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