

Forest Management Coordination Notes – March 10, 2017

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- I. Welcome
 - a. Aaron offered an update on current collaborative efforts and how this coordination may support that work
- II. Round Robin – Tx
 - a. SUIT
 - i. Near King Fire – Cty Rd. 500
 1. Several hundred acres
 2. Mechanical Treatment – Ponderosa
 - a. North slope dense
 - b. Skidding
 - c. Masticate in several rounds
 - d. Brian Rue
 3. Hand lop and scatter in some areas
 4. Lower half of the 2-3-2
 - a. North slope/ dense
 5. Firewood to membership
 - ii. There will be a few follow up calls for MSO
 1. Cabazone area
 - iii. Finishing Hall Canyon – Aspen Springs Unit 6
 1. Some burning in 2018 for piles
 2. Need access to some other areas through private
 3. There is another arm that needs to be treated
 4. This lines up with the CAFA Grant application
 - iv. 80 acre block in Cherry Creek
 - v. Block in Trappers
 - b. FireWise
 - i. CAFA grant
 1. May know by May
 2. Aspen Springs
 - a. Low income properties
 - b. Aspen Springs, Twin Peak Village, Pagosa Highlands
 - c. No match required
 - d. Most lots an acre or less
 - e. Some work with NRCS has occurred in that area
 - i. Jerry will offer Layer

- f. Ties with SUIT and Vegal LaJuana effort
 - ii. \$\$ for 15 properties for tx – 2015 WUI Grant
 - 1. Mitigation Rebate
 - 2. Defensible space in Zones I, II, III
 - iii. Similar for Vallecito
 - iv. Montezuma County just I and II
 - v. Chipper rebate for slash
 - vi. PLPOA has secured DNR money to buy a large chipper
 - 1. Chips are available to people for landscaping
- c. USFS
 - i. Contracted
 - 1. Long-Term Stewardship
 - a. Currently in Left Hand
 - i. Weather offered Challenge
 - b. Echo
 - i. Pine/ Oak
 - c. West Fork
 - i. Several hundred acres around camp ground
 - d. East Fork
 - i. Around camp ground
 - 2. Spruce Salvage
 - a. Mountain Valley Lumber
 - b. Pay for what removes
 - c. mid-July
 - d. 130 acres
 - 3. Timber Sale
 - a. Ponderosa Pine
 - b. Fosset Gulch
 - c. Bill Moore
 - d. 900 CCF – 160 acres
 - 4. Mechanical Work
 - a. Willow Draw and Fawn Gulch
 - i. Near Log Park
 - ii. 800 acres
 - b. Some duplication with LTS Contract
 - c. Both contracted this spring
 - 5. To Contract
 - a. Brockover
 - i. Designation by prescription for Forest Health CO
 - b. Wolf Creek – Off Fall Creek
 - i. 150 acres
 - c. Pine Sale in Saul’s Creek
 - i. 100 acres
 - 6. Tri-State

- a. Right of Way work
 - b. Operating in line area
 - c. Dead tree removal
 - d. Slash and burned
 - e. PRD will allow mastication
 - f. Firewood – Saw log
 - g. Cody Neff
- ii. SCC
 - 1. Green Vets
 - a. 3 weeks in Deep Canyon
 - b. Brockover – line prep
 - c. FourMile – Line Prep
 - d. FourMile – Work
 - e. Reach out to Winston at Sonlight
 - i. How to get rid of firewood
 - ii. USFS can be conduit if need wood removal
 - 2. 2 crews
 - 3. 4 to 5 weeks on Reservoir Hill
 - 4. 8 to 11 weeks on Columbine
 - 5. 4 to 5 weeks on Dolores
- iii. CSFS
 - 1. Forest Ag
 - 2. Tree Farmers
 - 3. No market for Ponderosa
 - a. Aspen Wall wood may get into paneling
 - 4. Vega La Juana
 - 5. Good Neighbor
 - 6. Sarah Sidel – Upper Piedras
 - a. 130ish acres
 - b. just past wildfire
 - 7. CPLA
 - a. Blanco basin
 - i. There are some commitments
- iv. NRCS
 - 1. Perhaps Ken Levine
 - 2. Potentially 10 projects in Upper Blanco
 - a. Need another meeting
 - b. Can we coordinate with USFS
 - 3. Vega La Juana – 2018
 - a. There is a landowner interested and ready on the fence
 - b. The tribe is planning for 18/ 19
 - c. Earliest fall of 2017
- v. There may be an assessment to look at the 2-3-2 area in 2018
- vi. RCPP

1. EQIP Funding – Coming a different way
 2. Conservation District run contracts
 3. Support Aspen Springs
 4. Allottee on USFS could sign up
 5. Mill Creek, Fawn Gulch, Echo, Left Hand
 6. Blue Mountain Estates
- d. Uses
- i. Firewood
 1. Market is up and down limited
 - ii. Slash Removal
 1. Air curtain burner
- III. Areas of Overlap
- a. Jerry and the NRCS offer nice tie to the different efforts that are on the ground
 - b. This connection could support future projects where overlap was identified
 - i. Vega La Juana
 - ii. Blanco
 - iii. Fawn Gulch
 - iv. Mill Creek/ Echo/ Left Hand
 - v. Reservoir Hill
- IV. Prescribed Fire
- a. SUIT
 - i. Small operations – 250 to 500 acres
 1. Pile burning
 - b. Pagosa
 - i. Not much spring burning
 - ii. Brockover/ Turkey Springs
 1. 1000 acres – fall
 2. Vets fire cews/ sharing
 - a. Bring in Pauline and Travis
 - b. Help address travel caps
 - iii. TREX
 1. 1st 2 weeks in May
 2. Not much on San Juan
 3. 3 days in NM on private 4 to 5 days
 4. Want to burn with Jicarilla
 5. PRD – 1 field day
 6. MOU's
 - c. Columbine
 - i. Less than 100
 - d. Dolores Burning
 - i. Priority 1
- V. Coordination of Rx
- a. Can NRCS charge against codes
 - b. SCC

- i. Can support work on the ground
 - ii. Burn across different funding codes
 - c. How do we support one another to help burning
 - d. Maybe Tribe could support distribution of funding
 - i. Cooperative agreement with Bureau
 - ii. Transfer money
 - iii. Help relieve travel cap
 - iv. Can USFS pay to burn on private?
 - v. Good Neighbor Agreement
 - vi. Carry fire across jurisdiction
 - e. Growing concern over prescribed fire
 - i. There is a group trying to coordinate in opposition to Rx
 - ii. Looking at health care perspective
 - iii. Education/ outreach needs
 - 1. May – Wildfire Preparedness Day
 - 2. Discuss Brockover burn
 - iv. Coordinated plan for rolling out burns
 - 1. Messaging
 - 2. Science to the table
 - 3. Burning calendar

VI. Next Steps

- a. GIS Layers
 - i. Jerry has Aspen Springs Layers
 - ii. Bill has dots for work
 - iii. Matt will develop a template for work layers for the coming year and Aaron will circulate them to the group

To Do:

- Cohesive Dollars
 - o Concentrated effort
 - o Do we need an outreach person/ Door knocker
 - o How does USFS work on private lands?
- Include Brian and Jesse on 2-3-2
- Develop Timelines
 - o Vega La Juana
 - USFS, NRCS, SUIT
 - Matt Tuten – pull together
 - o Blanco
 - CPLA, NRCS, FireWise, USFS, CSFS
 - o Fawn Gulch
 - CPLA, NRCS, FireWise, USFS, CSFS
 - o Mill Creek/ Echo/ Left Hand
 - PLA, NRCS, FireWise, USFS, CSFS

- Reservoir Hill
 - NRCS, CSFS, SJHFHP
 - Coordinated – slash removal
- Notes out/ minutes
- Economic opportunity
 - Contract work
 - R9 Development – Bill Reach out, Aaron reach Pauline Ellis
 - Do we need a Coop for contractors?
 - Bring to SJHFHP
- Prescribed Fire
 - Coordination Effort
 - Kevin - initial investigation into what is needed
 - Cohesive Strategy approach to management
 - Bring group back together
 - Education Effort – take to SJHFHP
 - Historic fire conditions
 - Science around fire
 - Roll in community health
 - Compile data
 - What do
 - What accomplish
 - Matt Tuten/ Aaron Kimple distribute template
 - Take comments