

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership
Agenda March 17, 2017 – 9:00am to 12:00pm
Archuleta Emergency Operations, 777 County Rd. 600 (Piedra Rd.)

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

Attending: Dave Karin, Anthony Culpepper, Matt Tuten, Roberta Tolan, Al Pfister, Bill Trimarco, Matt Ford, Herb Grover, Al Myatt, Doug Secrist, JR Ford, Tim Leishman, Tim Harmann, Jerry Archuleta, Ron Barsanti, Steve Hartvigsen, Kent Grant, Justin Ramsey

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Updates (30 min)
 - a. Stream Management
 - i. Chris Sturm will not be able to make it until May
 - 1. There is a CWCB meeting in Pagosa in May
 - ii. There will be an initial phone call with a sub group on March 23
 - 1. Matt Tuten and Steve will participate
 - iii. This is an effort to prepare for a grant in November
 - iv. This effort should not be tied to justifying Dry Gulch
 - 1. There was Conversation around what would drive the effort
 - v. The group was in support of exploring a stream management plan
 - b. USFS
 - i. There was a forest health discussion at the extension office
 - ii. There was a conversation about GIS layers
 - iii. Aspen timber sale – Mill Creek
 - 1. Out for bid in couple of weeks
 - 2. Mill in Dolores
 - c. CSFS
 - i. Expanding contractors list
 - ii. New Assistant District Forester
 - iii. No news on CAFA grant for Stollsteimer
 - d. NRCS
 - e. FireWise
 - i. Chipper rebate on April 1
 - ii. State Farm Insurance grant
 - 1. May event in Pagosa
 - 2. Rent theatre in town to discuss wildfire and forestry
 - f. 2-3-2
 - i. USFS - Planning effort in the landscape on the PRD
 - ii. Does the 2-3-2 compete with SJHFHP
- III. Finances (20 min) – Aaron

- a. Aaron identified that there were questions that needed to be addressed for a complete conversation on the finances
 - i. MSI has an arranged 27.05% federal rate – How does this interact with the negotiated 17% with SJHFHP
 - ii. Current funding is largely reliant on federal grants. One larger grant falls under Federal Cohesive Strategy Funds. There are several other programs funded under this grant. The SJHFHP dollars need to be better separated.
 - iii. There is a need for the group to secure local funds. Federal funds are not guaranteed into the future. Securing local support should provide a more concrete foundation for the SJHFHP.
 - iv. Next steps
 - 1. Pull SJHFHP out of lumped cohesive dollars
 - 2. Incorporate into official budget
 - 3. Arrange discussion with MSI and SJHFHP on admin costs
 - 4. Identify additional funding sources
- IV. Monitoring Presentation (30 min) – Anthony Culpepper
 - a. What are we monitoring and why?
 - i. Anthony presented the resent monitoring effort
 - ii. We are currently monitored changes to vegetation
 - b. What are we missing?
 - i. We do not currently correlate changes on the land with changes in wildlife or invasive species
 - c. We need to do a better job of asking why we are doing treatment
 - i. Define questions upfront - Before we get out on the ground
 - ii. We need to refer to the initial goals of treatment outlined in mixed-conifer documents
 - d. Do a study relevant to questions
 - i. Do not overstate what we are doing
 - e. Some studies are not within our grasp
 - i. We cannot study all issues – there are constraints on money and time
 - f. To be more effective
 - i. These are our goals/ objectives
 - ii. Relate our data to existing science
 - g. Include citizen science
 - i. Get better community buy-in
 - h. Need to be able to relate our questions back to the community
 - i. Understand what the public values
 - i. Can we have a student help support
 - j. Develop a scientific steering committee??
- V. Committee Planning 2017 (1.0 hour)
 - a. Define next projects
 - b. Identify needs for advancement

- c. How does coordinator support
- d. Next Steps
- VI. Committee Report Outs (20 min)
 - a. Finances
 - i. SJHFHP thank you cards
 - b. Outreach and Education
 - i. Movie night on Thursday night
 - 1. Bill will rent the theatre
 - 2. Bill and FireWise secured funding – a \$500 grant
 - 3. We should secure door prizes.
 - a. Aaron will print a few SJHFHP T-shirts
 - b. Bill will offer FireWise shirts and look around for other prizes
 - ii. Coasters – from cookies
 - 1. Bill will see if breweries are interested
 - 2. Can we get folks to pay for the coasters?
 - iii. Magnets
 - 1. These are a great way to reach out
 - iv. Google account
 - 1. The group has explored several ways to support communication
 - 2. Google seems to be the most effective
 - c. Legislative Committee
 - i. SB 17-050 was approved
 - d. Planning and Treatment
 - i. The committee is working on coordinating GIS information on treatment
 - ii. MSI is purchasing a server that could support data collection
- VII. 2017 Actions (20 min)
 - a. Economic Opportunities
 - b. Prescribed Fire – Education and Outreach
- VIII. Action Items (5 min)
 - a. Establish a Science committee
 - i. Steering doc
 - ii. Include ecological, social and economic

Outcomes:

1. Agree on expenditures
2. Learn about monitoring results
3. Secure committee goals for the year
4. Identify action items for committees
5. Planning for achieving budget needs

Future Efforts

- More Citizen Involvement

- Better Evaluation of Efforts
- Post-fire planning
- Stream management