

# San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

## Agenda March 18, 2016 – 9:30am to 11:30am

Attending: Aaron Kimple, Bill Trimarco, Jodi Malozzi, Karn macht, Randy Larson, Tim Harmann, Larry Lynch, Ben Bailey, Matt Tuten

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Updates (20 min)
  - a. USFS Private and State Forest Funds
    - i. Aaron and Bill offered an update on Rick Cooksey Tour
    - ii. We are working well together and it is attracting attention
    - iii. We need to do a better job of identifying objectives and can we speak to them clearly and directly
  - b. Joint Chiefs
    - i. USFS
      - 1. There is some joint chiefs funding to work on private and public forests
      - 2. Kenney Flats is funded – Alpine Lakes – Oak mastication
      - 3. There is some Supplemental Fuels Funding for Williams Divide
      - 4. Any \$\$ available for prescribed burning?
        - a. Hard to spend in a given year with windows for burning
        - b. Possibly Good Neighbor – Need to have the right relationships in place
        - c. Need to be concerned with smoke regulations
      - 5. Turkey Springs – mastication and burning (if there is a window) scheduled for this spring
    - ii. NRCS
      - 1. NRCS has money allocated
      - 2. Will be doing some work west of Hidden Valley
  - c. FireWise
    - i. FEMA – Would be \$\$ for Aspen Springs
      - 1. Need to update the work window because of the lag in process
      - 2. Will need ESA surveys on Pagosa Sky Rocket – only in June
      - 3. Bill will need help getting the word out
    - ii. Chipper Rebate will be operating in 2016
    - iii. Has 30k for defensible space – 50:50 mitigation grant
      - 1. Collecting applications in April
    - iv. Air Curtain Burners
    - v. 3 slash depots will be operating
  - d. Reservoir Hill
    - i. Work is done

- ii. JR will get up in the spring to clean up the work
- III. Budget (30 min)
  - a. Budget for 2016
  - b. Approval of Expenditures
    - i. The expenditures were approved
  - c. Recent Grants
    - i. CSFS
    - ii. NFF
    - iii. Wildfire
    - iv. MFPP
    - v. Submissions to Cohesive Strategy and EPA Watershed Community Endowment
- IV. Work Plan (20 min)
  - a. There is a need to add FTE's
  - b. We should add Judy's finance time
  - c. Include mapping as a break out
    - i. Basic administrative piece
    - ii. Fund up front rather than just in the grants (projects)
    - iii. Need capacity to be able to coordinate efforts
- V. Education and Outreach (30 min)
  - a. Education and Outreach Plan
    - i. Review – Aaron send out to the plan
      - 1. Add partners to the plan
      - 2. Designate wildlife trees
      - 3. Need to involve people in work
      - 4. How do we talk science?
        - a. How do we get the public in to the meetings?
        - b. We need to demonstrate “How does it effect you?”
        - c. How do we get the folks who aren't bought in involved?
          - i. Are we providing the right opportunity?
          - ii. Sell the why?
  - b. Proposed Calendar of Events
    - i. Rotary Club Presentation May 17
    - ii. Spruce Fir Meeting - March 21
    - iii. Forest Manager Meeting – March 22, 10:30 to 12:00, PRD
      - 1. We will discuss Regeneration
      - 2. Rio Grande Forest Plan Revision
        - a. Salvage sales and green sales
      - 3. Active Management
        - a. USFS taking input on work in process
        - b. EA over CE – CE cut off at 250 acres
          - i. Field effort this summer
          - ii. Work this spring
        - iii. Current comments are positive

- c. There can be recreation and weather conflicts in harvesting
      - d. High value for decorative rather than functional
    - iv. Panel Discussion – March 23 sponsored by San Juan Citizens Alliance
    - v. SWWCD – April 1 – Aaron will give a presentation on the watershed map
    - vi. Reservoir Hill – 11:00 – 3:00
      - 1. May 7 – Fire Awareness Day
        - a. BBQ on the hill
        - b. Aaron talk to Parks and Rec about beer
        - c. Bill reach out the beer vendors
        - d. Banded peak moonshine
        - e. PFD – Brush rig
        - f. BAER and an engine
      - 2. Strong educational tool
        - a. Get a community used to seeing a forest that has been treated
        - b. Looks great
      - 3. June 3 to 5 – Bluegrass Festival
        - a. Need Volunteers
          - i. 12 volunteers
          - ii. 2 per half day
          - iii. Names
            - 1. Jodi
          - iv. Aaron develop spreadsheet and have volunteers sign up
        - b. Station towards the back – show off work
          - i. 2 people/ station
          - ii. table and signs
      - 4. Signs
    - vii. PLPOA – May 14 – 1:00 to 4:30
      - 1. Bill and Larry talk and get folks together
      - 2. Firewise construction techniques
        - a. Contractors with knowledge – get a hold of Bill or Larry
    - viii. Bridging the Divide 2016??
      - 1. June or July
      - 2. Breweries
      - 3. Can we see a sale?
      - 4. What do we do now? What is the future?
      - 5. Matt Tuten talk to Kevin Duda
    - ix. Weimenuche
- VI. Mapping Effort (10 Min)
  - a. Planning the next steps
  - b. How do we make our data available and accessible?

- c. How do we show what work has been done?
  - d. What did we do/ when?
  - e. How do we make our data comparable?
  - f. Some technical work to do?
  - g. Questions
    - i. Jerry Archuleta
    - ii. Bill Trimarco
    - iii. Matt Tuten
    - iv. CSFS
    - v. Aaron
    - vi. BIA or SUIIT – Friedley
    - vii. Anthony Culpepper
    - viii. Kelly
    - ix. Karn??
    - x. Fred
  - h. Having a map of work will help to define goals
    - i. Define back and forth
- VII. Action Items (5 min)