

**San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership**  
**Agenda April 28, 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: Bev Warburton, John Taylor, Al Pfister, Herb Grover, Matt Tuten, Ben Bailey, Matt Ford, JR Ford, Kent Grant, Nicole DeMarco, Bill Trimarco, Steve Hartvigsen, Tanner Hutt, Aaron Kimple

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Updates (30 min)
  - a. Stream Management
    - i. Al Pfister offered some insight to the San Miguel watershed management planning effort
    - ii. There is a lot of interest in work on the San Juan River
    - iii. CWCB will be in town on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>
    - iv. CWCB has identified forest health as an important component to water quality
    - v. SJHFHP is one part of the overall effort
    - vi. The question “How would we compete?” was posed to the group – Do we match the criteria?
    - vii. The recreational community would need to be engaged
    - viii. Should invite appropriate folks to the meeting
      1. Recreation – Stacey Boone
      2. Water quality
      3. Town and County
      4. TU
      5. Raft Guides
      6. SW Basin Round Table
    - ix. Next steps
      1. Meeting May 19
      2. Presentation from Mely and Chris Sturm
  - b. USFS
    - i. Announcement out on spruce work
    - ii. Future
      1. Salvage in Porcupine
      2. Aspen harvest – out for bid
      3. Fawn Gulch and willow – oak – out for bid
    - iii. 2-3-2
      1. NRCS and USFS talking east side of the forest
      2. Upper Blanco
      3. USFS is constrained but will look into opportunities
    - iv. Earth Day

- 1. There was good participation
    - v. Turkey Springs
      - 1. Fire postponed – maybe fall?
  - c. CSFS
    - i. Working on project to the north
    - ii. CAFA Grant
      - 1. Selected projects
      - 2. No formal
    - iii. Reservoir Hill
      - 1. SCC will do approximately 16 acres
  - d. FireWise
    - i. Programs in swing
    - ii. Chipper Rebate
    - iii. PLPOA is purchasing a grinder
      - 1. Will make it available to the county
  - e. Forest Health Advisory Council
    - i. Aaron quickly updated the group on the development of the FHAC
    - ii. The group is currently thinking through structure and decision making
- III. Upcoming Events (20 min)
  - a. Movie Night
    - i. The evening will include movies
    - ii. There will be a Panel discussion
    - iii. NFPA is sponsoring the event
      - 1. \$500 grant
    - iv. Help needed?
      - 1. Coordinating with theatre
      - 2. Get the word out
  - b. Bluegrass Festival – June 9,10,11
    - i. Signs – Design a sign
    - ii. Develop a mock up
      - 1. USFS will print on a plotter for the booth
  - c. PLPOA
    - i. Wildfire Awareness day – May 6
    - ii. May 13 – conversation about prescribed fire
  - d. Next Meeting
    - i. May meeting will have a long discussion on Stream management plan with Mely Whiting and Chris Sturm
    - ii. June 17 – Tour of Turkey/ Brockover burn
      - 1. This will be for San Juan Headwaters Partners to discuss issues and concerns to present to the public
      - 2. The event will be followed by a BBQ (possibly at JR's)
- IV. Finance Committee Update (30 min)
  - a. Fund Planning
    - i. Matt gave an update on conversations with MSI

- ii. Aaron will update tasks
    - iii. Your time and mileage offers a match to any program
    - iv. We will develop a budget of current funding and planned funding
    - v. Indirect rates
      - 1. MSI has a negotiated federal rate – other grants for will be at the 17% for non-federal
      - 2. All negotiated rates will be presented to the group to review prior to signing agreements
  - b. Cohesive Strategy
    - i. Aaron discussed the recent agreement for cohesive strategy funds and the deliverables associated with the funding
    - ii. This money requires a 21% match. It offers a base funding until 2021 but additional funds will have to be secured every year to meet the match.
- V. Committee Planning 2017 (1.0 hour)
- a. Committees were offered time to meet and discuss projects
- VI. Committee Report Outs (20 min)
- a. Finance
- i. Aaron will provide documentation of proposals and funding sources
    - 1. This will help to identify tasks and funding associated with those tasks
  - ii. Matt will add funding into a spreadsheet
  - iii. The committee will develop recommendations for admin rates
  - iv. These components will allow for the development of a complete budget, with tasks, for review
- b. Planning Committee
- i. The planning committee is discussing relationships and data collection associated with other groups in the region including the 2-3-2
  - ii. They are currently working on the data collection format discussed earlier
    - 1. Kelly has been stilling information into a data collection form
  - iii. The committee would like to include data from work on all lands, across boundaries
  - iv. The plan is to
    - 1. Document activities - What/ where/ why
    - 2. Make data collection accessible
      - a. Use google earth?
    - 3. Train practitioners on how to gather and input data
    - 4. Formalize and centralize a data base accessible to users
    - 5. Include historical data - at least to 5 years
- c. Education and Outreach
- i. Calendar events

1. May 4 – Movie Night
  2. May Meeting – CWCB and Storm Management Plan
  3. June Meeting – Group Field Visit
  4. Trex Tour – May 5 and 6
  5. June 9, 10, 11 – Booth at Folk Festival??
    - a. Steve will check with organizers
  6. Evening Meetings
    - a. To make group more accessible
    - b. Should be built around events
    - c. Need to offer volunteer opportunities
- ii. Future efforts
1. Update Communications Plan
  2. Develop a Marketing Plan
  3. Project a clear message
    - a. Present objectives
      - i. Cross Boundary Work
    - b. Present deliverables
  4. Bridging the Divide
    - a. Water and Fire theme
    - b. Down the east side to the San Luis Valley
  5. Reservoir Hill Signs
    - a. Aaron and Steve will develop
    - b. Present print outs at festival
  6. PLPOA
    - a. Discussing Prescribed Fire
    - b. Need to be careful on messaging
      - i. Acknowledge health issues
      - ii. Present need for fire
- iii. Legislation
1. How do present permitting of prescribed fire
- VII. Action Items (5 min)

Outcomes:

1. Secure committee goals for the year
2. Identify action items for committees and group
3. Secure calendar dates for 2017