m2M meeting, 8/8/11

• Project personnel update
  – Postdocs: FD has interviewed 2/4 finalists and will meet with 3 this week at ESA. Final decision by Friday.
  – Other research assistants: Andy Shepard, Sean McKnight, Andy MacDonald

• Weather equipment order: completed. Most of the equipment has been delivered
  – Supplies for exclosures

• Field site status
  – Teakettle – review of garden locations; suggested strategy for hobo deployment
  – Big Sur
  – Sedgwick
  – SJER
  – Tejon Ranch as an option

• Schedule Aug-Sept
  – Aug 8-12 No fieldwork scheduled
  – Aug 15-26 Big Sur (tentative)
  – Sept 5-16 Sedgwick (or SJER)
  – Sept 19-30 SJER (or Sedgwick, also Teakettle?)

• Other items?
Postdoc finalists

• Lynn Sweet, UCR
  – Jodie Holt, advisor
  – Dissertation Title: “Environmental and community factors influencing the distribution of Pennisetum setaceum in California.”

• Artem Treyger, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
  – Chris Nowak, advisor

• David McKenzie: U. of Wyoming
  – Advisor: Dan Tinker
  – Dissertation Title: Western red cedar (Thuja plicata) in Glacier National Park: Growth and regeneration

• Bill Anderegg: Stanford U.
  – Advisor: Chris Field
  – Dissertation topic: Quaken aspen mortality in the southern Rockies in relation to recent climate change
Teakettle experience

- Worked out exclosure design and installation
- Discussed and implemented a strategy for locating weather stations
- Reality check on deployment of dataloggers
- Current status
  - 6 gardens mostly finished
  - Still need to deploy weather equipment
  - Seed collection and sowing has to happen late Sept/early Oct.

Photos by FD, JF
Big Creek Reserve/Circle M Ranch

- LH and FD visited on 8/4, Circle M ranch a possibility
- Tough to get to the site, but easy access from the site to garden locations
- Extremely different setting than Teakettle: 900 m lower in elevation, black oak rare, tanoak, oak and Ceanothus thyrsiflorus abundant
Big Sur vs Teakettle, apples vs. artichokes?
Tejon Ranch
Next steps

• Hire postdocs to begin 9/1
• Confer with Tejon Ranch? Try again with the Forest Service? Stay with Big Sur?
• Model accessibility and lay out hobo design for Teakettle, SJER, and other candidate sites.
• Work on scale paper with JF and Maki
Next GoToMeeting conference call

• Sept 12 or Sep 14, 1 PM?