

**San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership  
Notes  
November 15, 2013**

Attending: Steve Hartvigsen, Kent Grant, John Nelson, Dana Hayward, Thurman Wilson, Bev Warburton, JR Ford

Who	What	When
Aaron	Move materials from FLC site to new web site	December
Thurman	Watershed Assessment	December
Thurman/ Aaron	Draft Letter to SWCD	December
Aaron	Update water quality members for assessment	November
Aaron	Talk with JD about approaching the school board	November
Steve	Talk with Tom Grant about JSFP	November
JR	Talk with Tom Grant about chemical composition of wood chips	November
Aaron	Send NFF grant to JD	December
Aaron	Talk with Chama Peak Alliance	November

**Decisions Made:**

- I. Expenditures Approved
- II. Proposed 2014 Budget Approved
- III. Development of a rotating secretary position

**Next Meeting:**

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Notes and Action Items (10 min)
  - a. Steve has extended invitations to meet with Marty. Steve, and possibly JR, will head up to Denver to meet with him.
- III. Update on Projects (30 min)
  - a. Website
    - i. Please visit the site and send ideas
      1. Get back to Aaron by Nov. 22
    - ii. Aaron will move materials from FLC to site
  - b. Watershed Assessment
    - i. Update from Thurman
      1. There was a break in the effort associated with government shutdown
      2. For the USFS the delay was longer than 3 weeks because had to let seasonals go.

3. USFS is focusing on field work as long as they can be outside
  4. Steve will talk to Ivan and Roper
  5. The watershed assessment group will catch up in early December
  6. Thurman will draft a letter to Bruce at SWD – CC JR
  7. The September meeting with the Front Range folks was a good one. CO-WRAP may not be as essential
  8. Aaron contact water group members
    - a. Water group came up with 5 specific locations to assess more thoroughly
  9. Aaron gave an update on Tom Grant effort – JFSP (joint fire science program)
    - a. 2 intakes to protect – west fork and lower san juan and the other four mile
    - b. East fork dumps more sediment – miles down stream
    - c. Ground for erosive soils and room for movement
- c. Cloman Park
- i. The area has been bullhogged
  - ii. Trails are in
  - iii. Frisbee golf course is in place
  - iv. MSI has a ½ day of monitoring work to do
- d. Current Grants
- i. CSFS
    1. We have money to do work on private lands
    2. Letters will go out to the private landowners about what to expect and how to pay.
  - ii. NFF
    1. Grant includes money to get the schools out to monitor
    2. Now that we have the grant should we attend a school board meeting?
      - a. Who should approach – ask JD
    3. JD had his class at Chris Mountain
- e. October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> – CFLRP
- i. Aaron updated everyone on the meeting
  - ii. We are being recognized as a connection to southwest Colorado
  - iii. Everyone is doing monitoring but the group is going to review everyones efforts and try to build common ground
- IV. Business (45 min)
- a. Current Budget
- i. Approval of expenditures
    1. Budget approved
  - ii. A letter should be developed that highlights successes in 2013
    1. Aaron is developing an end of year report and letter for potential donors
- b. Donations still needed.
- i. Fundraiser Opportunities – The group discussed some ways to raise unrestricted funds.
    1. Pagosa Gives – a 24 hour giving period with a challenge grant
      - a. The feeling is that the group is not yet established enough
    2. Pay Pal Acct and Get Involved area on the web site

3. What do you need to promote the group?
  - a. End of year
    - i. Aaron is developing an end of the year report
  - b. Letter
    - i. Aaron is developing a letter for giving
4. Brewery
  - a. Spruce tip at riff raff
  - b. Talk to Bill
5. Loads of chips – ten loads of chips auction (\$500 plus trucking)
  - a. On-line?
6. Currently do not enough presence for a public drive
7. Steve and JR ask PAWSD and LPEA – round up
  - a. LPEA application- Steve
  - b. Dollars and sense to LPEA for supplies for monitoring
  - c. Purchases can be made through Bailey's
8. Steve and JR will reach out to Friends of Reservoir Hill to discuss how to work on the hill
9. One-evening at the brewery with local band
  - a. (Faculty X)
  - b. Bill help arrange?
- c. Forecast budget needs for 2014
  - i. Thinking through future coordination – should we pursue an annual ½ time position or does the ½ time then ¼ time model work?
    1. Break out coordination time for volunteers, group,
    2. Coordinate – ½ time
    3. Some project time
    4. The budget needs more clarity to time allocation
  - ii. We need to think through time spent with group coordination vs project coordination.
    1. 1/3 project work, 1/3 coordination, 1/3 outreach
  - iii. Energizing community
    1. Passion
    2. Focus non-federal lands
      - a. Reservoir hill
        - i. JD is looking for grants
        - ii. This could be a double edge sword
        - iii. There should be an Education component
        - iv. It would be good to develop a Management Plan
        - v. Is there a way to develop a visual representation of thinning work
      - b. If we had a fire – Spring event
        - i. Agenda with town council
        - ii. Data from JD's students
      - c. Steve – contact Davey
      - d. Rob Linder is a good contact for private lands
      - e. How do we tap into private lands?
  - iv. Wish List

1. Aaron presented the group with a wish list of items. This can be found in the budget report
  - v. Group needs
    1. It would help to create a secretary position. This could be a rotating task  
– Steve volunteered to take part
- V. Citizen Science (25 min)
  - a. Aaron talk with Bill and Dana
- VI. Action Items (5 min)
- VII. Next Meeting
  - a. Next full meeting – January 17
  - b. Fundraiser at events and get buy-in
  - c. Citizen Scientists
  - d. Action Items