

# San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

## Meeting agenda for Friday, January 19, 2018

**Location:** Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, Pagosa Springs, CO

**Time:** 9 am – 11 pm

“In the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed.” – Charles Darwin

### AGENDA

#### 9:00 – 9:10 **Welcome and Introductions**

**Attending:** Aaron Kimple, Al Myatt, Emily Hohman, Robin Young, Ben Bailey, Doug Secrist, Anthony Culpepper, Bill Trimarco, Larry Lynch, Matt Ford, Jerry Archuleta, Fred Ellis, Laurel Sebastian, Al Pfister, Herb Grover, Jim Friedley, Matt Tuten, Thurman Wilson, Kent Grant, Tim Haarmann, Steve Hartvigsen

#### 9:10 – 9:40 **Updates**

- a. Remembering Bev Warburton
  - i. Is there a way can remember her in this community?: name a trail, bench, table, scholarship, conservation festival etc. Continue to brainstorm and talk to other organizations she volunteered with: Backcountry Horsemen, Audubon, Pagosa Area Trail Council etc.
- b. Kingsbury (Bill) Pitcher (Wolf Creek Owner) also passed away. We should send a letter of condolence at least.
- c. Letters to the editor on Smoke
  - i. Should we write a response to the Letters to the Editor on smoke in Pagosa Sun.
    1. Need to address that fire and smoke are unavoidable, and crucial to our ecosystem. Explain the concepts and advertise for our smoke talk in March 16<sup>th</sup>. Highlight we do have a management plan, and tell horror stories of smoke in Montana from unmanaged fires. However, we might still get a lot of wildfire this summer, so can't promise less smoke. Also need to acknowledge that respiratory illnesses are serious. Tell whole process of thinning, then fire.
    2. **Matt, Emily, Aaron, Bill can draft articles two articles: Management Tools, the Smoke**
- d. HEPA air filters distributed in CA to people with serious smoke concerns; we could replicate program for Pagosa
- e. Also, LPEA reports on us being behind on renewable energy. We need to highlight renewable energy and forest work done in the area.
- f. We can go to the people (town council, local schools etc.) to reach a new audience. Chris Couch teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade here.
- g. Tour of Turkey Springs (PLPOA) in May could tie in more articles. TRES also planned in May.
- h. May 6<sup>th</sup> is wildfire preparedness day. Could apply for grant to rent movie theater again, or help with supporting TRES day.
- i. Earth Day? We could participate. Our meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- j. January 25: PBS show on “America's Forests”

- k. April – beetle talk, what people can address on their own property, how they can look for IPS. Kent and Matt will coordinate a public beetle workshop with their entomologists. Both in Durango and Pagosa Springs
- l. Almost done with thinning on Reservoir Hill
- m. TriState is still working on power line between Bayfield and Pagosa. It's safe (50ft on either side), although may be stark
- n. Emily Hohman: Funding secured for TRES for spring: 7 days, need food, lodging, work. Always possible to cancel fire if necessary. Objectives: training, treatment, outreach.
- o. February or March- have a manager meeting to coordinate efforts
- p. 2018 CAFA grant applications are out now. Due February 9th.
- q. Stream Management Plan – determined SJH doesn't want to lead it. Step one is to bring together community members- San Juan Headwaters would be great to have at the table. Step two: identify partners and funding gaps before starting true planning.
- r. Concern about current conditions
  - i. Jim, Gretchen, Aaron talking about getting land managers together: Round headed beetle in Upper Cherry Creek. Is this going to be the next big beetle outbreak? What are we predicting? Would treatment cause an IPS outbreak on stressed trees? Lets get forest health managers together- Ignacio in early February. **Doodle Poll out to group soon.**
- s. The 2-3-2
  - i. Met on Wednesday, 1.17.19, talked about supporting regional biomass, coordinating our science, helping smaller groups with outreach/success.
- t. Resilient Community Workshops- members of SJHFHP are attending
- u. Invasive weeds symposium
- v. committee report outs
  - i. Education: lots of action items, but yet to meet.
  - ii. Science: Met after meeting. Main points:
    1. Develop and prioritize questions
    2. Identify data needs/gaps
    3. Assemble data from various agencies in one location
    4. (Long term) Develop protocols for data organization/access

#### 9:40 – 10:00 CAFA Proposal

- a. USFS, CSFS collaboration. Low income project. See Program Implementation Template and Job Descriptions. Discussion on whether to contract internally or look externally for assessment and management work? Treatment work will still get done by private contractors. Would like to start advertising the program by March and running it in April, so **run the RFP add (by Bill) from January 25th to February 25th. Review Committee established** to pick RFP bid winner: Matt, Matt, Tim. MSI/FireWise will have to send in RFP applications too. CSFS defensible space guidelines: must meet those guidelines or they don't get the grant, but we can educate and encourage people to go above and beyond standards.

#### 10:00 – 10:15 Agreement

- a. Reviewed and signed
- b. Discussion of state and federal rates- seem high, but are thoroughly vetted

#### 10:15 – 10:55 Finances

- a. Budget Review: See budget document
- b. Please donate early. \$10, \$20, \$30 please! Donations are our unrestricted funds- Send check or donate online.
- c. Finance committee February 13th – you can call in if you can't make it to Pagosa.
- d. Plan to update group every quarter
- e. Budget approved
- f. Approval to move Bank of the San Juans account if necessary
- g. Committee Member: we need one desperately: **Doug Secrist appointed!**
- h. Banned Peak Ranch made a donation: \$10,000

10:55 – 11:00 **Next Steps**

OUTCOMES:

- Plan for Remembering Bev Warburton
- Approve 2018 Budget
- Identify process for applying CAFA Funds
- Determine if there is a response to recent letters to the editor
- Identify concerns about recent conditions
- Learn about new proposals
- Sign latest agreement with MSI