

**San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership**  
**Agenda May 22, 2015**  
**9:30 to 11:30 at the Pagosa Ranger District**

Attending: Aaron Kimple, Bev Warburton, Tim Leishman, Bob Frye, Steve Hartvigsen, Thurman Wilson, Jimbo Buickerood, Ben Bailey, Nicole DiMarco, Jerry Archuleta, Hannah Weaver, Matt Buchanan, Tony Cheng, Kristen Pelz, Kent Grant, Darlene Marcus, Kevin Khung, JR Ford

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Updates (15 min)
  - a. LPEA Meeting
    - i. There has been no immediate decision on the pricing for incorporation of Forest Health Company's electricity
  - b. Farm Bill Work
    - i. USFS
      - 1. Field work is done
      - 2. Contracts need to put together
      - 3. Largely mastication
    - ii. NRCS
      - 1. Accepting applications since first of may
      - 2. 23 homes that are interested
      - 3. Homes are in Hidden Valley and Alpine lakes
      - 4. Homeowners can Sign up until June 17
  - c. Meeting with Senators
    - i. Collaborative efforts were highlighted
    - ii. Both senators want to exhibit leadership
    - iii. Educational opportunity for the senators
    - iv. What did we need to get done?
      - 1. Resolving wildfire funding
      - 2. How do we expand CFLR?
      - 3. Performance metrics beyond acres treated
        - a. Right acres
      - 4. How does this effect relationship with NM?
      - 5. Our senators often represent smaller populations
        - a. Expand the number of senators and representative
  - d. Governor signs DNR grant
    - i. Governor was in Durango to sign the legislation
    - ii. Funded for a million dollars
  - e. Pub Talk
    - i. 70 people attended
    - ii. Presented by SER, CFRI, Firewise, MSI, SJHFHP
    - iii. Looking for SER representativeas
      - 1. Contact Brett

- f. West Fork Tour
  - i. The tour and talk is coming together
  - ii. Speakers are lined up
  - iii. Firewise, Wolf Creek Ski Area, and Southern Rockies Fire Science Network will help support food
- g. Partner Meeting
  - i. Groups that partner with the USFS got a chance to talk with a committee reviewing the San Juan National Forest
  - ii. San Juan Headwaters discussed the work it does and the help it receives from the Pagosa Ranger District
- III. Finances (20 min)
  - a. Budget review
    - i. We do have some negative numbers
      - 1. The negative numbers in the Fourmile will be zeroed by re-allocating dollars
      - 2. The negative numbers in Reservoir Hill have been absorbed by MSI with an adjustment in admin charge for the grant
    - ii. Recent Grants
      - 1. CSFS has partnered with San Juan Headwater to assist with the education and outreach component of Reservoir Hill
    - iii. Hershey Grant
      - 1. The grant is in and will be reviewed June 5
    - iv. NFF,
      - 1. A grant will be submitted to NFF
    - v. USFS
      - 1. Kevin is working to help the San Juan Headwaters tell its story with money recently received.
    - vi. Need more private money
      - 1. Reach out with GECKO
      - 2. Pagosa Brewing
      - 3. Riff Raff
        - a. Beer at Riff Raff
          - i. Working to protect water
          - ii. Tim Leishman will talk to the owners
          - iii. San Juan Headwaters Ale?
    - vii. Center for collaborative - talk to Emily Olson about them
    - viii. Date is wrong on the budget – should be first week of May
    - ix. Budget has come a long way
  - b. What is in the budget for 2016
    - i. Aaron build a report
  - c. Video
    - i. Talk to local schools
    - ii. Stair step from iphone video
    - iii. We should include a camera on the west fork tour

- d. Approve expenditures
  - i. Expenditures were approved
- IV. Development (30 min)
  - a. One-pager
    - i. Clean water and outdoor adventure starts with a health forest
    - ii. Trees across trails
  - b. End of year report
  - c. Need information more directed to trails and active folks
  - d. Specialized one-pagers for target audiences
  - e. Template cater to different groups
  - f. Riff Raff – can we include information at the restaurant
  - g. Address active lifestyles
- V. CFRI (30 min) – Brett Wolk
  - a. Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant
    - i. Non-federal lands in CO
  - b. Monitoring
    - i. Brett discussed monitoring tactics and findings
    - ii. Crown fire potential generally reduced
    - iii. Surface fuels up in older PJ
    - iv. Down in younger PJ
    - v. Browns transects for surface fuels
    - vi. Relative numbers
    - vii. Immediate pre and post monitoring
      - 1. A couple of long-term plots
    - viii. Pondo
      - 1. Crown down
      - 2. Surface same or up a little
    - ix. Lodgepole Pine
      - 1. Begin to identify regeneration
      - 2. All materials removed
      - 3. Presents the potential to combining industry with forest health
    - x. Closer to zero wildfire risk the more you impact other values
      - 1. Most discussions are focused on fire
      - 2. Are we willing to have more fire risk in way to support other values.
      - 3. We can reduce risk but never take away fire
    - xi. What do we do about invasives
      - 1. What are we leaving behind
    - xii. What is adding to the intensity and smoke layer
    - xiii. Can improve treatments with surface fuel management
    - xiv. What risk is accessible
    - xv. Monitoring helps
      - 1. Funding
      - 2. Improve projects

3. What treatments are most effective in what forest types?

- VI. Action Items (5 min)
- a. Riff Raff – Tim will check in
  - b. Outdoor Movie
  - c. Send along Tony
  - d. Aaron make one-pager more fun!
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