

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

Notes January 22, 2016 – 9:30am to 11:30am

Attending: Kent Grant, Stacey Boone, Fred Ellis, John Gilbert, Spencer Plumb, Matt Ford, John Janowski, Matt Tuten, Gregory Boone, Steve Hartvigsen, JR Ford, Jerry Archuleta, Thurman Wilson, Nicole DeMarco, Aaron Kimple

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Updates (20 min)
 - a. USFS Private and State Forest Funds
 - i. There is an opportunity for funds to support collaboration and treatment built around the cohesive strategy
 1. Work across boundaries
 - ii. This work can be supported by the Good neighbor authority and Wyden Agreement
 - iii. We have a template for a proposal
 - iv. State will help administer dollars
 - v. The effort would include Education and outreach and Monitoring, Building collaboration and implementation of work
 - vi. Proposal is due first of March
 - vii. A meeting was scheduled to talk about how we can collaborate Thursday February 4 – 9:00am
 1. USFS
 2. State
 3. Jerry
 4. FireWise
 5. Pagosa Fire
 - b. Joint Chiefs
 - i. USFS
 1. Likely to get Kenney flats
 2. Turkey Springs work started in the fall and will continue in the spring
 - ii. NRCS
 - c. FireWise
 - i. Alpine Lakes Ranch – adjoining Kenney Flats
 - ii. FEMA grant dollars – low income mitigation in Aspen Springs
 - d. Reservoir Hill
 - i. We should use this as an education tool
 - ii. A Video will be developed on the project
 1. Town – Jim or Donnie
 2. JD Kurz
 - e. Proposed Bills
 - i. 003 – Broadcast burning and funding for DNR Wildfire Risk Reduction Grants

1. There is some resistance for funding because of how dollars will be allocated
2. February 8
- ii. 007
 1. Friendly amendment to include of biochar
 - a. Minimum C content of biochar
 2. Forest Health – not too include Carbon negative
 3. Greatest resistance from Tri-State
 4. Two things missing – Steve
 - a. Areas of high risk wildfire – where do relate to risk at values
 - b. Forest Materials – Mentioned deemed as excess to forest sustainability
 - c. Aaron send out thoughts to Jimbo
- III. Budget (20 min)
 - a. Expenditures were approved
 - b. Proposed Budget for 2016 was deliberated
 - c. Finance Committee Update – This will happen at the next meeting
- IV. Agreement (5 min)
 - a. The agreement was approved and signed
- V. Education and Outreach (10 min)
 - a. Proposed Calendar of Events
 - i. Initial discussion and more immediate events
 - ii. Fire Awareness Week – May 7
 1. Simulation table with Pagosa Fire
 2. John Gilbert will look into this
 - iii. Need to expand education to organizations and leaders
 - iv. We need to do a better job of talking about what we do – How do we get folks involved?
 - v. Meet and Greet
 1. How do we get folks involved?
 2. Informed input
 3. Project involvement
 4. People need to see and do things
 5. FourMile may not be correct place because it is removed from town.
 6. We can have a presentation on “You’ve decided to treat acres”
 - a. Who do you talk to?
 - b. What are the steps?
 - c. How do you find a contractor?
 - d. How do you work with USFS?
 - i. Good Neighbor
 - ii. John Gilbert – knows of a property – area not treated and do marking

1. Keep John in Conversation
 - i. Columbine
 - i. Vallecito Piedras
 - j. Next big infrastructure to protect – Powerline
 - i. USFS will involve NEPA Process
 - ii. Terrain constraints
- VII. Action Items (5 min)
- a. E-mail responses
 - b. Identify Landowner involvement probability
 - c. Invite both Jessie Ramirez and Jim Friedly to meeting on the 4th