*The following is from the Trestle EIS, pages 35 and 36. Phrases that are particularly important to the 2019 El Dorado Forestry Challenge are highlighted.*

**Monitoring**

Site-specific monitoring of project activities will be conducted if any of the action alternatives are implemented. This monitoring is designed to verify that the projects are implemented as designed, and that they are effective in meeting the project and Forest Plan objectives. The overarching purpose of monitoring is to provide feedback to the Forest that enables evaluation of the achievement of ecosystem health and sustainability and improvement of management to better meet the expectations of the public.

One aspect of monitoring looks at the degree to which project objectives, standards, and guidelines of the Forest Plan are being implemented. Another aspect is measuring the effectiveness of management practices used in site-specific projects. Monitoring is also used to verify the assumptions and models used in planning. Funding for monitoring may vary; this may lead to assessing priorities as needed to assure the integrity of Forest Plan monitoring and evaluation. When it is certain that regulations and standards are being met, monitoring of a particular element would cease. If monitoring evaluations show that regulations or standards are not being achieved at the desired level, management intervention would occur, and monitoring would continue.

**Project Level Implementation**

Each active management unit would be visited at a frequency necessary to assure compliance. Monitoring of preparation and implementation would occur at regular intervals to ensure compliance with prescription intent and, where applicable, contract provisions. Minor contract changes or contract modifications would be enacted, when necessary, to meet objectives and standards on the ground. Post-treatment monitoring within the project area may be conducted following project implementation to ensure that the design criteria are effective.