is happy to have others join in for the field trips. Next one tentatively in June.

Riparian Characteristics and Shade Response Study

- The revised Study Design was approved by ISPR. It was given 30 day review and approved by CMER at the March 22nd meeting.
- RSAG add-ons were reviewed by CMER members. Comments were due back February 22nd. The Project Team made revisions based on the comments and the RCS Add-on proposal was submitted to CMER at the March 22nd meeting. CMER did not approve the Add-on. CMER agreed to have the AMPA forward the Add-on to TFW Policy. CMER reviewer comments to the Add-on will also be sent to Policy. .
- Project Managers are working with Joe on a possible site that may be suitable for a field trial.

Westside Type F Riparian Prescription Monitoring Project

- The Exploratory Report revision will be submitted to CMER via email following the March 22 CMER meeting for 30-day review.
- Following the Exploratory Report completion, the Project Team will initiate work on drafting the answers to the 6 Questions document for RSAG / CMER review and the Type F BACI study design.

Extensive Status and Trends Monitoring Workshop

- A Policy subgroup has been meeting to clarify the Extensive Monitoring Project. Policy will consider a request to CMER for developing the Extensive Monitoring project at the April meeting.

ISAG

Co-Chair: Jason Walter AMP Project

Manager: Anna Toledo

Water Typing Strategy

- Projects currently included in the Water Typing Strategy are: Default Physical Criteria Assessment (DPC), Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB), LiDAR Based Water Typing Model (LiDAR), and Fish/Habitat Detection Using eDNA (eDNA).
- The water typing project team is currently working on the PHB study design. Field implementation will begin in FY24, including field reconnaissance. Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc. is supporting ISAG with statistical consultation for the PHB study design.
- The PHB Study Design was sent out for concurrent CMER/ISAG 30-day review on February 23, 2022 with comments due back on March 24th at noon. The Project Team will be meeting on March 25th to begin responding to reviewer comments.
- Cody Thomas stepped down as co-chair. ISAG needs a new co-chair.
- DPC Study design will be developed next. ISAG welcomes participation.

LWAG

Co-Chairs: AJ Kroll & Aimee McIntyre AMP

Project Manager: Lori Clark/ Jenny Schofield

Hard Rock

Phase III

- The Phase III Amphibian Demographics Charter Dispute was resolved. The Phase III Project Charter was approved by Policy March 3rd.
- The Phase III Project Management Plan was approved by CMER in February.

Discontinuous Np Surface Flows

- The Project Manager and Principle Investigator decided to extend the deliverable due date for Discontinuous Np Surface Flows Scoping Document to the Fall 2022. There is currently no funding set for implementation until FY25 thus there is no impact to the project by delaying the Scoping Document until Fall 2022 to allow the PM and PI to focus efforts on Phase III project.

Road Prescription-Scale Effectiveness Monitoring Project Team

Project Team: Julie Dieu, Charlie Luce, Tom Black, Bob Danehy, Erkan Istanbuluoglu, Amanda Manaster, Jenelle Black.

AMP Project Managers: Alexander Prescott

- The Project Team completed a portion of the Short Time Scale Parameterization Pilot Experiment in February 2022 with additional implementation of the Short Time Scale Parameterization Pilot and Microtopography plot resets taking place in March 2022.
- The CMER request for a Roads Project team member/grad student to use preliminary data from the Roads Project in a paper to be submitted to the Forest, Ecology, and Management Journal was approved.
- Laboratory data results have been received for the 2021 sediment tub samples and the first year of the Ditch Line Hydraulics experiment samples.
- The Project team is anticipating the delivery of 12 water bars this month purchased under the newly executed contract with S&R Sheet Metal Inc.
- The Project team is undergoing budget refining processes in which future project expenditures for the both the rest of FY22 and FY23 are being projected so variances to the MPS budget can be identified and rectified.

Anticipated Documents for CMER Consideration/Review Next 12 Months					
Project Name	Document Type	Project Manager	Science Lead/PI	Oversight Committee	Anticipated Date of Delivery
RCS	ISPR Approved Final Report	Toledo	TBD	RSAG	Feb-22
Potential Habitat Breaks	Study Design	Toledo	TBD	ISAG	Feb-22
Westside T type F Exploratory Report	Final Report	Clark	Jenelle Black (CMER)	RSAG	Mar-22
Wetland Management Zone	Updated Charter	Prescott	Tanner Williamson (CMER)	WetSAG	Mar-22
RCS Add-on	Proposal	Clark	TBD	RSAG	Mar-22
Westside T type F Exploratory Report	CMER Six Questions Document	Clark	Jenelle Black (CMER)	RSAG	Apr-22
Deep Seated Landslide Strategy: Landslide Mapping and Classification	Study Design	Clark	Greg Stewart (CMER)	UPSAG	Apr-22
Unstable Slopes Criteria Project - Susceptibility and Runout	Study Design	Clark	Greg Stewart (CMER)	UPSAG	Apr-22
Unstable Slopes Criteria Project - Landform Mapping	Final Report	Clark	Greg Stewart (CMER)	UPSAG	TBD
FWEP	Project Management Plan	Schofield	Tanner Williamson (CMER)	WetSAG	Apr-22
ENREP	Updated Charter	Toledo	Tim Link (U.I.)	SAGE	May-22
FWEP	Updated Charter	Schofield	Tanner Williamson	WetSAG	Apr-22
RCS	Updated Charter	Toledo	TBD	RSAG	May-22
RCS	Project Management Plan	Toledo	TBD	RSAG	Jun-22
Unstable Slopes Criteria Project	Updated Charter	Clark	Greg Stewart (CMER) & Dan Miller	UPSAG	Mar-22
Unstable Slopes Criteria Project	Project Management Plan	Clark	Greg Stewart (CMER) &	UPSAG	May-22
RCS	Prospective 6 Questions	Toledo	TBD	RSAG	TBD
FWEP	Project Management Plan	Schofield	Tanner Williamson	WetSAG	May-22
Wetland Management Zone	Project Management Plan	Prescott	Tanner Williamson	WetSAG	May-22
Discontinuous Np Surface Flows	Scoping	Schofield	Aimee McIntyre (WDFW)	LWAG	Sep-22
ETHEP	Study Design	Toledo	TBD	SAGE	TBD

* Policy Initiated Items- Not following CMER' Protocols and Standards Manual