



San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

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About San Juan Headwaters

A group of community members, business owners, and land managers formed the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership in 2009 to address concerns with the conditions of forests of the San Juan Headwaters. Growing populations, past management practices have interrupted patterns of periodic fire in the region. In addition, a lack of wood based industry has interrupted logging and tree removal. Our region is faced with the impacts of longer, deeper droughts. The result is a dense forest with changing combinations of tree species. Forests are more susceptible to large fires, and die-off associate with disease, and insect infestations. The group recognizes that addressing forest health helps to prevent declines in water quality associated with the impacts of wildfire. By initiating collaborative approaches to treating forests before a wildfire occurs the San Juan Headwaters Group is making communities stronger and more resilient.

Goals:

1. Strengthen regional communities through a landscape-scale, adaptive approach to addressing forest and watershed health
2. Develop and adopt a list of principles, values, and priorities
3. Enhance regional economic viability and use of forest health products
4. Implement forest treatments in high risk areas

The purpose of the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership is to develop science-based, collaborative priorities for the sustainable management of forests, watersheds, and essential community resources.

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Project Priorities

Through consistently involving key and well-informed stakeholders, a process is being established to prioritize forest management projects. The priorities will reflect the greatest needs identified by partners that exist within the current ecological/community situation. Those needs are expected to include:

- Protect public water resource quality.
- Mitigate wildfire impacts to life and property.
- Achieve multiple resource benefits and objectives.
- Address landscapes that fall to the greatest degree outside the “historic range of variability” (HRV).
- Increase the opportunities for medium-size wildfires to occur safely in the backcountry.
- Protect and Improve wildlife habitat.
- Reduce the potential for epidemic outbreaks of disease and insect damage.
- Use mechanical treatment in roaded areas.
- Protect recreation opportunities.
- Recover economic benefits to offset the costs of treatment and monitoring.



Mission

The San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership is committed to pro-active, collaborative approaches to improving the health and long-term resilience of communities by addressing forest and watershed health. The Partnership is focusing on strengthening understanding, sharing knowledge and lessons learned, developing management approaches, initiating high priority projects, and monitoring results using an adaptive framework.

Get Involved with the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership!

- Support SJHFHP**—Your donations go a long way to making our work possible.
- Become a member**—We invite you to participate in meetings and provide input to the group.
- Volunteer**—Help SJHFHP monitor forest health and study the impacts of our efforts.
- Participate in Events**—Go to the web site and learn about our upcoming events.

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