MC Meeting
9 May 2017

* **Up the Mountain Permit**
	+ Final changes sent today, Jess signed off on study plan
	+ Waiting on Lugo to review and approve
		- Note: Study plan was approved on May 10
	+ PVC cut and painted, volunteers ready to start setting up new plots
	+ 2 volunteers from seedling crew staying on during the summer to help with work
	+ Old MRCE plot over 450 palm plot. Need to figure out treatment
* **Site Review Comments**
	+ Jess will draft a response to the letter and discussion can take place through email
	+ Have about 1 month to reply
* **Annual meeting**
	+ Things to address from site review comments:
		- Theory and modelling that connects LUQ to broader community
		- Contemporary theories addressed by research, how it connects back to conceptual model
		- Novel ecosystems issue
			* Maybe use the term “transitional conditions” or terms unique to LUQ
		- Specific theoretical constructs that data will address
	+ Day 1 – Syposium at El Portal
		- No lunch provided, will try to have coffee and other refreshments. Potentially cash bar/snacks?
		- Other potential speakers:
			* Bill Gould
			* Jim Ackerman
			* Patricia Burrowes
			* Ariel Lugo
	+ Day 2 – Meeting at El verde
		- Research plans 2018-2024
		- Breakout groups
			* Future projects and linkage to conceptual model
		- Comparative, integrative, or synthetic products
		- Network activities
		- Infrastructure needs
		- Professional development and graduate student opportunities
* **Other**
	+ UPR still on strike. Campus supposed to open Thursday but not likely
		- Funding is still moving through