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Re: SFSCC FLP project scoring guidance for **2023 federal fiscal year**

Dear Committee Members,

PLEASE NOTE: I MUST RECEIVE YOUR FINAL RANKING SHEETS **No later than SEPTEMBER 10, 2021.**

This year we will again be using the National **“Forest Legacy Program-Project Scoring Guidance”** criteria to rank all our applications wishing to request funding from the USDA Forest Service. The “National Core Criteria” begins on page four. Please note that you are to score based on the criteria (categories) of IMPORTANCE, THREATENED, and STRATEGIC. The committee will no longer need to score on READINESS.

You are to base your numerical evaluation **ONLY** on the Forest Legacy Information System (FLIS) project summary provided for each application. However, please consider the source of the information and the reality of the situation. Is it really threatened? Is the owner genuine in their offer? What are we trying to accomplish with this purchase?

Each state is limited in submitting only its three highest ranking projects. Historically, only a state’s #1 project receives funding if it finishes with a high score from the national selection panel (Panel). Your role is to objectively select (rank) a project that will garner top 10 ranking by the Panel in November. It does the California program no good if you give numerical scores to your favorite project higher than it reads in FLIS. With 49 states and 3 territories submitting projects for FLP funding, the Panel could have over 150 project descriptions to rank. If it does not resonate with the national selection panel then it will not be scored high enough to receive federal funding.

Changes: If you or the firm who employs you, has a proposed project to be scored this year you will not be eligible to score any of the proposals. If you have any questions about this, please call me on me at (916) 224-8761 or email me at Al.Klem@fire.ca.gov.

I have provided a worksheet to help you with your calculations and a FINAL rankings sheet on which you are to enter your final scores for each of the three criteria (categories) for each of the applications/projects. Please sign and send in your **FINAL** ranking sheet to me **BY NOON, Friday, September 10**. I will email an electronic version of the ranking sheet so you can fill it in and email it back to me. It is not necessary to total your scores unless you wish to do this for your own information. Your score for each criterion will be added to the other respondents to get a weighted average for each criterion for each proposal.

Please don’t hesitate to call me or email me if you have any questions. Thank you.

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