

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

Notes

January 16, 2015

Attending: Jimbo Buickerood, Kevin Kuhng, Jerry Archuleta, Bill Trimarco, Ben Bailey, Nicole DiMarco, Steve Hartvigsen, Tim Leishman, Anthony Garcia, Jodi Mallozzi, Matt Ford, Kent Grant, Aaron Kimple

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Updates (10 min)
 - a. Crown visit – Aaron updated the group on the Crown Family Foundation Visit. We will be talking with the Foundation further in June.
 - b. NFF – The National Forest Foundation grant is closed. We will send the final report this month. Another application will be submitted in June.
 - c. Rotary Club
 - i. Aaron gave a presentation to the Pagosa Afternoon Rotary Club.
 - ii. Fred Eillis of USFS will talk about prescribed fire to the club this mont.
 - d. Reservoir Hill
 - i. The project is moving forward. An MOU has been developed and agreed upon. The Forest Health Company may start thinning in February though weather may delay the project.
 - e. Joint Chiefs initiative
 - i. Kevin gave an update. This is an agreement on projects for mitigation on federal lands that includes NRCS and the USFS.
 - ii. This money can be utilized on:
 - 1. National level
 - 2. For private and federal lands
 - 3. Adjacent lands
 - 4. Education
 - iii. Kevin Submitted 3 projects
 - 1. Kenny Flats
 - 2. Alpine Lake
 - 3. Fourmile
 - iv. There is an Interest in the proposed projects because of the partnershuip.
 - 1. Fourmile will go forward in 2015
 - 2. 2015 and 2016 other 2 projects
 - f. Regional Fire Meeting – Bill Trimarco discussed this effort
 - i. There was a discussion of the Sauls Creek Prescribed Fire

- ii. It would be good to add to the Saul's Creek component in an education meeting
 - g. WUI Grant
 - i. This includes money for education and outreach
 - ii. The money is divided between Firewise and San Juan Headwaters
 - h. Archuleta County Title III Funds
 - i. The county Found some money
 - ii. A portion will be divided between San Juan Headwaters and Firewise
 - i. Bill – FEMA Grant
 - i. Firewise has applied for a grant for Seasonal firefighters
 - 1. Part of Office Emergency Management
 - ii. Acknowledge communities
 - iii. \$130K for work on private lands
- III. Revisit strategic plan (30 min)
 - a. Mission/ vision
 - i. Aaron will send it out and solicit responses at the next meeting
 - b. Calendar
 - i. We will discuss this next month
- IV. Budget (30 min)
 - a. 2014
 - i. Volunteers helping to give presentations will help to reduce cost.
 - ii. The budget was Approved noting that Bev was not present and she has the right to bring forward concerns or issues that can reopen the conversation
 - b. 2015
 - i. 2015 budget approved
 - ii. Steve volunteered to help write grants
- V. Spruce Fir Management(45 min)
 - a. Biggest issues
 - i. Wildlife
 - ii. Water
 - iii. Public Health and Safety
 - b. Does this group want to participate in the conversation on PRD
 - i. 12% of suitable base for timber management in Spruce
 - ii. Headwaters has 45% combined in Pagosa and Columbine
 - iii. Beetle has crossed over the neighboring district
 - iv. Can't manage in wilderness or roadless
 - v. Further west is spotty
 - vi. How much is management driven by forest product?
 - vii. We are currently not meeting desired conditions for spruce in new forest plan
 - viii. Can cut in Wolf Creek and Maska

- ix. Should this Group participate in the conversation?
 - 1. It is in the Mission statement
 - 2. Would it water down group efforts? -
- c. Does the group want to be part of the larger San Juan Conversation
 - i. What is the groups influence
 - ii. Group engaged in opportunities for spruce management
 - iii. What does that look like?
 - 1. Tours and public meeting
 - 2. Group members/ groups as part of discussion
- d. Where will the public fall out
 - i. Tour of GMUG
- e. Is it time to start addressing
- VI. Future discussions
 - a. Joint Chiefs – put on agenda for next meeting
 - i. Projects
 - ii. Introduce fire back to the ground
 - b. Conversation about Sauls Creek burn
 - c. Ask people to take a closer look for February – mission and vision
 - i. Review
 - ii. Need to monitor over time
 - d. Include discussion of Needs for Wolf Creek
 - e. Spruce fir conversation
 - i. USFS staff to pull info
 - 1. Mapping
 - ii. Bring group up to speed
 - iii. Presentations at meetings
 - 1. 30 min discussion on wildlife in Feb
 - iv. Line item budget to help conversation
 - 1. Spruce fir conversation
 - 2. Overall discussion – well rounded way to address
 - v. April/ May discussion
 - vi. Tours and presentations
 - vii. Mapping
 - f. Aaron contact Tony at CFRI
 - g. Aaron contact Rich Edwards
 - i. What do we need
 - ii. Coordinate with Thurman
 - iii. Go to Meeting?
 - iv. Powerpoint