

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership
Agenda May 19, 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

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** (5 min)
- II. **Updates** (20 min)
 - a. Quick round
 - i. Thank you to everyone who supported recent outreach efforts
 - 1. Movie Night
 - 2. PLPOA
 - 3. Reservoir Hill
- III. **Stream Management Planning Discussion** (1.0 hr)
 - a. Introduction – Chris Sturm (20 min)
 - i. A presentation was made by Chris Sturm of the Colorado Water Conservation Board
 - ii. Chris provided information on stream management and water management plan
 - 1. The CWCB has 5 million/ year for next 3 years
 - 2. The program evolved from flood mitigation efforts and currently includes Watershed restoration
 - 3. Work for the grants will be done on a HUC 8 scale
 - 4. Past work along the San Juan River includes:
 - a. Stolsteimer Creek planning
 - b. Addressing Woody invasive
 - 5. This program is designed to take watershed planning a bit further. It acknowledges that water and sediment go hand in hand.
 - 6. The group should have a conversation with the folks working on the Upper Gunnison Water Management plan.
 - a. Looking at protecting existing water uses
 - b. Environmental, recreational, municipal and Ag
 - c. Growth, climate change, ag and municipal
 - 7. Time and experience has shown that Planning efforts need to include:
 - a. social and science needs. This will help promote Adaptive management.
 - b. Any planning effort should have a coordinator
 - c. The plan should include education and outreach
 - d. The plan should offer the community a decision making tool

- e. Engage Division of Water Resources and Water Commissioner
 - f. Needs to balance what's acceptable and with what's feasible
 - b. Planning on the San Miguel – Mely Whiting (20 min)
 - i. Mely Whiting of Trout Unlimited discussed her experiences with the San Miguel Stream Management Planning effort
 - ii. About the San Miguel Plan
 - 1. The plan was designed to address water needs
 - a. There was little information on environmental and recreational needs
 - 2. The plan should develop cooperative ways to meet the needs
 - 3. The plan helped identify a pilot project
 - a. San Miguel
 - i. Worked to address 2 components
 - 1. what are the needs?
 - 2. How do we meet gaps?
 - ii. The group looked at community values
 - iii. Reviewed flows along with
 - 1. Health of channel
 - 2. Riparian
 - 3. Fish
 - 4. Boating
 - b. The effort was in need of a stakeholder group
 - c. It turns out that the San Miguel is in pretty good shape
- c. Discussion time (20 min)
 - i. Question of how to address new water demands with historic demands – what are the constraints
 - ii. There are existing BIP for the San Juan
 - 1. First identify need
 - 2. Where is need not being met
 - iii. Chris stated that stream management planning doesn't always have a solution
 - iv. Plans have identified pre and post fire
 - 1. Sediment basins
 - 2. Mitigation on the front areas
 - 3. Design and locations for post fire
 - 4. Permitting
 - 5. Can do Reclaim roads – decommission roads
 - 6. Watershed restoration planning
 - v. Discussion
 - 1. Pre planning help in rapid response
 - 2. Thinking through shifting hydrograph
 - 3. Cucharas River Plan is a good example

- 4. Challenges
 - a. Work on the uplands vs. challenges
 - b. What are the constraints of the Land use code
 - 5. Doesn't have to be about fixing – can identify protection
 - vi. Importance of study as a baseline (even if everything “looks good” for now)
 - d. Next steps
 - i. Aaron will review some of the plans and present them to the group
- IV. **Action Items** (5 min)

Outcomes:

1. Understanding of what a stream management plan is
2. Understand a current planning effort
3. Recommendations from the Finance Committee
4. Next steps from the committees