San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership
Meeting agenda for Friday, August 24, 2018

Location: Meet at Pagosa Public Library
Time: 9 am – 12:00 pm

I. Updates
   a. CAFA:
      i. program rolled out in June, assessments are going well,
      ii. 6 applicants and assessments so far, contractors to start working.
   b. TREX:
      i. postponed until next year due to PL5 designation (national pull of fire resources) and lack of participants.
      ii. Still promoting cooperative burns locally this fall when burns begin
   c. SJNF:
      i. Units still planned to burn, depending on conditions (incl. Turkey Springs)
      ii. Rito Blanco timber sale going up
   d. Stream Management Plan
      i. Funding secured
      ii. SMP for San Juan river
      iii. Water enhancement partnership is better name-
      iv. Intent to identify opportunities to enhance watershed
      v. Steering to coming together
      vi. Website ready soon
      vii. Matt Ford: let’s find opportunities to incorporate student learning opps in SMP

II. Events
   a. Bridging the Divide: Sept 7 and 8
      i. Register here: might close registration
         https://msi.z2systems.com/np/clients/msi/eventRegistration.jsp?event=98
   b. Pagosa Folk Fest: volunteers needed, contact Laurel

III. PAWSD/4 Mile Tour
   a. Much of the watershed is high in the mixed conifer zone
      i. Inoperable topography for treatment – wilderness/roadless/steep
      ii. Not practical to utilize mechanical treatments
   b. Viewed intake structure on 4 Mile Creek
      i. Diverts water to Dutton Ditch, Stevens Reservoir, Sullenburger Res, Hatcher Res
      ii. What can be done to protect this infrastructure?
         1. Susceptible to getting clogged with debris flows fire
a. Can we build check dams?

2. Susceptible to fire with narrow road, dense forest, one way access
   a. We need to prioritize clearing a safe zone around structure

3. Can we focus on strategic, small scale projects with big benefit in this zone

   c. Toured 4 Mile Creek Long Term Stewardship Contract area
      i. Area thinned starting in 2015 by JR Ford and co.
      ii. Cleared a mix of biomass/ slash and timber logs
      iii. Plan is to burn the area eventually (within 10 years)
         1. Need to burn out some oak, which is likely sprouting more after thinning
      iv. Looked at before and after pictures: obviously thinner
      v. Targeted white fir and some ponderosa
      vi. Area was idea access with a main road and several other access roads.