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 17th and the 18th
      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
      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