

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

Notes May 20, 2016

Attending: Matt Tuten, Doug Seacrest, Bill Trimarco, Ben Bailey, Bev Warburton, Aaron Kimple, JD Kurz, Kent Grant, Tim Harmann

- I. Welcome and Introductions (10 min)
- II. Updates (30 min)
 - a. USFS
 - i. Forest Health Company has 1 month left in Chris Mountain
 - ii. Moving toward Kenney Flats and Southeast of town next
 - iii. Joint Chiefs
 - iv. 170 acres in Jackson Mountain
 - v. 500 acres in Fawn Gulch
 - vi. Columbine – Looking at a Timber Sale
 - 1. Planning for spruce salvage
 - vii. Wolf Creek/ Fall Creek Salvage – 800 acres out of 4000 will be treated
 - 1. Need to operate in the winter
 - 2. Could conflict with recreation
 - 3. Timber stewardship contract – can use the money back in the area or places on the forest
 - viii. Possible Good Neighbor work
 - ix. Fosset Gulch
 - 1. Prescribed fire
 - b. NRCS
 - i. Durango Office received some EQIP got some money for the Columbine area around Forest Lakes
 - c. CSFS
 - i. Lone Mason had a proposed sale – bids were low – the area will likely go to mastication
 - ii. Society of American Forests
 - 1. Chinchera Ranch may be setting up a mill - October
 - d. FireWise
 - i. FEMA Grant is signed – It is now on state comptrollers desk
 - 1. Cannot advertise until the state signs the contract
 - 2. Skyrocket surveys have to occur in 2 ½ weeks
 - ii. Aspen Springs
 - iii. 3 slash depots are operating
 - 1. need to get rid of slash
 - 2. May be opportunities with equipment up north
 - iv. Grant program
 - e. Cohesive Strategy

- d. Un-Treated densities were 425 and 450 stems per acre. Treated densities ranged from 60 to 120 stems per acre.
 - e. There was some concern about finding the exact plot for monitoring – only on a couple of plots
 - f. Another group will continue monitoring in the fall.
- VI. Upcoming Events (20 min)
- a. Folk Festival
 - i. SJHFHP has the opportunity to have a booth at the Pagosa Folk Festival on June 2,3,4 to discuss Reservoir Hill. Volunteers will watch the booth from 12:00 to 4:00pm. Volunteering comes with a day pass.
 - ii. We have good representation on Friday and Saturday.
 - iii. There is a volunteer list. Still need volunteers for Sunday.
 - iv. Photos and a description of the work will be included in print information for the event.
 - b. Ponderosa Pine
 - i. San Juan Headwaters is working with the Dolores Group to put together a Ponderosa Pine Symposium in August. Current discussions are to present the science of Ponderosa management and explore economic opportunities to remove wood from the landscape.
 - ii. Currently thinking August
 - c. Wolf Creek
 - i. There is interest in bridging the divide 2.0. Current thought is to discuss the future management issues and opportunities.
 - ii. Possible date is September 10 and 11.
- VII. Mapping (5 min)
- a. Matt Tuten and Aaron will present a document for comment
- VIII. Next Steps (5 min)
- a. A concern was mentioned that the Fire Station Meeting Room is not accessible to all people. There is not an elevator to the space
 - b. Aaron will move the meeting to a place that is more accessible.