

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

Notes April 17, 2015

Attending: Bev Warburton, John Gildar, Matt Ford, Jerry Archuleta, Kent Grant, Tom Haarman, Jimbo Buickerood, Thurman Wilson, Bill Trimarco

- I. Welcome and Introductions – 5 min
- II. Updates – 25 min
 - a. Burn Tour
 - i. Good look at fire on the ground
 - ii. Chris Tipton presented
 - iii. 24 people attended
 - iv. Need to build the right relationships to get folks comfortable with the idea
 - 1. There are precautions that can be taken
 - 2. May 2 – Event
 - a. Wildfire and watershed
 - v. Need to video the tour in the future
 - 1. Herald took video of the burn
 - vi. It was a great example of how the programs can work
 - vii. The cost difference between 50 acres and 250 acres is minimal
 - viii. The fire had a homeowner that was a champion
 - b. Reservoir Hill
 - i. SCC will start hand work on the 19th
 - c. Fire Ready Communities and firewise
 - i. May 2 is firewise communities
 - ii. Video is being put together to talk about firewise communities
 - iii. Firewise will host a Movie night
 - d. Additional work on the ground – Kevin and Jerry discussed the Farm Bill Projects
 - i. Opportunity to do something like Saul’s Creek in Turkey Creek
 - 1. Kevin talk with John, Jerry, and Bill
 - ii. Fourmile
 - 1. 80% of flagging is done for the Fourmile project
 - iii. Turkey Springs
 - 1. Regional joint chiefs have provided funding
 - 2. Mastication – approx. 950 acres
 - iv. NRCS – Joint Chiefs money
 - 1. Applications
 - a. June 17
 - b. Obligated in August
 - v. Once work is done better opportunity to do a follow up burn
 - 1. Need to develop public support for smoke impact
 - a. How do we get the support?
 - 2. Need to work with state

- a. Increased monitoring of smoke
 - b. Different circumstances with the San Juan
 - 3. Need work with Ellen Roberts
 - 4. Can work well with Pagosa District
 - vi. There is a need to develop a burn plan
 - 1. USFS, NRCS, CSFS, Firewise, Fire District
 - 2. The idea needs to be taken it to the public
 - 3. Potentially late 2017
 - e. Spruce Fir Talks
 - i. Tony and Brett will be a part of meeting 1:00 to 3:00
 - ii. Kevin invite Kara to the discussions
 - iii. May 22, 1:00 to 3:00 – Spruce Fir
 - 1. John and Kevin
 - iv. Spruce is a forest wide issue
 - f. Video
 - i. There was some discussion around developing a video for the San Juan Headwaters Group
 - 1. Don't let the video funding take over actual work
 - 2. Dow we have the budget?
 - ii. We should develop an outline
 - iii. Funding sources
 - 1. Secure Rural Schools reauthorized – Title II and Title III
 - a. RAC – Resource Advisory Council
 - b. Always looking for members
 - 2. High School has a film school
 - a. Moorehouse and JD
 - iv. Steps and pre-treatment allow fire on landscape
 - g. RAC – looking for members
 - i. Aaron will put out a call
 - h. Mapping
 - i. Getting maps of mitigation work on private
 - ii. La Plata County helping
 - iii. NRCS is working on their polygons
 - iv. Completed
- III. Grant Applications and fundraising – 15 min
 - a. County
 - i. Aaron has called to thank Bentley
 - b. Hershey
 - i. Application in
 - c. CSFS
 - i. Application next week
 - d. There is a current grant application for Energy development
- IV. Calendar for 2015 – 30 min
 - a. Upcominng Events
 - b. Movie evening
 - i. After 4th of July

- ii. Movie line up
 1. The fire line
 2. Perspective from forest service and wildland fighters?
 3. Entrapment?
 4. E-mail Bill with interests and possible movies
 - c. West Fork Tour
 - i. Includes RWEACT, Rio Grande, Southern Rockies Fire Science Network, San Juan
 - ii. Building off of last years tour
 - iii. Topic ideas
 1. Success stories of protection of structures?
 2. Veg type effects characteristic of fire
 3. Aspen
 - a. Make observations on the tour
 4. Restoration spruce fir in Rio Grande?
 5. Post-fire response
 6. Watershed work
 7. New location to South Fork
 8. Jerry talk to NRCS Engineer
 9. Kirby
 - d. Pub Talk – May 21
 - i. Aaron talk with Tony and Brett
 - ii. Need to involve USFS in conversation
 - iii. Concerns with Bill Baker
 1. Need to offer dialogue of opinions
 2. Not inclusive
 3. Have a direct tie with CFRI and USFS
 - e. June 17 presentation to Blanco Basin – 4:00 to 6:00
 - i. Follow up meeting
 - ii. Build off of follow up survey
 - iii. Aaron and Thurman will present the Wildfire Risk/ Watershed Assessment project
 - f. Four Mile Tour
 - i. July
 1. Weekend of 11th or 12th or 18th
 - ii. Pre Treatment look meeting
- V. Upcoming Meetings – 5 min
 - a. May Meeting – CFRI
- VI. Chama Peak Land Alliance – 30 min
 - a. TNC Grant
 - i. Treatment – 800 acres
 - b. DOE Grant
 - i. Match by landowners
 - c. Stewardship
 - i. National fish and wildlife service
- VII. Next Steps – 5 min