

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

Notes July 18, 2014

Attending: Bev Warburton, Thurman Wilson, Jason Todd, JR Ford, Steve Hartvigsen, Bob Frye, Roberta Tolan, Matt Ford, Marcie Bidwell, Jimbo Buickerood, Darlene Marcus

WHO	WHAT	WHEN
Aaron	Talk with Town (Jim Miller and Tom Crisalis) about how to proceed with informing the public about Reservoir Hill	
Steve	Get in touch with the Folk Fest Folks about Reservoir Hill	
Aaron	Talk to Steve and Kent about marking exercise for cit sci monitoring	
Matt	Bring digital display materials for County Fair	
Aaron	Order and build display for County Fair	
Aaron	Organize volunteers for County Fair	
Steve, Aaron, and Jimbo	Work to plan a Spruce/ fir workshop	

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Updates (20 min)
 - a. Grants
 - i. The DNR grant
 1. SJHFHP has been encouraged to re-submit the grant
 2. There was one miscommunication over how the grant will support the community that held up the application
 - ii. WUI Grant
 1. Firewise submitted a WUI grant that included money for San Juan Headwaters education and outreach. Aaron and Bill will talk about how to coordinate. – Thank you Firewise!
 - a. \$13,500 for coordination
 - b. \$13,500 for Archuleta Firewise

2. We are currently exploring another application that would include money to help advance the SJHFHP model to communities in Montezuma
- iii. CSFS Reservoir Hill
 1. This grant was approved for \$63 K
 - a. We need to be careful about how we approach the community
 - b. Need to educate the public
 2. Press Release – Aaron
 - a. Talk to Town about how to proceed
 - b. We need to front load the conversation with goals and purpose.
 - c. Parks and rec committee
 - i. Tom Crimalis
 - ii. Jim Miller
 - d. Folk Fest Committee
 - i. Dan – check web – Steve will get in touch with them
 - e. Informational signage
 - f. CSFS mark with Jim Miller’s help
 3. No money for a sign
 - a. Maybe Jim has money
 - b. Long-term informational that can be moved
 - c. City more project oriented
 4. Table and fliers (?)
- iv. Four Mile grant
 1. Moving forward
 2. Thinning has been done
 3. Much of the monitoring has been done
- b. Mulch
 - i. Made some sales
 - ii. One check that bounced – account closed
- c. Rural Philanthropy Days
 - i. Aaron attended on behalf of the SJHFHP
 - ii. This was a good venue and attendees were interested in the groups activities
- d. West Fork Fire Tour
 - i. Nearly 40 attendees
 - ii. Good conversation and substantive
 - iii. Good history lesson
- e. Citizen Science
 - i. Had field day in June
 - ii. Another one tomorrow (July 19)
 - iii. Protocols are together
 - iv. It seems that it has helped attendance to have bird walk before hand

- f. WUI proposal for 2015
 - i. We are working on developing proposal for advancing to the west side of the San Juan National Forest
 - ii. CSFS is having a forest strategy meeting that may help. Fall?
- III. Budget Discussion and Expenditure Approval (40 min)
 - a. Budget Presentation
 - i. Many of the grants are coming to an end so there were a lot of expenditures on the accounts that are closing
 - ii. It would be in the interest of the group to develop a better income report
 - 1. Standard chart of accounts
 - 2. Transition to a report from quick books
 - 3. Track each grant separately
 - 4. Send reports to Bob and Bev
 - 5. Short narrative
 - a. Translation of what goes where and what the recent expenditures include
 - iii. Bev suggested approval of \$16,643.91
 - 1. No discussion was requested
 - 2. The group Approved expenditures for MSI
 - 3. The group Approved expenditures for JR
 - b. Organization moving forward
 - i. We are working to secure the future of the SJHFHP
 - c. Fundraising Plan
 - i. A committee was formed to help develop the plan. It includes:
 - 1. JR
 - 2. Mary Jo
 - 3. Matt Ford
 - 4. Bev
 - ii. Should this happen before the strategic plan?
 - 1. There was a discussion of timing for the development of the financial plan.
 - 2. It was decided that we begin to develop the plan and adjust if needed with input from the strategic plan.
 - iii. Group includes a lot of talent
 - 1. It was suggested that we currently do not have a hussler from community
 - a. Do we pressure JR too much?
 - b. Does the community lack husslers?
 - 2. Is there a way to reach the broader community
 - a. It can be difficult because we regularly meet during the work day
 - b. We need to outreach to Stakeholder groups
 - c. People like to do rather than attend meetings
 - d. There needs to be a vested interest
- IV. Spruce-fir Management – a worthwhile pursuit? (40 min)

- a. What are the issues?
 - i. USFS gets regular inquiry on what to do with spruce
 - ii. Beetle have made the issues more prominent
 - iii. The USFS is asking Can we manage spruce/ fir? How?
 - iv. The other question asked is how do beetles effect fires?
 - v. Impacts from beetles are appearing in Ouray, Molas and Coal Bank
 - vi. Does spruce grow in areas that are suitable for removal for production
 - vii. Little Sand vs. West Fork
 - 1. West Fork unprecedented in acreage and intensity
 - 2. Is this because of beetle?
 - viii. What is range of variation in beetle kill
 - 1. May have changed regardless of beetle
 - ix. Cause for beetle outbreak and mortality is not just one thing
- b. How can this group help?
 - i. Help in discussing the Ecological, social, and economic needs
 - ii. USFS is strong in ecological- not so in social and economic
 - iii. It has been easier to manage ponderosa – there is justification
 - 1. Values at risk
 - iv. Justification tougher to sell ecologically, socially, economically
 - 1. Shorter season
 - 2. Endangered species
 - 3. No WUI
 - 4. Attacking trees smaller than normal
 - v. Is there a need for active management in spruce fir?
 - 1. Scale and type?
 - 2. It seems that we need more time to discuss
 - 3. There is a need for prioritization
 - 4. How do we tell the public/ inform
 - a. Need to get out ahead and try some management
 - 5. The group stay informed and help spread the message
 - 6. There is a need for the USFS to concentrate money and people on where can make a difference?
 - 7. Aaron, Steve, Jimbo will set up a separate meeting to further discuss spruce/ fir management
 - a. Bring in key people and
 - b. Beetle discussion?
 - c. Scope – spruce fir management/ forest health
 - i. Treatments
 - ii. Where
 - iii. Scope and size
 - iv. PRD with invites to others from other forest
 - v. What do we do now – not a beetle problem

- V. Upcoming Events (10 min)
 - a. Connecting for Conservation – A possible lunch is scheduled for September 18
 - b. Citizen Science
 - i. Pika Net
 - ii. July 19
 - c. Archuleta County Fair
 - i. We have discussed the possibility of setting up a booth
 - ii. Volunteers are needed to sit at the booth – August 2 and 3
 - 1. Roberta
 - 2. Bev – Sunday
 - 3. JR
 - 4. Steve
 - 5. Matt
 - iii. Digital Materials
 - d. Old Growth Conference is happening in Durango August 4,5
 - e. Once Upon a Forest
 - i. Special movie showing August 3
- VI. Action Items (5 min)
 - a. Tim Reader CSFS for meeting in August
 - b. Matt Bring digital materials
 - c. Aaron build presentation for
 - d. Aaron order tri-fold
 - e. Steve, Aaron, Jimbo arrange spruce/fir management workshop