

Site Visit Report – October 9th, 2024

Disaster: Dixie Fire (2021) and Sheep Fire (2020)

Land Manager: WM Beaty and Associates

Location: Humbug Valley area (Dixie Fire) in Plumas County, Cheney Creek area (Sheep Fire) in Lassen County.

Present: Ryan Hilburn (WM Beaty), Cara Mendoza-Ward (CFA), Topher Byrd (CAL FIRE), Michael Clark-Rentas (CAL FIRE), Henry Cohen (CAL FIRE), Daniel Cluck (USFS), Heidi Van Gieson (USFS)

Narrative:

WM Beaty began operating under this agreement in August 2024 and is the second of three landowners/managers to do so. Activities to date include herbicide purchase and application in two areas: Humbug Valley, impacted by the Dixie Fire in 2021 and Cheney Creek, impacted by the Sheep Fire in 2020. Pre-emergent herbicide application is being conducted in conjunction with mastication as site preparation ahead of planting. Active mastication operations were observed in both areas. Planting is scheduled for Spring 2025. Planting will include a mix of Sierra Mixed Conifer species planted at a density of 150-180 TPA. The group discussed how a lower density planting will impact the need for additional or more extensive release activities.

The group discussed opportunities for collaboration between USFS and private land managers to extend the effectiveness of fuel reduction and post-fire restoration activities. At one site, the group observed post-reforestation conditions in an area affected by the Story, Chips, and Dixie fires.

Video snippets were recorded by CFA where USFS, CAL FIRE, and WM Beaty spoke about the grant itself, the need for and importance of post-fire reforestation, and how it's being conducted on lands managed by WM Beaty. CFA will be releasing a completed video.

No issues or concerns were noted.

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Statewide Reforestation Coordinator, CAL FIRE



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