



University of Nevada, Reno



Whittell Forest Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 12 10:00 AM

Forest Outreach & Collaborations

1. Washoe Tribe MOU

Hunter explained that UNR has entered into an MOU with the Washoe Tribe of NV & CA. The MOU will allow the Whittell Forest and the Tribe to collaborate on the removal of fuelwood from the Forest. This will support fuel reduction efforts on Whittell Forest to reduce fire risk while also providing fuelwood to heat Tribal Elders' homes.

2. LSR work

Hunter provided updates on the Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) grant. This includes trials by [DroneSeed](#) on both private property in Franktown and on Whittell Forest. These trials will identify the best microsites for future seeding efforts by DroneSeed to maximize success. Hunter and Sarah have also begun to connect with landowners in the Franktown area which the LSR grant can support restoration efforts. Hunter then explained the intent of UNR to enter into an MOU with the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD). This MOU will allow TMFPD sawyers to fell the remaining standing dead trees on the "arm" of Whittell, with financial support

Teaching

1. Engineering Capstone Course

Hunter detailed the Engineering Capstone project taking place at Whittell. A student group will design a wood structure, specifically an outdoor awning for the picnic area. The structure will provide shade and protection from the elements and be an upgrade to current failing wood awning. The wood for the project will be provided by milling lumber onsite using the portable sawmill. The discussion then transitioned to Hunter and Tom describing the water rights that Tom helped the University acquire, and how these can be used for beneficial use at Whittell.

2. Graduate Student and Summer Class Updates

Hunter provided an update on the classes that occurred at Whittell this Fall, which included Sarah's silviculture class, where students spend the weekend at Whittell, and a class from UN clas