



Skamania County
Community Health
Weekly Report
May 9, 2023
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Behavioral Health (Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder)

- TeleBehavioral Health Summit
- Klickitat and Skamania Youth Navigator Action meeting
- HCA monthly meeting with Designated Crisis Responders
- SW WA Behavioral Health Provider Alliance meeting
- SW WA BH Provider Alliance meeting with Managed Care Organizations
- Trueblood Collaboration Taskforce of SW WA meeting
- Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee/Apprenticeship Program check-in meeting
- Carelon Monthly Crisis Provider meeting
- SW WA Youth Navigator Multi-Disciplinary Team meeting

Public Health

- Gorge Native American Collaboration meeting
- Board of Health
- Region 4 RERC/LERC meeting
- WSALPHO CDLC monthly meeting
- Bi-State Recreation Insights meeting
- Skamania County WebEOC Refresher Training webinar
- Food Establishment training meeting with Clark County
- WA DOH Training and Exercise Coordination call

Developmental Disabilities

- Seeking additional Advisory Board members – continuous
- Monthly meeting with provider
- County School to Work Planning meeting
- DDA Provider Audit

Housing

- ACHS Homelessness & Affordable Housing Program meeting

See page 2 for acronym descriptions

ACH-Accountable Community of Health
 ACHS-Association of County Human Services
 AFIX-Assessment, Feedback, Incentives and Exchange
 BH-Behavioral Health (mental health and substance use disorder)
 BH ASO-Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization
 BOH-Board of Health
 CBRA-Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance
 CCS-Care Coordinating System (Pathways)
 CDLC-Communicable Disease Leadership Committee
 CICT-Case Investigation/Contact Tracing
 CHA-Community Health Assessment
 CHG-Consolidated Homeless Grant
 CHIP-Community Health Improvement Plan
 CHLC-Community Health Leadership Committee
 CHPW-Community Health Plane of WA
 CHW-Community Health Worker
 CDC-Center for Disease Control
 ConCon-Public Health Consolidated Contract
 CJTA-Criminal Justice Treatment Account
 CSHCN-Children with Special Health Care Needs
 DDA-Developmental Disabilities Administration
 DCR-Designated Crisis Responder
 DEL-Department of Early Learning
 DOH-Department of Health
 DVR-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
 EHR-Electronic Health Record
 ELC-Executive Leadership Committee (Public Health)
 EPR-Emergency Preparedness and Response
 ESD-Educational Service District
 ESIT-Early Support for Infants and Toddlers
 FCS-Foundational Community Supports
 FIMC- Fully Integrated Managed Care
 FPHS-Foundational Public Health Services
 FRC-Family Resource Coordinator
 HAH-Homelessness and Affordable Housing
 HCA-Health Care Authority
 HLC-Healthy Living Collaborative
 HRSA-Health Resources and Services Administration
 ICC-Integrated Care Collaboratives
 IFSP-Individualized Family Service Plan
 ITA-Involuntary Treatment Act
 LERC-Local Emergency Response Coordinator
 LHJ-Local Health Jurisdiction
 MAC- Medicaid Administrative Coordinator
 MAM-Medicaid Administrative Match
 MAT-Medical Assisted Treatment
 MCH-Maternal Child Health
 MCHBG-Maternal Child Health Block Grant
 MCO-Managed Care Organization
 NACCHO-National Association of County & City Health Officials
 NAMI-National Alliance on Mental Illness
 ORHS-Office of Resiliency and Health Security
 OSPI-Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
 PH-Public Health
 PHEPR-Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response
 PHBPP-Prenatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program
 PIO-Public Information Officer
 RERC-Regional Emergency Response Coordinator
 RHIP-Regional Health Improvement Plan
 SHELGI-STD Hub for Electronic Laboratory Data Input
 SME-Subject Matter Experts
 SUD-Substance Use Disorder
 SUDP-Substance Use Disorder Professional (WA State certification)
 SWACH-Southwest Washington Accountable Community of Health
 SWWA RHA-Southwest Washington Regional Health Alliance
 Tdap-Tetanus Diphtheria and Pertussis
VFC-Vaccines for Children's Programs
 WDRS-Washington Disease Reporting System
 WGAP-Washington Gorge Action Programs
 WISe-Wraparound with Intensive Services Implementation
 WSAC-Washington State Association of Counties
 WSALPHO-Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials



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Engineering

- Speed Limit & Regulatory signage project (work continues)
- Buck Creek Bridge Project (No updates)
- ADA Transition plan (work continues with weekly updates from the consultant)
- Wind River Road Pavement Preservation (Work continues)
- Wind River Slide Stabilization Project (data collection continues)
- Hegewald Parking expansion (Geotech and Survey work finishing up)
- Road approach and utility permit reviews (Regular reviews continue)
- Forest Practice Permits (reviewed DNR permits)
- Courthouse Replumb project (Walk through last week and work starts Friday)
- Short Plat reviews (Work continues)
- Road Vacate info to County Engineer for evaluation report. (Still pending)
- Washougal River Road (Pavement preservation project in initial phase)

County Road

- Work completed last week.
 - Mechanical Brush Cutting continues
 - Road grading work continues.
 - Grinding spots painted for chipseal project on Wind River
 - Ditch clearing work.
 - Meeting on location of slide issues on Washougal River Rd
 - Dug test holes at the Hegewald project
- Work scheduled this week.
 - Shoulder work
 - Brush clearing work continues.
 - Repair work to start on Washougal River Rd slide area

Building Division

- New permitting system implementation (weekly meetings)
- Updated fee structure (adopted and input has begun for the August start date)
- Building permits and inspections (work-load continues to remain steady)
- WA State Archives grant. (pending)
- DOE Grant (application work done)
- Environmental Health (Training is going well)



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Community Development

- Short plat work (several pending)
- Subdivision work
- Scenic area applications (remains steady and work is flowing well)
- Code Enforcement complaints (Minimal work being done due to staffing)
- NSA grant funding work began

Public Works Office Staff

- Work continues to update ER&R Computer and Server sheets. (Inventory work continues)
- General invoicing
- Cost analysis (work ongoing)
- General website (work ongoing)
- Septic file (work ongoing)
- County desk phone system (no updates)

ER&R

- Fleet service workshop
- Vehicle upfitting (requested upfitting completed)
- Surplus vehicle initial process started

Solid Waste

- Household Hazardous waste is scheduled for 7-22-23.
- Free tire day is May 20
- DOE grant (application for submission started)

Information Technology

- Work completed last week
 - Routine help tickets
 - PRRs completed.
 - Purchasing
 - Computer hardware upgrades
 - Adobe setup and E-signature training
 - Pushing Microsoft updates
 - Archival data copy/export for Clerks



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- Recovered backup database from SmartGov and exported permit data to Cloudpermit.

- Priorities this week
 - Continue to respond to help tickets.
 - Microsoft updates continue.
 - More Adobe installations.
 - Help ticket work to ease access
 - E-sign setup

Buildings and Grounds

- Work completed last week.
 - Routine facility inspections
 - Trouble tickets
 - Big Cedars Campground (clean up completed and grounds open)
 - Rock Creek Playground completed, and remaining chips removed
 - WRBP Utilities work began
- Work scheduled this week.
 - Work on Trouble tickets
 - Daily Building inspections
 - WRBP utilities work continues
 - Award septic bid

Wind River Business Park

- Well use agreement (Agreement is under review)
- New renters (Long term storage lease ready for review)
- Hazard tree discussions continue (Arborist report still pending)
- PlayFrontier (Road access changes in plan, meetings on site, Septic proposals are pending)

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BOCC Report

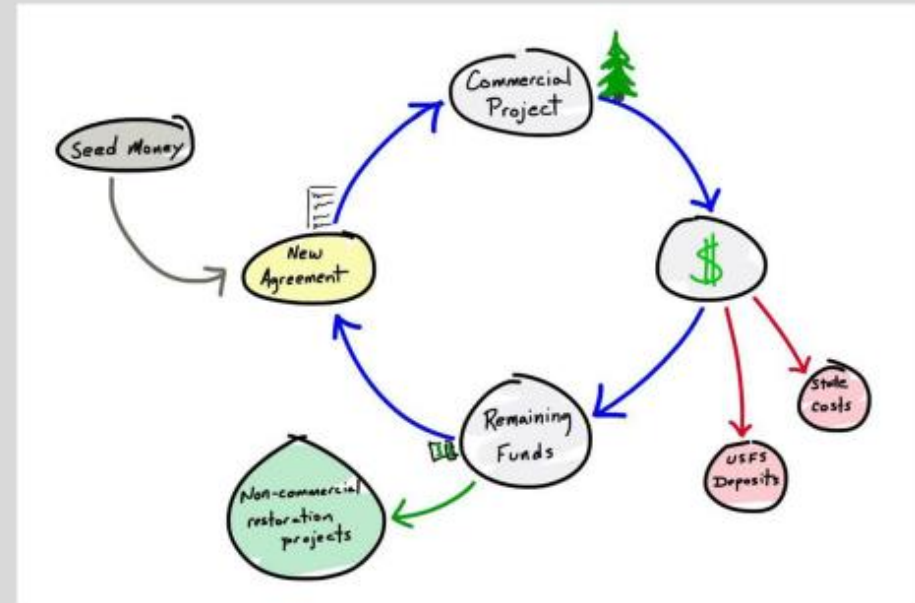
Progress In County Forestry & our GNA Projects

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Good Neighbor Authority

What it means, and implementation

- Federal agreement with states and counties to more effectively manage land
- The County, with seed money from the DNR, has entered the GNA agreement
- Our role is to administer timber sales on federal lands – via the FS rules
- Timber sales through GNA are a tool to implement healthy forest structure and ecological value
 - increase resilience
 - Increases habitat
 - Constant road maintenance
 - Associated restoration projects and AIP's
- Funds generated must be re-invested into the GP to further increase forest health and economic opportunity (PCT, roads, AIP's)
- The opportunity to generate jobs, and healthier forests is immense
- GNA started with the FS lack of capacity to effectively manage all of its lands. They also have the intent of managing ecological threats similarly across ownership borders within a forest.
- This collaboration allows us to work in places previously restricted, while also increasing forest resilience





Starting up

Meeting the players, acquiring resources, Learning the role

Meeting the Players

GP collaborative meetings, AFRC meeting, Field trips

- Must learn the people and land to help create solutions.
- Through these different events and meetings I've been making relationships with the citizens, Columbia Land Trust, FS, DNR, and others who have pushed to create our GNA program.
- My position came as a result of efforts by these parties to put our forests back to work.
- As a county we're paving the way on how to successfully fulfill GNA projects.
- Skamania County will be laying the groundwork and expectations for future GNA agreements – it is imperative that we proceed carefully and confidently.
- collaboration with all interested parties will be necessary and beneficial for everyone vested in our forest resources.
- Community engagement is a big positive – we want to be transparent and collaborative with the community to effectively fulfill projects : DNR & GNA film project
- The team of people invested in our success is large, and we expect great benefits to the county



Acquiring Resources

Supplying a single Forester

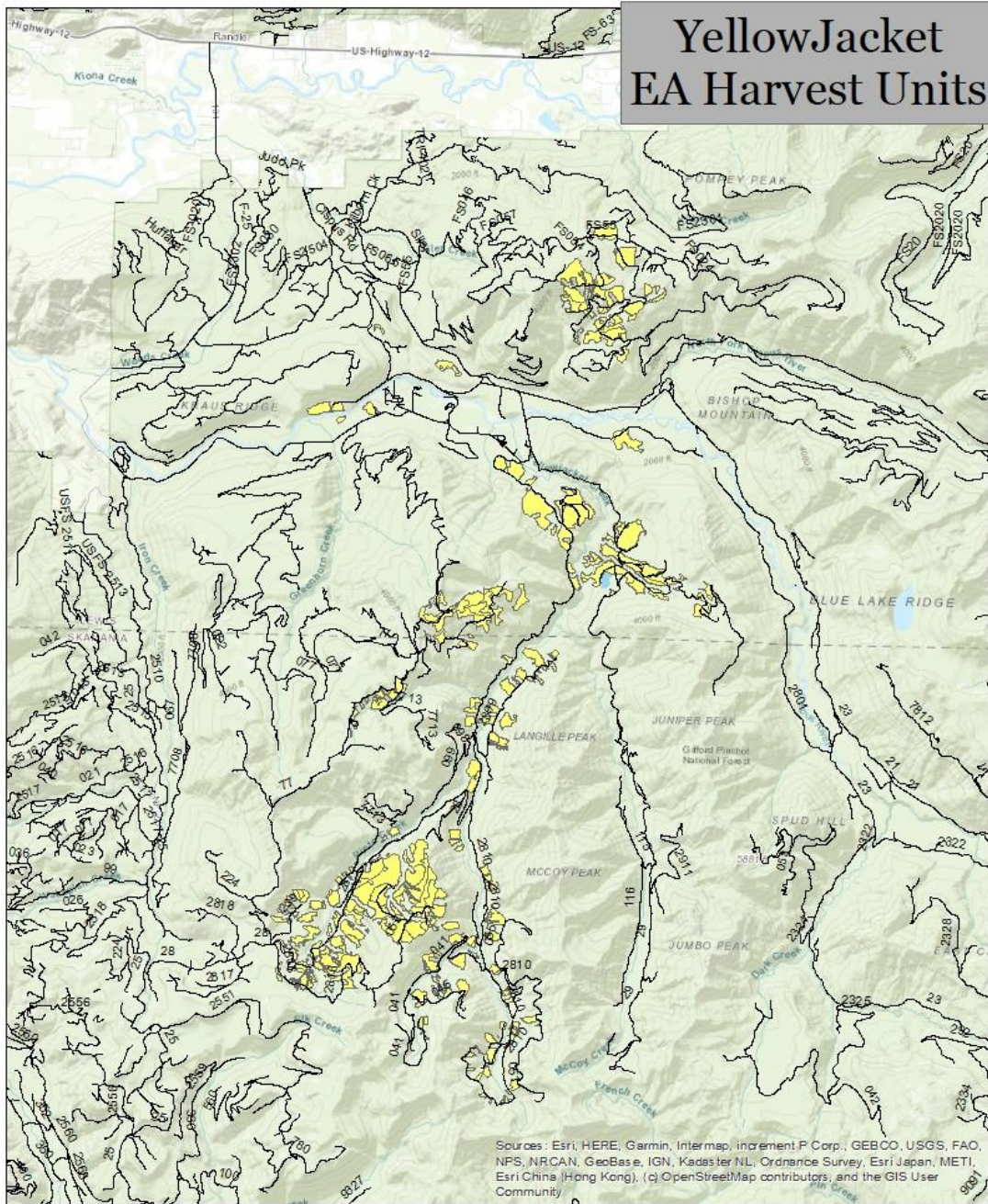
- Heading a new department for the county has been an exciting new challenge for me
- Much of my time has been spent learning how county finances work pertaining to this agreement.
- We're developing a new system to track expenditures, and revenue, as timber would be a new revenue stream for the county/ GP
- Collecting field tools
- Access to GIS data and how to interpret that for timber harvests

Learning the Role

Trainings and Field Experience

- Attending DNR trainings, road layout, contract administration, etc.
- Rides with DNR foresters in the field. Looking at units in different stages of sales
- Started Field work, working independently more and more frequently
- Looking forward to meeting purchasers and contractors
- Snow has just barely melted out so much of field work is just starting
- 7 yrs working in the woods, 4 yrs as a contractor

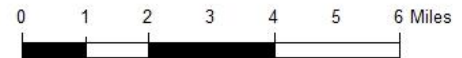
YellowJacket EA Harvest Units



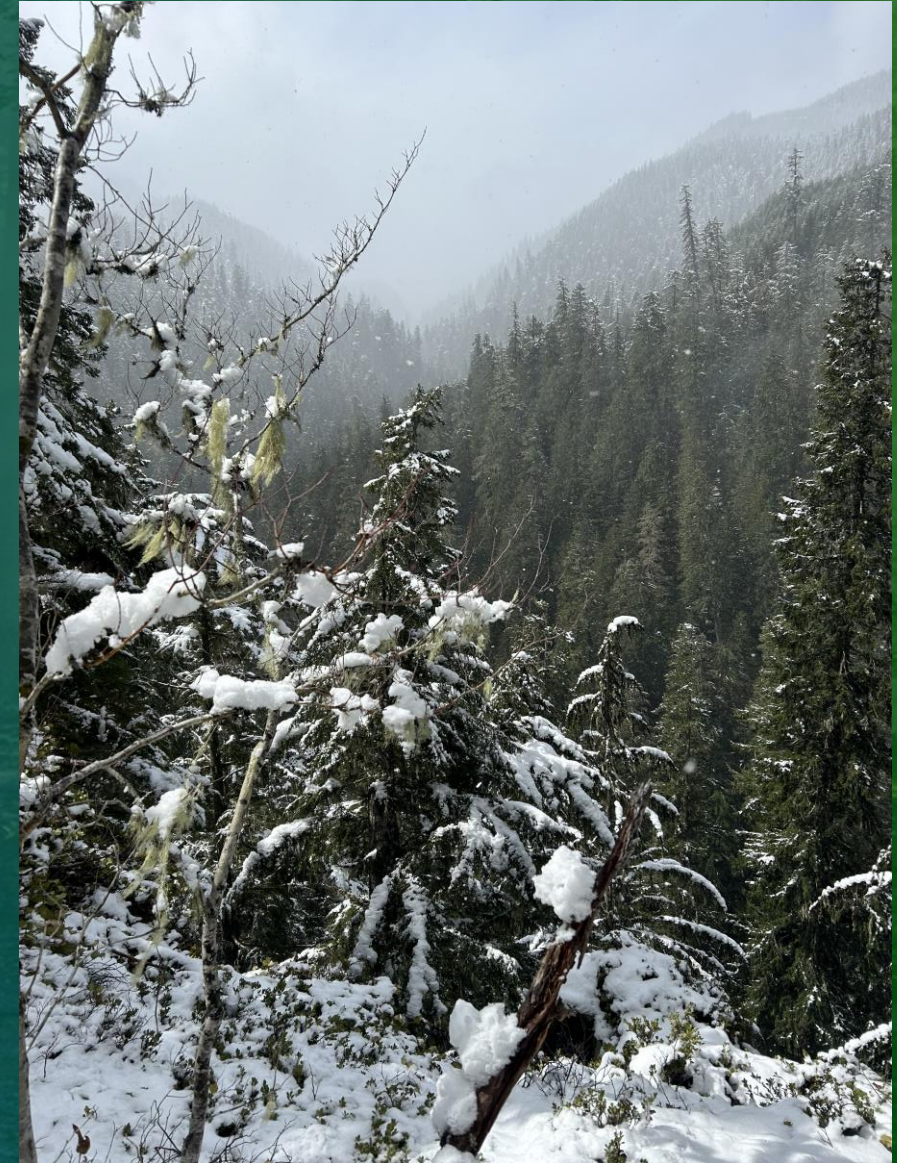
- Yellowjacket will be the first sale I layout and work from beginning to end
- Expected to bring a healthy portion of MMBF goal for this Biennium
- Most of my field time has been spent here laying boundaries
- DNR hired two new foresters, so we've started training/ working with them at this location also : Ben & Justin

Legend

— Gifford Pinchot Roads



Yellowjacket – In the Field

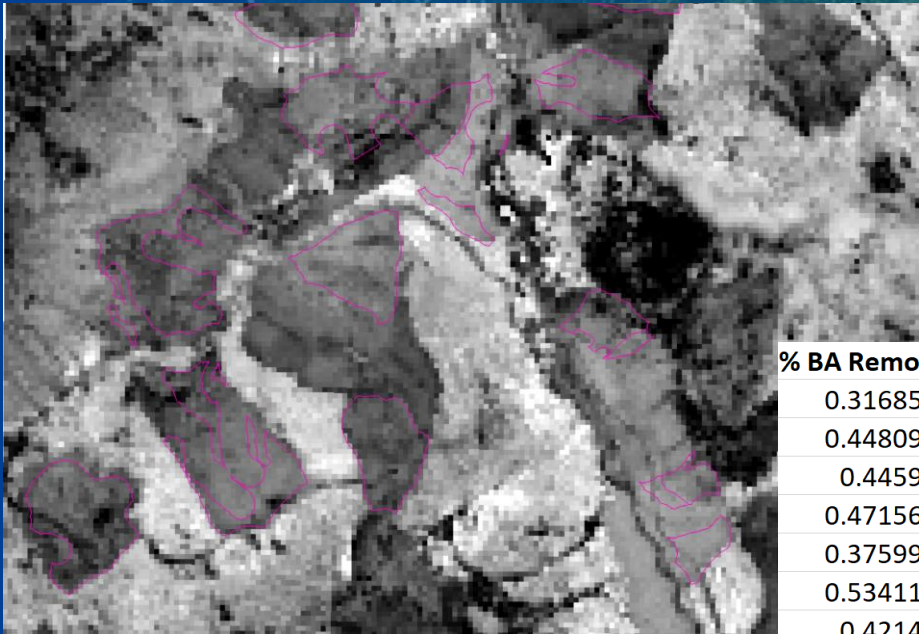


Yellowjacket – In the Field



- Notice how densely planted these trees are, even along a skid trail
- This is what unsafe ladder fuels look like
- Thinning decreases fire intensity, and protects our timber resources and carbon storage
- We must actively manage for fire—it's not a probability, it's an eventuality
- After thinning we'll have increased forest structure & resilience while also:
 - Increasing huckleberry growth
 - Increasing snow pack
 - Attaching AIP's, road maintenance & decommissioning to the sale contract
 - All of this increases habitat value in the long term

Timber Volume Estimations - YJ



- Pink boundaries are units
- Multiple greyscale layers that represent BA, Gross MBF volume, etc per pixel
- Those numbers are averaged by harvest unit and used together with the cutting prescription to see % BA removed and the associated MMBF

% BA Removed	MBF Removed		
0.316855049	50.87834655		
0.448095931	302.4807828		
0.44598338	424.9555687		
0.471560338	471.7721871		
0.375992739	221.4446224		
0.534115455	516.6610414		
0.42147891	217.2598756		
0.512972638	705.446531		
0.490858598	95.19297067		
0.428274428	672.130464		
0.379932356	81.09693143		
0.289635131	9.960301628		
0.289084211	36.45629145		
0.398150681	88.38495667		
0.311682623	38.56605924		
0.384615385	43.06441122		
0.291419737	201.7282365		
		Total:	

- Part of planning our sales involves estimating how much timber is available in harvest unit
- Using Lidar & DNR interpolations of that data, we can make rough estimates of existing timber in a stand
- With that info, a harvest prescription, and some math, we can pull rough estimations of how much timber is available to be harvested
- This is an important step in picking units to be harvested and making financially sound decisions
- Estimates are rough, boundaries may change, cutting prescriptions have not been decided, so the full estimate spreadsheet is not shown

Notes for Near Future

Lots of field work to do

- Goal is to spend 1 day in the office/ week in order to provide enough capacity for multitude of projects
- Alec rock pit treatment and CA
- DNR planting inspections
- Cruising certification (pop)
- YJ boundaries
- PCT project (non-commercial, restoration)



Benefits to the County

More money in local business

- Increase working capacity of the GP, without losing ecologic or recreational value
 - 11 MMBF this Biennium 2022-2024 just in GNA projects
 - Increasing road work, logging, vegetation management, restoration projects, all using local operators
 - Contract lengths are 2-3 yrs, reliable work for purchasers
- Alec rock pit treatment and CA
 - Adding capacity to our noxious weed department
- Gives county a committed rep when making or administering management decisions in the GP





THANK YOU!

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