- [In regards to Theme 3 (a)] Minimizing management-related sediment delivery will become a larger concern as more areas experience salvage-logging. Recent research notwithstanding, more work is warranted in this area as salvage logging has become a major component timber harvest volume.
- [In regards to Theme 5 (a) and (b)] Advances in LiDAR methods and intensive efforts within CDFW programs to recover endangered anadromous salmonids may provide opportunity for timely innovation to utilize FPR THP requirements pertaining to anadromous salmonids.
- [In regards to Theme 6] Recent widespread wildfire may provide opportunities for appropriate studies; an effort should be made to learn whether the FPRs are effective or could be improved given the extent of hazard statewide.
- [Theme 6 (c)] seems to have a largest influence on large-scale forest management, structure and fuel loading being major influencers on wildfire behavior
- Depauperate # of studies evaluating wildlife habitat and how management is influencing wildlife behavior and habitat use.
- I am surprised that there are no question or themes which consider forest/stand adaptation to climate change. Questions like are the FPRs encouraging forest adaption to climate change? Also, there is nothing on resilience to pests and pathogens maintaining ecosystem health or protecting against site degradation. Questions like, do the FPRs encourage practice which retains long-term site productivity or is site degradation and poor phytosanitation possible with the rules?
- I would add that I'm not supportive of the EMC conducting literature reviews to "remain relevant." If we have staff to accomplish the task, maybe. Otherwise I would support finishing up current projects and lining up other important projects for funding when available.
- Limited understanding of regeneration/restoration analyses associated with post-fire salvage and treatments
- These [Theme 6: Wildfire Hazard (a) and (c)] are under reported concerns related to the forest practice rules – including how much slash can be left on the ground post-harvesting and whether harvesting actions can be considered a fuels treatment for mitigating future adverse fire behavior or are harvesting practices contributing to fire intensity when these areas burn, decreasing the likelihood of fire fighter success.
- They [Theme 11: Hardwood Values] haven't been addressed by a grant yet, and they're in my area of expertise (forest ecology) and thus I could meaningfully contribute to a literature review.
- This [Theme 8 (b)] addresses the range of age-classes seen within state-regulated areas, which could have influences on forest resilience to wildfire as well as habitat quality.