

## SJHFHP Education and Outreach Meeting Notes August 16, 2013

In Attendance: John Taylor, Windsor Chacey, Margaret Kleiner, MaryJo Coulehan, Bill Trimarco, Bev Warburton, Aaron Kimple, Steve Hartvigsen, Thurman Wilson

### Action Items Table:

Who	What	When
Aaron	Confirm JD for training	
Bill	Confirm Roberta for training	
Aaron and Steve	Develop equipment needs	
Aaron	Change Thurman's e-mail on MOU	
Steve	Bring grill, burgers, condiments on 21st	
Aaron and Steve	Arrange equipment for 21st	
Steve	Check with RGNF about West Fork tour on October 18	
Aaron	Relay comments to Marcy about web site	
Aaron	Reserve mid-size room at the Ross Aragon Center for September 20	
Steve and Thurman	Extend invitations to USFS reps for September meeting	
Aaron	Invite Bruce Whitehead	
Aaron	Work with Front Range to develop agenda	
Aaron	Add Saturday to Assessment flier	
Aaron	Develop map for Saturday event	
John T.	Contact Becky from Hershey	

### Decisions Made

- West Fork Tour would start with a SJHFHP focus and broaden possibly next year
- Move location to Ross Aragon for September
- Steve and Thurman will invite proper USFS reps
- Aaron invite Bruce Whitehead

### Next Meeting

- September 20, 9:30 to 12:30
  - o Include 1 hr of business and 2 hrs conversation with front range reps
- September 21, 9:00 to 1:00
  - o Forest Assessment Training

Notes from previous meeting – Update on who has committed to doing what:

Aaron continue to outreach to Mineral County Commissioners  
Aaron drafted flier for Monitoring Event  
Aaron and Anthony updated monitoring protocols  
Hinsdale County invited to participate  
July 19 agenda done  
Hershey contacts not here yet – John, Margaret to help with contacts  
Selected website developer  
Aaron will follow up with JR  
Still need to add Bob Frye to checking  
Joined Chamber  
Steve will visit with Folk Festival organizers soon (waiting to do in person)  
Bev - ???  
Aaron, Marcie, Thurman developed MOU for assessment work  
Confirmed work with MTECH  
Watershed Wildfire Protection (Front Range) group coming Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Steve & Aaron need to talk about invitees for Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>

I. Upcoming events:

A. Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> Forest Health Assessment Training – Cloman Park area:

1. There was a discussion about the upcoming event. Then flier was reviewed. Aaron needs to add Saturday to the flier. We are in good shape for advertising the event. The event should include around 15-20 people, a more targeted audience. The day will include 1 sample plot set up, explanation, and letting people do their own for practice.
2. Aaron needs to develop map or instructions on where to meet
3. Windsor – why should the community be interested and involved with forest health? How will this training help you? How does healthy forest help protect water? Cost of water? Raising insurance rates? Affect on tourism?
4. Aaron – This will be a targeted attendance with the possibility of establishing a monitoring club. This will be more of a train the trainers. JD Kurz may be able to do annual assessment with his students, John Taylor will contact Becky? Tree farmers may have interest (John J connected), Steve can bring fire scar materials & coordinate with Aaron on equipment needs (dbh tapes, clip boards, etc.), BBQ afterwards (\$200 budgeted), Steve will bring burgers & condiments, BYOB, John T – Steve had a good presentation that was filmed that could be used again
5. NFF is interested in funding monitoring – grant request in now
6. Agenda – What does this event look like – 9:00am to 1:00pm
  - a. Introduction (30 min)
    - i. Add Saturday to the date
  - b. Monitoring (2.5 hours)
  - c. BBQ - (1 hr)

- i. Do it at Cloman
  - ii. Steve bring grill
  - iii. Steve bring burgers
  - iv. Steve will Bring Condiments
  - v. Aaron and Steve work together on food
  - vi. BYOB
- d. Equipment Needs – 3 sets
- i. Data Sheets - Aaron
  - ii. Maps - Steve
  - iii. Photos - Steve
  - iv. Tapes - Aaron
  - v. Compasses – Aaron and MSI
  - vi. D-tapes - Steve
  - vii. Stakes - Aaron
  - viii. Cameras – Aaron and MSI
  - ix. Tatums – Steve and Aaron
  - x. Clinometers – Steve
  - xi. Pencils - Steve
  - xii. Aaron – PVC measuring rods
  - xiii. Steve Fire Scar data

B. West Fork Fire Tour: Access into the heart of the fire might be tough. Coordinate with RGNF – go up Big Meadows Road to Shaw Lake. If it is open – hazard trees, etc. Steve will check with RGNF. This would be a good teaching opportunity. It could be contrasted with Little Sand Fire that many of us have seen. There would probably be a lot of interest – maybe so much that it would be hard to manage. Maybe do first tour more focused with SJHFHP members then another one next year with more of the public. Compare and contrast different forest types and how they burn (Little Sand – West Fork). Smaller group tour this year, looking from standpoint of potential larger workshop with ties to water assessment education next year.

C. Website: Contract with Marcy is going well. We have three layouts that we are allowed to comment on. Marcy will build the site out of Wordpress so that we can change and update. Front page photo – what is the most appropriate message – pair image with it. Is current photo best? Maybe use scrolling photos – cycle through fire, re-growth, etc. Not have photo take up as much of the page. Make it less symmetrical. Make print size large enough. Short phrase – not entire mission statement – simple words. Mostly photos on front page. Keep “recent articles” box but not other two.

II. Assessment Update:

- a. One of the main projects for the Headwaters group for the next few months is an assessment of wildfire threats to water supplies and water infrastructure.

Thurman will be the point person for the assessment project, while Aaron will continue to lead the overall SJHFHP efforts, and they will back each other up. The assessment was slower getting started than hoped because key people were unavailable due to fire responsibilities but is gaining momentum. Several work groups were developed at the July 19 meeting. The three that are relevant to the beginning of the project – GIS/Data, Fire Risk, and Water Quality have either met or have meetings scheduled soon. Ivan has developed a dataset and map combining USFS and State Water Engineer information on water diversions (municipal and agricultural) and ditches. We will ask other to review it. The Fire Risk work group has agreed to use CSFS' s CO-WRAP program to depict fire threats and has developed an initial set of maps. They have brainstormed ways to do more intensive analysis around high value/high risk water infrastructure and will prototype that in September. The water quality group is meeting on August 29 to discuss how to analyze erosion, mass movement, and sedimentation risks. Several people that have been doing similar work on the Front Range and in Summit County will join us for the September 20 meeting. We should invite someone from the USFS Supervisor's Office in Durango (Mark Stiles, Mike Johnson, Mark Lambert, and/or Kelly Palmer) as well as Kevin to the September 20 meeting.

III. Outreach moving forward

- a. Visit from Front Range – The upcoming visit was discussed. The group decided we need to look into a larger room at the Ross Aragon Center. There was a discussion about what the meeting would include. There was also a discussion about who to invite.
  - i. 1st hour of the meeting will include business and web site
  - ii. What do we want to discuss
    1. We should have introductions to group and efforts
    2. Have a Conversation – Once assessment done what do you do with it?
  - iii. Who should we invite
    1. Kevin
    2. Supervisors office in Durango – Stiles, Johnson, Kelly, Lambert
    3. PAWSD – Kyle and Renee
    4. Contact list for watershed assessment

Action items

West Fork Fire planning  
Supplies for monitoring training & invites