

**San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership**  
**Agenda June 17, 2016, 9:30 to 11:30**  
**Archuleta County Emergency Management Building**  
700 Piedra Rd, Pagosa Springs, CO

Attending: Tim Leishman, Bill Trimarco, Brad Piehl, Steve Hartvigsen, Anthony Garcia, Ben Bailey, Micahel Whiting, Kent Grant, Thad McCain, Bev Warbrton, JR Ford

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Updates (30 min)
  - a. USFS
    - i. Mastication – mowing efforts
      - 1. Turkey Springs – ongoing
        - a. Rue Logging
        - b. 20% complete
      - 2. Kenny Flats
        - a. Contract awarded by end of July
        - b. 800 acres
      - 3. Deep Canyon
        - a. Southwest Conservation crew
        - b. Mule deer habitat enhancement
    - ii. Long-term stewardship
      - 1. Chris Mountain
        - a. 5 to 6 weeks
      - 2. Kenny 25
        - a. Next effort
        - b. Left Hand and Valle Seco
        - c. Through Alpine Lakes
      - 3. Jackson Mountain
        - a. 1200 acres
  - b. FireWise
    - i. FEMA grant – 85% of median income (40K)
      - 1. Initiating programs with 4 to 5 owners in Aspen Springs
    - ii. Pagosa Sky Rocket surveys need to be done before work can be complete
    - iii. Archuleta County crews will do the mitigation work
    - iv. Work will occur in July
  - c. CSFS and DWaRF
    - i. Put in a CAFA grant application
    - ii. The work would occur on state and Ute Mountain lands
  - d. Cohesive Strategy
    - i. The money is supposed to be sent to the San Juan National Forest and they will allocate the money
    - ii. There is supposed to be approximately \$40K for San Juan Headwaters

- e. Reservoir Hill
  - i. The presence on the hill during the festival was well received
  - ii. What does the thinning on the hill mean for future attendance and capacity?
  - iii. Any conversations with private lands?
    - 1. Currently there haven't been any.
- III. Video Premier (10 min)
- IV. Budget (25 min)
  - a. Budget discussion
    - i. Some of the money that has been committed to coordination has not been received.
    - ii. We are over in coordination by \$8000. If the sources come through this will be covered
      - 1. MSI is no longer able to support the deficit. Moneys have to be secured before Aaron can commit time to coordination.
    - iii. Even if the Cohesive Strategy dollars come through, local sources are going to be important. It is hard to project the future of cohesive strategy dollars
    - iv. Project dollars are within designated budgets
  - b. Current applications
    - i. Hershey Foundation – requested 7500
    - ii. LPEA – Aaron get request out next week
  - c. Next sources - Planning
    - i. Archuleta County has a Grant writer that can support grant writing efforts
      - 1. Sue McWilliams – in-kind
    - ii. Michael Whiting will check with County on the dollars that were committed
      - 1. JR and Aaron follow up with
    - iii. SFA Grant
      - 1. A concept letter is due on June 30
    - iv. DNR proposal – August 15
    - v. PAWSD – presentation June 27
      - 1. JR and Steve present
      - 2. The board understands that this is a request for funding
      - 3. Will vote on during the meeting
    - vi. Alpine Cascade
      - 1. Aaron will send a letter
    - vii. Town of Pagosa
      - 1. Aaron talk to Greg
    - viii. Local contributions
    - ix. Voormi – fixed corporate account
- V. Future Planning with Brad Piehl (30 min)
  - a. Brad Piehl discussed some of the work that he has done in the front range
  - b. He presented ideas on where to take the current Watershed Plan

- c. CDOT, CWCB, Rountable could be possible financial support
  - d. How do we measure resilience in watersheds?
    - i. Drought, fire, insects, disease
    - ii. Forest resilience ranking
- VI. Upcoming Events (20 min)
  - a. Ponderosa Pine Symposium – Aug. 23-24
  - b. Bridging the Divide – Sept 9-10
- VII. Next Steps (5 min)
  - a. Next Meeting – In the field
  - b. Follow up with Thurman
    - i. Final product on watershed
    - ii. What look like?
      1. Narrative that matches the map
      2. Formulate by spreadsheet
      3. Connect watershed map to work on the ground
      4. Goals for watershed