

CMER SAG UPDATES

February 2026

WetSAG

Co-Chairs: Debbie Kay & Harry Bell

AMP Project Manager: Jenny Schofield (WMZ/FWEP)

Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project

- Field work is complete
 - Data downloads, data QA/QC from instrumented sites has concluded after 2 years of data collection.
- Project team will continue data analysis over the next several months and begin final report writing with estimated delivery to WetSAG early 2027.
- Preliminary discussions on a summer field trip have begun. Details TBD.

Wetlands Management Zone Effectiveness Monitoring

- Policy approved the WMZ Charter at the May 2023 meeting, with the expectation that any lingering questions and comments be addressed during the scoping process.
- WetSAG has reviewed the first draft.
- WMZ is on hold until completion of SL-1 updates has been completed.

UPSAG

Chairs: Jennifer Parker & Mike Maudlin

AMP Project Manager: Theryn Henkel

Deep-Seated Landslide Research Strategy

Project Team: Julie Dieu, Anne Weekes, Elise Freeman, Jennifer Parker, Michael Maudlin, Jason Hinkle, Adam Booth

AMP Project Manager: Theryn Henkel

- Landslide mapping and classification project implementation is proceeding quickly, BGC has classified most of the landslides and is working on sensitivity analysis.
- The groundwater working group is working on refining critical questions and begin developing a charter to in order to official form a project team and bring the refined critical questions to CMER and Policy

Unstable Slope Criteria Project

Project Team: Julie Dieu, Dan Miller, Jeff Keck, Elise Freeman, Tiffany Justice

AMP Project Manager: Theryn Henkel

- The Object-Based Landform Mapping with High-Resolution Topography Study final report received final CMER approval at the January meeting.
- The OBIA Final 6 questions is on the agenda for the February meeting, Elise and Dan will give a presentation at policy on the final report at the March Policy meeting. The findings package will go to Policy at the March or April meeting, depending on when the Final 6 questions receive final approval. go to Policy at the March or April meeting, depending on when the Final 6 questions receive final approval.
- Implementation is underway on the Study Design for Empirical Evaluation of Shallow Landslide Susceptibility and Frequency by Landform (Project 3) and Empirical Evaluation of Shallow Landslide Runout (Project 4).

SAGE

Chair: Todd Baldwin

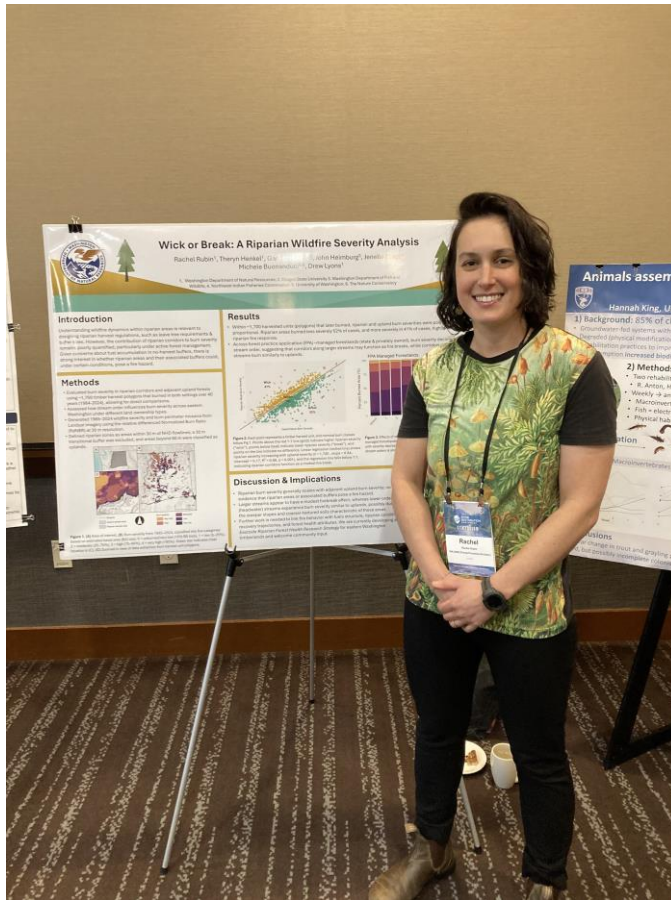
AMP Project Manager: Anna Toledo (ENREP), Jenny Schofield (ETHEP, Eastside Forest Health)

Eastside Timber Habitat Evaluation Project (ETHEP)

- ETHEP Final Report has been completed first round review by ISPR. The Authors are responding to questions and concerns.
 - Due back to ISPR on Monday March 16, 2026

Eastside Forest Health Strategy

- SAGE has reconvened a workgroup to continue development of the ESFHS.
 - Rachel, with the help of the workgroup is currently working on a first draft of the strategy.
- Rachel represented the Adaptive Management Program and SAGE at the River Restoration Northwest Conference in Skamania, WA in early February. She presented the Riparian Burn Severity Analysis as a lightning talk to approximately 400 restoration scientists and practitioners and also shared a poster, generating strong interest within the restoration community. The analysis evaluates wildfire severity in riparian and adjacent upland areas in eastern Washington over a 40-year period. This analysis directly informs SAGE's ongoing development of the Eastside Riparian Forest Health Research Strategy.



Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project (ENREP)

- The project team is working on data QA/QC and planning for the spring field season.

RSAG

Co-Chairs: Joe Murray & Jenny Knoth

Riparian Characteristics and Shade (RCS) Response Study

- Rachel has identified four potential sites to consider for implementation this summer. She has visited two sites and will visit the others over the coming weeks to check for suitability. The goal is to implement two sites this summer.
- Rachel presented a project update and CR-101 request to the Forest Practices Board at their February meeting. The Board approved the CR-101 request to allow for RCS implementation at the four potential sites this summer.

Westside Type F Experimental Buffer Treatment Project

- The CMER/TFW Policy joint workgroup reconvened on February 5th.
- SDM framework and processes are being used to determine/discuss project research questions and end of project decision criteria.

Extensive Riparian Status and Trends Monitoring Project (ExMo)

- The Project Team has revised the Charter in response to RSAG preliminary feedback. RSAG approved the revised Charter in January. CMER will consider the revised charter for approval in February.
- The Project Team is continuing preliminary Study Design development; in part by learning from other related monitoring program managers, doing preliminary data availability assessments, and methodology refinement processes.

ISAG

Chair: Jason Walter

AMP Project Manager: Anna Toledo

Anadromous Fish Floor (AFF)

- The AFF Project Team continues to work on the scoping and BAS document. The Project Team expects to have the document ready to be delivered to ISAG in June to initiate SAG review.

Water Typing Strategy

- Projects currently included in the Water Typing Strategy are: Potential Habitat Breaks (PHB), Default Physical Criteria Assessment (DPC), LiDAR Based Water Typing Model (LiDAR), and Fish/HabitatDetection Using eDNA (eDNA).
- DNR is working with Cramer Fish Sciences (CFS) on the implementation of the PHB and DPC studies. The data for both studies are being gathered simultaneously at shared sites.
- CFS has completed sampling for the fall/winter season. They continue to recon additional sites and prepare for the spring/summer 2026 season, which begins March 1st.

LWAG

Co-Chairs: AJ Kroll & Aimee McIntyre

AMP Project Manager: Jenny Schofield

Type Np Hard Rock Phase III- Amphibian Demographics

- Final Report Update- ISPR has completed the review and approved the Final Report.
- Final Report was delivered to CMER for approval at the October meeting where it did not pass approval.
- Stage 2 Dispute has been enacted
- Arbiters have been selected, meeting set for March 3, 2026

Temperature and Amphibians in Discontinuously Flowing Np Reach

- The Study Design was not approved at the January CMER meeting and Dispute Resolution was called by Aimee McIntyre.
 - The Project Team held an informal meeting with Chris Mendoza to discuss issues and a

- resolution was found.
- Study Design is up for CMER approval and to send to ISPR at the February CMER Meeting.
- Charter update and Project Management Plan can be expected to CMER upon approval of Study Design.

Road Prescription-Scale Effectiveness Monitoring Project (Roads)

Project Team: Julie Dieu, Charlie Luce, Tom Black, Erkan Istanbuluoglu, Amanda Alvis, Jenelle Black.

AMP Project Manager: Alexander Prescott

- The project teams' final phase of decom work was delayed by the series of strong storms in December and illnesses in January. Compliance checks and removing road stakes and study signage are continuing through early February.
- The project team and contractors continue to analyze project data from the previous water year and continue model development and sensitivity analyses. We are on track for all end of project deliverables.

Schedule L-1 Revision

3 Groups:

Wetlands

Riparian – Shade, Riparian Condition, Litterfall, Instream LWD

Instream – Pool Frequency, Pool Depth, Peak Flows, Fines in Gravel

- CMER discussed the Fines in Gravel Performance Target for a second meeting at the January CMER meeting and did not come to any consensus on how to proceed. CMER decided that it was time to turn to SDM/Facilitator to help make progress.
- Compass Resource Management is getting up to speed and developing a path forward.

Anticipated Documents for CMER Consideration/Review Next 12 Months						
Project Name	Document Type	Project Manager	Science Lead/PI	Oversight Committee	Original Anticipated Date	Actual Date of Delivery
<i>Extensive Monitoring</i>	<i>Project Charter (Update)</i>	<i>Prescott</i>	<i>Jenelle Black (CMER)</i>	<i>RSAG</i>	<i>Feb-26</i>	
<i>OBIA</i>	<i>Final 6 questions</i>	<i>Henkel</i>	<i>Elise Freeman</i>	<i>UPSAG</i>	<i>Feb-26</i>	
<i>Water Temperature and Amphibian Use in Type Np Waters with Discontinuous Surface Flow in Western Washington Project</i>	<i>Charter Update</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Jenny Schofield</i>	<i>LWAG</i>	<i>March 26</i>	
<i>Water Temperature and Amphibian Use in Type Np Waters with Discontinuous Surface Flow in Western Washington Project</i>	<i>PM Plan</i>	<i>Schofield</i>	<i>Jenny Schofield</i>	<i>LWAG</i>	<i>April 26</i>	
<i>DSL Mapping and Classification</i>	<i>Final Report</i>	<i>Henkel</i>	<i>Elise Freeman/Dan Miller</i>	<i>UPSAG</i>	<i>Sep 26</i>	
<i>Anadromous Fish Floor (AFF) Validation Study</i>	<i>BAS and Scoping Document</i>	<i>Toledo</i>	<i>Jenelle Black (CMER)</i>	<i>ISAG</i>	<i>Sep 26</i>	
<i>Roads Prescription-Scale Effectiveness Monitoring Project (Roads)</i>	<i>Final Report</i>	<i>Prescott</i>	<i>Charles Luce (USFS)</i>	<i>CMER</i>	<i>Dec-26</i>	
* Policy Initiated Items- Not following CMER' Protocols and Standards Manual						