San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership
Notes March 21, 2014

Attending: Matt Ford, Bill Trimarco, JR Ford, Nicole Demarco, Jerry Archuleta, Kent Grant, Emily Olson, Noah Chutz, Bev Warburton, Thurman Wilson, Aaron Kimple

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Decisions made:

- Aaron and Bill will try to do a radio show to talk about the efforts
- The MOU was agreed to and signed
- San Juan Headwaters will support TNC letter of support Wildfire Disaster Funding Act (WDFA) (S. 1875 and H.R. 3992)
- Expenditures were approved

I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
II. Previous meeting notes (5 min)
   a. Bill talked to SOS about Earth Day. The response was vague. Nothing has been finalized.
   b. Bill can talk with Roberta about a radio show. Maybe Aaron and Bill can share the radio time.
   c. Bill get flyers about chip slash
III. Updates (20 min)
   a. Farm Bill Submission
      i. The ski area mentioned that they are not asking for money for treatment within the permitted ski area boundary (they budget for that) – they would like to see more treatment on adjacent National Forest lands
      ii. Information was submitted to the DNR for the Governor’s consideration on two potential areas for designation in our area – lands around Wolf Creek Ski Area
and an area identified high value to water supplies and high risk for wildfire
damage in the Fourmile and Turkey Creek watersheds

iii. Project treatment areas limited to 3000 acres

iv. Western slope should get more project oriented money

b. Keystone

i. Bill, Aaron, J. R., and Nicole attended

ii. Aaron attended the Post-fire break out session and discussed that having a
group in place now helps fire response in the future.

iii. Community

1. Mitigation needs to occur where people are. Those living in WUI should
take responsibility

2. Forest service should not be suppression oriented

3. There is a need for proper grant timelines and criteria

4. Need outreach and education

iv. Landscape scale

1. A balance of tools would be helpful

2. There should be more local control of treatment types

3. Let wildfire do the work

4. There is a need for education of industry

v. Outcomes

1. There will be a formal document from event

2. They may bring those groups together again

c. American Forest Foundation

i. Got a call from AFF

ii. Looking for projects in the West

iii. May know in next couple of months

d. Grant Applications

i. DNR grant submitted for Fourmile area

ii. CSFS grant submitted for Reservoir Hill

e. The Nature Conservancy letter of support for the Wildfire Disaster Funding Act (WDFA)
(S. 1875 and H.R. 3992)

i. The WDFA would establish a wildfire emergency funding process that is similar
to the processes used to address other natural disaster emergencies. Essentially,
it would fund a portion of the USFS and DOI wildfire suppression costs through a
budget cap adjustment similar to that currently utilized by the Federal
Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for other natural disasters under the
Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1988. It would only
apply to very large fires (mega-fires).

ii. Thurman supports because it is hard to predict how much money is needed for
fires ahead of time in the normal budget process. A small number of large fires
that threaten homes typically represent a large portion of the fire-fighting
expenses in many years. In recent bad fire seasons the Forest Service has
enacted “fire-borrowing” – taking money from other programs, including fuels treatment to balance the budget.

iii. Senators support

iv. Not for prescribed burning but could reduce the amount of prescribed fire and other fuels treatment dollars siphoned off to cover suppression spending overruns.

v. San Juan Headwaters agreed to support the TNC letter. Aaron will let TNC know.

f. The Nature Conservancy is hoping to hire a scientist in SW Colorado

IV. Review updated MOU and sign (15 min)

a. Agreed and signed

V. Budget and Expenditures (30 min)

a. Approved

b. Aaron showed a budget with an added column for what money we have committed

c. There can be challenges to getting grant money in at a timely manner

d. Thurman presented the idea that some costs need to be periodically reviewed and updated, such as cost of living increases and changes in overhead. It was agreed that MSI would discuss that further with the Partnership’s financial representatives (Bev and Steve) to come up with a joint recommendation.

e. Expenditures approved

f. There may be future money potential

   i. with Farm Bill - $4 million for Colorado

   ii. Aaron should call Hershey to follow up on funding request

   iii. El Pomar

   iv. State Water Roundtable

   v. Continue to participate Rural Philanthropy Days

VI. Upcoming Events (10 min)

a. JR ordered 50 super sacks

   i. Bulk at $8.00/ yd

   ii. $20 plus $15 deposit

   iii. 400 to 50 pounds per sack

   iv. Pay JR

   v. For Earth Day, buy a super sack

   vi. Sack at east side market

   vii. Farmers market

   viii. Aaron build a flyer for super sack - from our forest for our forest

b. Donation

c. May wildfire prevention month

   i. Firewise will do WUI check points at subdivisions

   ii. Write PSA - tag team with Roberta, Bill, Aaron

   iii. Firewise is doing ambassador training over the next couple of weeks

d. Thank La Plata Electric for taking step to work with Tri-State

   i. Thank your board member!
ii. JR will be working with Tri-State
iii. LPEA election coming soon
e. Host West Fire Tour out of Wolf Creek
   i. Drive up the Hunters Lake Road (above Big Meadows)
   ii. One trip in June for the group and one in the fall for the community with the Rio Grande National Forest and RWEACT (the community coalition responding to West Fork Fire Complex effects)
   iii. Nicole feels that the ski area would be supportive of using its facilities for the indoor portion of the fall tour

VII. Citizen Science (30 min) – Presentation by Emily Olson and Noah Chutz
   a. Emily Olson presented what Citizen Science offers the community
   b. Noah presented what the thinking is for the SJHFHP Citizen Science program
   c. Town Tourism Committee

VIII. Action Items (5 min)
   a. Promote super sacks
   b. PSA's - Aaron, Bill, and Roberta
   c. Check with Hershey
   d. LPEA letter
   e. Aaron print 1-pager - 150 print
   f. Bill list of to go items for fire
   g. Will work with Bill to promote Citizen Science
   h. Matt ask Monica
   i. Kent ask Colorado
   j. Aaron change his e-mail address on one-pager
   k. Aaron check with Steve about Rio Grande Tour negotiations