

**San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership  
Education/ Outreach  
July 12, 2013**

Attending: Marcie Bidwell, Steve Hartvigsen, JD Curtis, Margaret Kleiner, Melissa Stedman, JR Ford, Bill Trimarco, Bev Warburton

Action Items Table:

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>When</b>
Aaron	Find Mineral County Commissioners	July 15
Aaron	Develop event flier for Monitoring training	July 30
Aaron/ Anthony	Update monitoring protocols	July 30
Aaron	Develop agenda for July 19 meeting	July 12
Steve/ Kevin	Invite Hindsdale County representatives to meeting on the 19th	July 15
Bev/ Margaret	Introduce group to Terry Hershey or Becky Gillet	July 30
All	Decide on web site developer	July 19
JR	Make calls to potential donors	July 30
Bill	Contact Dan, McVae, Les, new extension agent, 4H about monitoring	July 30
JR	Find Super Sacks	July 30
Aaron/ Marcie	Identify event presentation materials	November
Aaron	Develop a power point presentation for the SJHFHP	November

Decisions Made

1. Meetings moved to 9:30 start
2. Train the trainers meeting September 21
3. Promote forest health component
4. Revisit the notes from prior meeting before the next meeting

Next Meeting

1. July 19, 9:30 to 10:30 business
  2. July 19, 10:30 to 12:30 Forest Health, Wildfire, and Watershed Risk Assesment and Prioritization
- II. Introductions and Welcomes
- a. Ok to move meetings to 9:30
- III. Recent Events
- a. Discussing the Little Sand Fire

- i. There were approximately 40 people per day with a 25% overlap between days
  - ii. There was more interest in the tour than inside
  - iii. Different time –May or September. Presence of fire may have hurt attendance. If done during the school year students could attend.
  - iv. Little Sand too long? – Several hours in the evening and then a tour. Bring it in as a reminder.
  - v. It was powerful talking about impacts to the community.
  - vi. Lessons and outreach to regional communities. Got feedback from Counties. We need to include the right outreach to correct channels.
- b. May be larger turn out for the West Fork Fire. Little Sand may not have had the impact that the West Fork has had. There was a lot closed.
  - i. Tour in fall on West Fork.
  - ii. Can we show off the West Fork?
  - iii. What is happening with the watershed
- c. There was a discussion of recent articles in the paper. Thank you Melissa for your articles in the SUN.

#### IV. Citizen Monitoring

- a. Aaron provided an update on the Cloman process and effort
- b. Third party monitoring is encouraged for long-term stewardship.
- c. The possibility of offering a “train the trainers” event was discussed – member of the SJHFHP should help identify people to incorporate. JD Kurz could carry the program into the Pagosa Schools.
- d. Timing
  - i. September 21
  - ii. Size – 15 to 25 folks
  - iii. MSI – develop a flyer and a description of protocols, diagram, send out a reminder and call for names. By the end of July
  - iv. The possibility of establishing a Monitoring club was discussed
    - 1. A Subcommittee was proposed with Bill Trimarco and Dan, McVae, Les, new extension agent, 4H

#### V. Outreach for watershed assessment and prioritization

- a. Make sure is funded by grants authorized
- b. Group saw a risk and want to address
- c. Teachable moment
- d. Background of the effort
  - i. Will incorporate community input
    - 1. Initially working with representatives of groups
    - 2. Then outreach to the community in bigger context
  - ii. A possible contact is Riverbend Engineering
- e. Plan for the 19<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Invite county commissioners to Hindsdale – Steve or Kevin invite

- ii. Mineral County –
        - 1. Aaron Research and invite
        - 2. Town of South Fork
    - f. Goals for the 19<sup>th</sup>
      - i. Program defined
      - ii. Moving forward
      - iii. Presentation of idea and goals
        - 1. Draft
        - 2. Help define
        - 3. Main goal
          - a. Put in intro letter
          - b. Action list –
        - 4. 1<sup>st</sup> hour intro and input
          - a. Group
          - b. Grant
          - c. Effort
          - d. Input
        - 5. Second hour
          - a. Timeline
          - b. Priorities
          - c. Frame working groups
          - d. Timeline
        - 6. Focus on forest health
          - a. Assessment of wildfire risk to water supplies
          - b. Overemphasizing wildfire and not forest health
          - c. Forest Health, Fire Risk, and Watershed Resources
- VI. Preparing for coming opportunities
  - a. Membership development/ supporters
    - i. JR will help and make calls to potential donors
    - ii. Terry Hershey and Becky Gillet have a foundation – Margaret and Bev can help with introductions
    - iii. Membership – what do we offer?
      - 1. Membership should not be formal though we need a list of who represent and attend for grant purposes
      - 2. Address recognition needs – what do people respond to?
        - a. Quarterly newsletter
        - b. Web page
        - c. Need an annual report
  - b. Website
    - i. Audience
    - ii. What do they want
      - 1. Teacher – content/ data for students
      - 2. Video
      - 3. Facebook

4. Resources – presentations, map to driving tour
  5. Notes
  6. Link to wildfire updates
  7. Articles
  8. Historic fires – forests
- iii. Make sure that it is not stagnant
- c. Need to develop a booth
    - i. How about a screen with a powerpoint
  - d. JR look into super sacks
  - e. Power Point Presentation
    - i. Goal for winter – build display by January February
  - f. Pagosa film festival - get awareness out
    - i. For 2014?
- VII. Action items
- a. Review notes from every meeting before every meeting
  - b. Budget discussion
  - c. Aaron review list of event attendees