- 2. Equipment and Facilities Hunter provided updates on road repair and future road maintenance needs. He the reviewed new infrastructure, which includes a TuffShed for storage, wall tents for classes, a portable sawmill, and the refurbishment of the existing storage shed.
- 3. Whittell Boundary Survey Troy explained the need to know what the exact boundaries are important for a number of reasons, and the need to do it efficiently. Pat Matinez added details on the logistics of a survey, and that Real Estate Office can assist when the time is needed. Discussion shifted to how acquisition of land adjacent to Whittell but inside the Tahoe Basin could change opportunities, and that this had been explored but not pursued in the past.
- 4. Access Updates -Sarah reviewed all historic/previous access points, including whether or not they can be used. Anna Belle detailed the Forest Service acquisition of property in Washoe Valley and adjacent to Little Valley, which includes a road. Sarah added details on the property and the potential opportunities it presents for Whittell and UNR. Anna Belle added that community was concerned about public access, but that this road is administrative access only.
- **5.** Landscape Scale Restoration Grant (LSR) -Sarah described how UNR was awarded the \$292k LSR grant for post fire restoration and 100 acres of fuel treatments on Whittell. A large portion of the funding will be used for DroneSeed aerial seeding on private parcels affected by the Little Valley Fire. Anna Belle added she wants to connect on additional funding opportunities for Whittell.

## **Forest Outreach**

- Washoe Tribe of NV & CA Hunter updated the Committee on his site tour with members and staff of the Washoe Tribe of NV & CA. The tour was to facilitate and discuss use of Whittell by the Washoe Tribe for tribal youth and cultural activities, as well firewood collection to help reduce fuels on the Forest and provide firewood to Tribal Elders.
- 2. 2022 Whittell BioBlitz Hunter and Sarah reviewed the 2022 BioBlitz which was attended by roughly one dozen people. Scheduling conflicts and poor weather limited attendance, but the event still resulted in increasing visibility of Whittell for research and teaching.

## Meeting adjourns