

# San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

## Agenda January 20, 2016 – 9:30am to 11:30pm

### Pagosa Chamber of Commerce

“Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” –  
Henry Ford

Attending: Steve Hartvigsen, Bev Warburton, Matt Tuten, Herb Grover, Felix Lange, Josh Merrill-Exton, Jerry Archuleta, Ben Bailey, Bill Trimarco, Tim Harmann, Al Phister, JR Ford, Jimbo Buickerood, Kevin Khung

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Updates (15 min)
  - a. USFS
    - i. The San Juan National Forest has received fuels funding and Joint Chiefs Money
      1. Money is largely for Oak treatment largely
    - ii. The USFS is exploring work around the Navajo Blanco
  - b. 2-3-2
    - i. Aaron provided an updated on the group
    - ii. Efforts have progressed.
      1. The group has formed committee
  - c. NRCS
    - i. Funding for work with 8 land owners
    - ii. RCPP proposal approved for 3.5 million – EQIP
  - d. Firewise
    - i. Multi-agency coordinating council for Archuleta County is adopting the nixel system
    - ii. Reach out to land lines, cell phones, social media
    - iii. Smoke in the air and wildfire – other emergencies
  - e. Chama Peak Lands Alliance
    - i. Searching for a new ED
    - ii. Working with TNC
    - iii. Looking at working on the Navajo Blanco
    - iv. TREX
      1. Learning prescribed fire – Training opportunity
      2. 200acre burn on Banded Peak and Lobo in 2016
      3. for 2017 – 8 days (4 on private and 4 on public)
        - a. May 1 to May 14
      4. TNC provides a crew
      5. Build local strength addressing wildfire
      6. If interested – Get in contact with Kevin Khung or Tim Harmann
  - f. State legislature

- i. Consolidating CSFS and CDNR
      - ii. Support for correcting fire borrowing
      - iii. Continue research Biochar – Maryfield, Bomgartner, and Singer
        - 1. Talk to Jimbo
      - iv. Forestry equipment as farm equipment – need to rewrite bill
      - v. County
        - 1. Reviewing regulations on burning
        - 2. Reduce resources sent to investigate smoke
        - 3. Permits required by state and county – can be disconnect
          - a. Current system needs to be repaired
        - 4. Talk to county
        - 5. Can we set a subset of groups
        - 6. New County Commisioners
      - vi. Federal
        - 1. Consult with local agencies first
      - vii. Form a legislative – hurdles with Rx
        - 1. Jimbo,
      - viii. Reach out to new county commissioner
        - 1. Ron Maez
- III. 2017 Agreement (5 min)
  - a. No concerns identified
- IV. Center for Collaborative Conservation – Review memo (10 min)
  - a. Does this add one more level of beuracracy
  - b. Reduce the funds by one more percentage
  - c. How will money get dispersed?
  - d. Support the concept of collaborative of collaboratives
  - e. What is the cost of management?
  - f. What groups have been approached?
  - g. Good
    - i. Better communication
    - ii. Focus
  - h. Don't know enough
  - i. Need more information
  - j. Need better definition of what they are gonna do
  - k. Not ready to sign on – like to learn more
  - l. Is this redundant? – How does it interplay with state initiatives
  - m. If looking at good things
- V. Planning 2017 (40 min)
  - a. Goals for the year
  - b. Potential Projects
    - i. Planning
      - 1. Funding
        - a. Bev, Steve, Matt Tuten
        - b. Ben E-mail information from relay
    - ii. Treatment

1. Turkey Springs - Rx
  2. Kenney
  3. Fawn Gulch and Willow
  4. Left hand and Echo
  5. Wolf Creek Sale
  6. Williams - Monitoring
  7. FourMile Reservoir Hill – Rx – 200 acres
- iii. Events
- c. How to achieve our goals
- i. Form more specific committees
    1. Planning and treatment
      - a. Jerry Archuleta, Matt Tuten, Jesse Ramirez, Fred Ellis
    2. Events and Outreach
      - a. Kevin, JR, Tim Leishman, Bill Trimarco
    3. Legislation and permitting
      - a. Jimbo, Tim Harmann, JR, Aaron
    4. Finance
      - a. Matt Ford, Matt Tuten, Steve Hartvigsen, Bev Warburton, Aaorn Kimple
- VI. Financial Update/ Approvals (20 min)
- a. Budget Review
    - i. SJHFHP has secured USFS funding
    - ii. Comes with 20% match
    - iii. This is the tail end of this project money. It will be hard to secure into the future.
    - iv. Goals
      1. How much money do we want?
      2. How many donations at how much
      3. Who is contacting the business
  - b. Approval –
    - i. Aaron presented the expenditures for November and December 2016 – Expenditures were approved
    - ii. Aaron presented the end of year budget numbers. Everything was within the proposed budget with a an overage of \$29.90
  - c. Budget needs
    - i. Aaron presented the 2017 budget
  - d. Funding sources
    - i. There is a need to identify local sources
    - ii. The group has relied on federal funds but there is a need to diversify and establish more community buy in.
- VII. The Forest Health Company going Forward (25 min)
- a. JR presented the challenges the Forest Health Company has faced. Tri-state has complicated incorporation of biomass into power generation.

- b. The company is moving forward with biochar. Not all biochar is created equal. JR is working to develop quality controlled biochar with a consistent output.
- c. The market for biochar will need to be developed.
- d. The company is looking at purchasing additional equipment.
- e. The USFS is working the JR to develop achievable targets and goals for the coming year. They want to ensure delivery on commitments.

VIII. Action Items (5 min)