

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

Agenda June 16, 2017 – 9:00am to 12:00pm

Coyote Hill Parking Lot, Cty Rd. 600 (Piedra Rd.) – on right where pavement turns to dirt

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

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** (5 min)
- II. **Finance Committee Update** (10 min)
 - a. The group discussed the administrative costs for the San Juan Headwaters
 - b. The committee supported the calculations that defined the federally calculated admin rates
 - i. They felt that the rate was high but was warranted
 - c. A proposal was made that group accept the federal rate for federal grants. Other grants would operate on the previously accepted 17%
 - d. The federal rates would be evaluated annually
 - e. A formal decision would be made in the July meeting
- III. **Stream Management Planning Discussion** (20 min)
 - a. Revisit May discussion
 - b. Aaron offered input
 - i. The proposal supports an effort to address the connectivity between water and uplands
 - 1. This is a connection that we have been trying to promote
 - 2. It would include additional stakeholders that are not currently at the table
 - 3. This would be a unique initiative
 - ii. Bill proposed that the group participate as a partner and maintain the connection but not bet the leader
 - 1. This could be a good opportunity for the water district to develop community trust
 - 2. All agreed to the proposal
 - c. Next Steps
 - i. Participate as a partner
- IV. **Tour of Turkey Springs Prescribed Fire** (2.5 hour)
 - a. Tour treatment
 - b. Discuss outcomes
 - c. Identify educational opportunities
 - i. Signage in Turkey Springs – Matt, Aaron and Headwaters help develop
 - ii. Reach out to other groups in the area
 - iii. Tell our story
 - 1. Facebook

- 2. Twitter
- 3. Pamphlet on fire
- 4. Preparation behind the fire
- iv. Work with Audubon
- v. A PSA on local radio outlets
- vi. How do we support permits on private lands
 - 1. Work with CPLA
- d. Discuss messaging
 - i. Protect WUI and Water
 - ii. The USFS has to follow state air quality regulations
 - iii. There are active management benefits and costs
 - 1. We need to be honest about both
 - iv. All projects will have to be maintained over time
 - v. We should share personal experiences
 - vi. There is a difference between wildfire and prescribed fire
 - 1. We are choosing the lesser of two evils
 - vii. There are legitimate health concerns
 - viii. The process involves extensive planning
 - ix. We are setting the stage for natural fires where it is appropriate
 - x. What is a healthy forest?
 - xi. The decisions were made through lots of conversation with experts
 - xii. Need to establish trust

Evening BBQ – Fun, Families, Food – BYOB 6:00 PM - 5240 County Road 400, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Directions: Traveling East on HWY160 from Durango, go down putt hill into old-town Pagosa. Turn left on Lewis St at the stoplight near the old-downtown SUBWAY, Take an immediate left up the hill onto County Road 400 (Fourmile Road). In ¼ mile stay right on Fourmile road – it will turn to gravel. Travel ~5.2 miles out Fourmile, the driveway is on the left. I will put balloons or sign at the road. If you cross the cattle guard, you went too far. We are the last driveway before the cattle guard.

Outcomes:

- 1. Update on finances and gaps
- 2. Identify role for SJHFHP in stream management planning
- 3. Discuss treatments and prescribed fire efforts
- 4. Discuss messaging around prescribed fire
- 5. Fun!!