

# San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

## Meeting agenda for Friday, March 15, 2019

**Location:** Ruby M. Sisson Library, Pagosa Springs, Colorado

**Time:** 9:00 – 11:00

### AGENDA

#### **Action Items:**

- **Update Committee Chart**
- **Events Committee to Meet**
  - **Update Events Calendar**
  - **Coordinate with finance committee**
- **Send potential article content/ideas to Bill for Pagosa Sun Series**
- **Proposed Strategic Planning Meeting - 4/10**

#### **Part 1**

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

- Aaron Kimple (MSI), Herb Grover (Audobon), Matt Ford (Clean Forest Energy), Tim Haarman (CPLA Board), Robin Young (CSU ext), Doug Secrist (SJWCD), Matt Tuten (SJNF), Bill Trimarco (WAP), Emily Hohman (CPLA), Matt Cook (MSI), Justin Ramsey (WAP)

##### **9:10 – 9:30 Updates**

#### **I. Round robin updates from the group; major projects/plans for 2019**

- a. Robin - CSU Ext:
  - i. WAVE (watershed analysis ...) putting program together looking for input – end of April – would be great if
    1. Will help landowners identify watershed and let them know of risks from fire/flood
    2. Wanting to create as a tool
  - ii. Resilient Archuleta
    1. Goals are to gain more input from community
    2. 65 people in opening meeting
- b. Herb Grover:
  - i. Completed a wetlands project (funded by NRCS)
  - ii. Weminuche Audobon working on kicking off outreach/citizen scientist
    1. Training field trip in early May
    2. Could coordinate with SJHFHP
- c. Bill T – WAP:
  - i. San Juan Headwaters Low Income Mitigation Program
    1. CAFA grant funded – MSI is fiscal agent
    2. Hoping to get the ball rolling early this year
      - a. Aiming to complete more home assessments and properties treated for defensible space, wildfire mitigation
  - ii. 5/4 National Wildfire Preparedness Day
    1. Operation Helping Hands – Spring clean up/mitigation event

- a. Trying to get volunteers together and help with spring clean up  
2-3 hrs– rake up pine needles around the house, limb up few trees
    - b. Might get a \$500 grant for food, film or speakers
  - iii. 4/27 - SOS putting on Earth Day event
  - iv. Jonathon Bruno involved on state commission looking at mitigation grant procedures
  - v. WAP has some funding for chipper rebate program this summer
    - 1. No funding of cost-share programs this year
  - vi. RCCP work in Navajo Blanco – funding for 2 neighborhoods Blue Mtn Ranches , Bramwell Ranch
  - vii. Community Assessments – feed into Firewise USA program – discount on homeowner insurance
  - viii. CO state tax income deduction for any mitigation work completed – can deduct 100% up to 2500 – includes equipment. Reverts back to 50% after 2024
- d. Potential Operational Delineations (PODS):
  - i. Workshops planned on 3/26 for SJNF and 3/27 for RGNF – to help inform the CWPP project
  - ii. Should Headwaters be more involved in this process?
    - 1. Any land management changes that come from this process won't happen until at least next year
    - 2. This process will utilize wildfire risk areas and incorporate them into a larger landscape. This is looking at fire suppression and getting a good feel for the landscape. It's main use shouldn't be for land management planning but the process could identify gaps
    - 3. Really emphasizing that the planning process won't happen in a vacuum, we want community input, involvement and support
- e. Emily H – CPLA:
  - i. San Juan TREX
    - 1. Looking at 9/9-9/24 dates – dates could change dependent on lodging
    - 2. Its been difficult finding lodging options that have all the needs
      - a. Needs: a facility that has bunk beds, commercial kitchen, meeting rooms, showers and bathrooms
    - 3. Emily is looking for any ideas
      - a. Flexible on location – Durango to Pagosa
      - b. Campgrounds, AirBnB's, walled tents, etc
- f. Discussion of Collaborative group in Columbine District
- g. 4/1-4/3 After the Flames workshop
- h. SMP – Watershed Enhancement Plan
  - i. Conversation still continuing , thinking about gauge
- i. Greg Boyer – looking to make a biofuel plant in Alamosa area
  - i. Currently in the planning phases
- j. EIB conversation still ongoing
  - i. Biomass plant near Mancos
  - ii. Feasibility study
- k. Matt Tuten - SJNF
  - i. Redstone Timber Frames – Andre
    - 1. Interested in getting into the business of procuring wood

- ii. Pagosa District Office is currently moving
- iii. Pagosa Creek Contract is out for bid currently
- iv. Huerto Creek contract is out for bid
  - 1. Working on CFRI with that project
- v. Pagosa District will have a fuels crew this summer
  - 1. Rx fire capacity
- vi. Moving forward on planning efforts for identified priority areas
  - 1. Rito Blanco, Buckles Lake, Upper Piedra (Williams reservoir all over to Four mile)
- vii. Implementation next year and beyond
- l. State society for American Foresters in April 26 & 27
  - i. Aaron speaking
- m. Tim: Raised money to get a ranch management masters degree at CSU
  - i. Up and running in the Fall
  - ii. Ranch and Ecosystem Management
  - iii. Part of the program will involve visiting ranches
  - iv. Part of thesis will involve writing management plan
  - v. Should start to get some students in the local areas

#### 9:30 – 9:45 **2019 Calendar Review**

- What do we feel like we need to bring to the community?
  - How to combine TRES support with public outreach?
    - Target public official could be goal
  - Risk and liability issue with pile burning and Rx fire in county
    - We need to advance outreach/ed efforts towards this topic
    - Also need to articulate the planning phase for Rx fire ops
  - Bill T will be writing a series of articles for the Pagosa Sun
    - Wildfire/Forestry Related
    - 5-6 articles, will include Headwaters in articles, April – July,
    - We can have Headwaters name on articles
  - How to reach out to the non-choir?
    - Food and beer event at Brewery

#### 9:45 – 10:00 **Budget/Agreements**

- a. 2019 budget
  - i. Headwaters Cash – what we budgeted to raise this year
  - ii. Cohesive mod 1 and CAFA are main revenue streams
  - iii. Total expenditures in 2019 = 230,532
    - 1. CFRI work – Mod1 CFRI
    - 2. CAFA work
    - 3. Large portion of expenditure is on subcontractors
- b. Fundraising
  - i. We need to raise 14,500 this year
    - 1. Commitments from Alpine Cascade, Banded Peak, PAWSD, SJWCD
    - 2. Significant fundraising we need to think about
  - ii. We want to raise more from small donations – 2000
    - 1. Should serve as a proxy for how we are engaging the community
- c. Education

- i. Allocated 10 k for education, 2x from last year
  - ii. 10 k from mod1, 1500 supplies from headwaters cash,
  - iii. Citizen Science will have a cost
- d. Discuss and approve MSI agreement for 2019
- e. Further discussion on CFRI proposal
- f. Long-term funding discussion post-Cohesive; 2019 is the year to plan
  - i. Cohesive funding dries up in 2021
- g. There is an identified need to diversify funding
  - i. How are we planning to do this?
  - ii. We can't sustain a 150k per year budget
    - 1. We'll have to come back down to 60k
    - 2. We'll need to set a dedicated meeting on fundraising

**10:10 – 10:50 2019 Success Goals**

- a. Committees - review organization and membership; strategize on how to better use our committee structure (15 min)
- b. Marketing/Name Recognition/Outreach (15 min)
- c. Information sharing/access; group wants and needs (10 min)

**10:50 – 11:30 Pagosa High School Presentation**

OUTCOMES:

- Outline SJHFHP main goals and objectives for 2019
- Review and approve 2019 budget
- Review and approve 2019 MSI agreement
- Reinvigorate the SJHFHP committees
- Discuss marketing/outreach/events for 2019
- Understand how to make information more accessible to group members