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 exceptable 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