

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership Agenda April 15, 2016 – 9:30am to 11:30am

Attending: Thurman Wilson, Matt Tuten, Karn, Anthony Garcia, Kent Grant, Ben Bailey, Nicole DiMarco, Jimbo Buickerood, Aaron Kimple, Bill Trimarco, JR Ford, Fred Ellis

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Updates (20 min)
 - a. Joint Chiefs
 - i. USFS –
 1. Kenney Flats – Layout is occurring
 2. Turkey Springs on hold
 - ii. NRCS
 1. EQIP program
 - a. Can they add maintenance
 - b. Williams Divide
 - i. Supplemental Funds have been secured to do work
 - ii. The work will include the removal of white fir
 - iii. The NEPA was originally done in 1996
 1. A NEPA review has been done
 - c. FireWise
 - i. FEMA Grant has been accepted
 1. It includes 240K for low income in Aspen Springs
 2. The county commissioners will sign during their next meeting
 3. The grant requires a 37.5% match
 4. It will include owners that make 80% of median income
 - ii. Chipper Rebate is available
 - iii. FireWise will help inform the treatment of defensible space
 - iv. Air curtain burners are in the area and can be accessible
 - v. Slash depots – not currently going
 - d. Cohesive Strategy
 - i. The San Juan National Forest has put together an application
 - ii. Current conversations are positive about funding coming through
 - iii. If the money does come through the SJNF will allocate the dollars – some will be designated for the San Juan Headwaters
 - e. Reservoir Hill
 - i. Work on the hill has been completed.
 - ii. Where do we go from here?
 1. We need education and outreach – Next opportunity is May 7
 2. We can participate in Folk Festival
 - iii. CSFS is providing another 40K for hand work – SCC will be contracted for the work
 1. Work the west side first

- iv. Clean up after this years work
 - 1. Bull hog the slash on the ground along the main road
 - 2. Some hazard working around users
 - v. Can we bring the mayor or town up to look at what was treated and what wasn't
 - f. The Dolores Collaborative (DWARF) – Thurman
 - i. They have met 6 times
 - 1. Currently meet in the afternoon of each 1st Wed of the month
 - ii. They are conducting and assessment effort for Pre - post planning
 - iii. Who is involved
 - 1. They have more county involvement
 - 2. It includes the involvement of water interests
 - 3. Timber industry
 - iv. Currently they have Sub-committees
 - 1. Risk Assessment
 - a. Ken Curtis
 - b. BLM on fire modeling
 - c. Multi-value assessment
 - v. The County Commissioners may want to take a tour of the Forest Health Company effort/ John Porter
- III. Logo (15 min)
 - a. Currently the image with the smaller fire in the circle is the favorite
 - b. Can we add a bug?
 - c. Aaron will circulate two images for email consideration
 - i. Circle with small fire and no bug
 - ii. Circle with small fire and bug
- IV. Upcoming Events (30 min)
 - a. Wildfire Awareness - May 7
 - i. Message
 - 1. Introduction to partners
 - 2. Threats of wildfire/ issues
 - 3. What we can do
 - 4. Objectives
 - 5. Did we meet them
 - 6. Get feed back
 - ii. Time slot – 11:00 to 2:00
 - iii. 2 hour tour
 - iv. How to get involved?
 - v. Food will be provided
 - vi. Serve/ sell beer?
 - 1. Spruce tip ale
 - b. Folk Festival
 - i. Volunteers Needed – Sign up sheet was sent around
 - c. Forest Management Ponderosa Pine Symposium – Date needed – August

- i. Becca, Thurman, Jimbo, Aaron
 1. Rich Reynolds
 - d. Bridging the Divide – Date needed - September
- V. Goals for Treatments and Mapping (40 min)
 - a. Aaron and Matt opened a conversation about the need for an organized approach to mapping of treatments that covers public and private lands. This will help us make sure that we achieve the goals that we suggest we are striving for.
 - b. Goals for prescription/ treatments
 - i. Improve forest resilience
 - ii. Forests survive additional stresses
 - iii. Adaptable management
 - iv. Improve wildlife habitat
 - v. Focus on watershed
 - vi. Improved ecosystem health
 - vii. Maintain habitat diversity
 - viii. Fire/ forest adapted communities
 - ix. Protect water resources
 - x. WUI
 - xi. Meet National Cohesive Strategy
 - xii. Support industry/ biomass utilization
 - c. Questions for the data
 - i. How are we influencing invasive population?
 - d. Protocols
 - i. We will use the objectives and questions to drive the development of protocols.
- VI. Meeting Location (5 min)
 - a. Fire Station working OK
- VII. Action Items (5 min)