

Hello,

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) and the United States Forest Service (USFS), Region 5, in conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) invite you to a discussion about **plant, wildlife, and fish habitat conservation and enhancement** in California. This is one of a series of meetings of the Forest and Rangelands Assessment Advisory Committee (FRASC) in preparation for the 2015 assessment of forest and rangelands in California.

In the 2010 Assessment, the component on wildlife recapped information contained in the California Wildlife Action Plan (CWAP), and mapped the threat level from wildfires to areas determined to be important for wildlife by the California Essential Habitat Connectivity Project (CEHCP). For our 2015 assessment, we would like to more specifically address threats to habitat and wildlife diversity and actions needed to conserve ecosystems and wildlife populations in the context of public and private land management of California's forests and rangelands. We invite you to participate in our discussion and share with us your ideas and concerns about wildlife in California. We are seeking the participation of local, state and federal agencies, industry experts, non-governmental organizations and private stakeholders.

This meeting will begin with a panel of speakers who will share professional experiences and observations that address threats to habitat and wildlife diversity, and actions needed to conserve ecosystems and wildlife populations in the context of public and private land management of California's forests and rangelands. The panelists are: Armand Gonzales, Special Advisor to the California Department of Fish and Game and lead on the California Wildlife Action Plan; Dan Porter, ecologist with the Nature Conservancy, and James Weigand, State Ecologist for the California BLM. Following the panel presentation, we will open the forum for a group discussion. For background about the upcoming meeting, the assessment processes, or FRASC, please see our website: <http://frap.fire.ca.gov/frasc.html>.

The meeting will be held in Davis, California:  
9:00 - 12:00 on Thursday, October 4, 2012  
Room #229 (upstairs)  
USDA Lyng Service Center  
430 G Street, Davis, CA  
([map](#))

For those unable to attend in person, we are providing access to the meeting via webinar: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/976774474>

We hope you are able to attend and we look forward to hearing what you have to say. Please suggest this meeting to friends and colleagues you think may be interested. RSVPs to [kelly.larvie@fire.ca.gov](mailto:kelly.larvie@fire.ca.gov) are greatly appreciated by Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

*FRASC meetings take place on a quarterly basis and serve as a forum for participants to provide input on a broad array of issues affecting forests and rangelands across California. In addition to providing input into our next assessment your participation will help inform and improve collaboration on the management of forest and rangeland resources.*