

## San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership Notes February 19, 2016 – 9:30am to 11:30am

Attending: Kent Grant, Matt Ford, Ben Bailey, Matt Tuten, Bev Warburton,  
Jimbo Buickerood, Kevin Khung, Bill Trimarco,

Who	What	When
Aaron	Put Mapping on the Agenda	March/ April
Aaron	Talk to Mary Jo	
Aaron	Organize mapping data FLC intern?	
Aaron/ Matt	Connect with JD Kurz	
Aaron	Develop PSA	March 4
Aaron	Add CSFS article to site	
Aaron	Write letter for Member Donations	

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Updates (30 min)
  - a. Changes in the Pagosa Fire District
    - i. John Gilbert has moved on from the Pagosa Fire District. We will have to see who is hired (if anyone) to replace him. We can continue to use the station as a meeting place if the works for folks.
  - b. Meeting locations
    - i. Emergency Management
      1. There is a meeting space at the county offices. Perhaps this would make meetings more available to Thad McCain.
  - c. USFS Private and State Forest Funds
    - i. A proposal was sent to Rick Cooksey
    - ii. There is a process being developed for money distribution
    - iii. Money needs to start working across private lands
    - iv. There is a need to demonstrate that the community is interested in addressing wildfire
    - v. Need to organize the private side
      1. Need to map and centralize data
      2. If New subdivisions are proposed, how do we encourage them to plan for wildfire
      3. Do we need to hire some GIS capability – MSI has the capability to do the work.
      4. The group should try to find funding for mapping.
        - a. Can we use FLC Students as interns

- b. Is there a Tech Crew?? With SCC
    - 5. The group needs to make sure that we do not let money direct efforts.
    - 6. For now - Send shape files to Aaron
    - 7. We should try to collect data from:
      - a. Kent
      - b. Jerry
      - c. Bill
      - d. Aaron
      - e. Matt
    - 8. The group should develop mapping standards to help direct mapping in the future.
  - vi. Identify reliable partners – Let’s include mapping as part of a monthly meeting so that we can begin:
    - 1. Coordinate data collection
    - 2. Coordinate question
      - a. Define questions on a stand scale
      - b. Define success on the broader scale
- d. The USFS is conducting an assessment of High Value Resources and assets. It includes:
  - i. Structure density
  - ii. Water infrastructure
  - iii. Land fire data
  - iv. The goal of the project is to:
    - 1. Help influence a decision
    - 2. Identify values on a scale with location
    - 3. How do we avoid firefighter deaths
      - a. Identify no-go areas
    - 4. We live where there is fire and we need to learn how to
- e. Joint Chiefs
  - i. USFS
    - 1. Funding for Kenney Flats work
      - a. The group should talk with Gecko because they use the trails
    - 2. There will be some supplemental fuels funding
  - ii. NRCS
- f. FireWise
  - i. OEM may be doing mitigation work in Aspen Springs
  - ii. FEMA – looking for approval in March
    - 1. Need to get out word to the community
    - 2. Have to submit a List of properties by May
    - 3. Need to assess for skyrocket in June
    - 4. Group assessing skyrocket in County – Ed Fister
  - iii. Messaging for Firewise – living with fire
  - iv. Kick start grants – There are grants to help with efforts
  - v. Slash depot will be operating

- g. Reservoir Hill
    - i. Thinning is completed
    - ii. The group should use the project as a tool for education
    - iii. There is a need for more education
    - iv. Connect Matt and JD for data management
    - v. CSFS has an Article on Pagosa Springs on its web site. Aaron will add it to the Headwaters site
    - vi. Aaron will develop a PSA on completion
      - 1. Talk to Norm – Pagosa on-line
    - vii. Have we improved Wildlife habitat?? – Kevin will talk to Anthony about writing a paragraph
    - viii. Other educational opportunities
      - 1. Complete signs
      - 2. Kids presentation on monitoring
      - 3. Pagosa Sun – Click button about how you feel about the work
      - 4. Contact Mary Joe about including it in the Chamber of Commerce
    - ix. What to do with stumps
  - h. Update on Proposed Bills
    - i. 003 – passed to appropriations
    - ii. 007 – on to next step
- III. Budget (20 min)
- a. Proposed Budget for 2016
  - b. Finance Committee Update – brief update
    - i. Aaron write letter to ask for member support – goal of \$600
    - ii. LPEA, PLPOA, and PAWSD – piggy back billing – The group supported the idea
    - iii. Link web site to groups that have supported the effort
    - iv. EXCEL – who has a contact?
    - v. Who has towers on Res Hill?
    - vi. Envelopes at events
  - c. Identified Funding sources
    - i. Frisbee golf on Reservoir Hill
      - 1. This idea needs to be developed
- ~~IV. Work Plan (30 min)~~
- V. Education and Outreach (30 min)
- a. Education and Outreach Plan
  - b. Proposed Calendar of Events
    - i. Initial discussion and more immediate events
    - ii. Spruce Fir - March 21
    - iii. WildFire Preparedness Week – May 7
      - 1. Interactive Day
      - 2. Clean up
      - 3. Signs in
  - c. Jim Furnish Event – March 23, FLC

VI. Action Items (5 min)