



San Juan Headwaters

FOREST HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

Meeting Agenda for Friday, January 17, 2020

Location: Archuleta County Extension Exhibit Hall - 344 US Hwy 84, Pagosa Springs, CO

Regular Meeting: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

MEETING NOTES

9:15 – 9:25 Welcome and Introductions

- Aaron Kimple (MSI), Dana Hayward (MSI), Emily Swindell (MSI), Keith Bruno (Audubon Rockies), Tim Harmon (Banded Peak Ranch), Herb Grover (Audubon Rockies), Matt Tuten (SJNF), Emily Hohman (Nature Conservancy), Jerry Archuleta (NRCS), Mercedes Siegle-Gaither (NRCS), Larry Lynch (Pagosa Homeowners Association), Bill Trimarco (WAP), Matt Ford (Clean Forest Energy), Robin Young (CSU Extension)

9:25 – 9:45 RMRI and CFLRP updates

- RMRI
 - Accepted for Southwest CO
 - Should know more by March
 - Funds must 1st be authorized
 - Approximately \$4mil/year for each CFLRP
 - Timeline to begin work: ASAP, but challenges include building strategic planning for where funds are targeted on the ground
 - Private lands
 - Conversation is needed first to address how funds will be allocated
 - Drainages are separate from RMRI
- CFLRP
 - 2 CFLRP's that include this area
 - 1.) Rio Chama in Region 2 and 3 across CO and NM
 - 232 determined to be collaborative to help with that effort
 - 2.) Across the San Juan
 - There will be a lot of work to do if both are funded
 - Should know by March/April
 - There are 3 collaboratives across San Juan National Forest
 - Annual or biannual dialogue needed to coordinate these groups

- Headwaters will be a part of that dialogue
- Think about how our science committee interacts with Forest Service science team of researchers and regional experts
- 2020 Forest Action Plan (June)
 - NM and CO talking about how to align forest action plan because of their connection through water

9:45 – 10:30 Committee Updates

- Education and Outreach
 - Committee: Keith, Dana, and Bill
 - 4 education initiatives identified
 1. *Master Naturalist Program/Workshop Series*
 - Opportunities
 - Public engagement in citizen science; partner with Headwaters, CSU Extension, and Audubon
 - Benefits
 - Strengthen partnership with the CSU Extension and Audubon Rockies; increase community visibility
 - Potential Actions
 - Pilot through Headwaters and associated partners; offer scholarships; adjust previously generated manual to fit Pagosa Springs
 - Must be strategic about education goals
 2. *Youth education and school engagement*
 - Opportunities
 - Partnerships with government officials; additional grants and fundraising; continued work on Reservoir Hill
 3. *Seasonal engagement with recreation groups*
 - 1-2 events/year
 - Potential Actions
 - Bicycling tour at Brockover, beetle walk with Outdoor Club, citizen science at disc golf course, ski tours of different ecosystems
 4. *Interpretive signage*
 - Brockover and Cloman, and maybe Reservoir Hill
 - Goal: completed by winter 2021
 - Funding: SJNF if there's signage on national forest
 - Additional Education and Outreach
 - TREX 2020
 - Probably in September
 - Will potentially need help from Headwaters and education/outreach
 - Newsletter

- Quarterly beginning in March
 - Will need participation with sending updates and information
 - POPOA: can help get word out
 - Featured Information
 - Updates, smoke report in summer, press releases, new logging contracts that may be of interest to community, education events, recap of education events
 - Headwaters Website
 - SSL certificate will be updated
 - Send any feedback to Dana
 - CAFA Outreach Event for Aspen Springs (February)
 - Program is working but takes time – snow was still on ground mid-May 2019
 - 2020
 - Funding good through September
 - Should have work done in August to allow for paperwork
 - Lots of interest already
- Science
 - Audubon Rockies
 - Bird project posted on Research Gate
 - Will repeat end of May into June and July
 - Science team
 - Will present their research to collaboratives and discuss how that informs work going forward
 - Pagosa Creek and Huerto Creek contract proposals closed yesterday and work likely happening this year
 - Jackson Mountain *PLEASE take pictures
 - Blanco Mill taking small diameter
 - Could be tour site this summer
 - Bird monitoring could be expanded
 - Control/non-treatment sites
 - Education and Outreach
 - Could be good place to do bike tour
 - Interpretive signage
- Treatment Planning and Proposals
 - Annual March meeting in the works
- Legislation and Permitting
 - Sen. Bennet trying to secure additional funds for CFLRP

- Education and Outreach firmed up
 - 5 events (tentative!)
 - Approximately \$3000/event
 - Cohesive expires mid 2021
 - Holding onto approximately \$17,500 to be ready for July 2021
 - Fundraising
 - 2019
 - \$2000 budgeted
 - Small dollar donations
 - \$375 from 5 donors
 - 2020
 - \$1000 budgeted
 - Ask for small donations (\$10-20) → they're important and can help gauge if we're reaching community
 - Festival on the Hill
 - 1st: check in with KSUT about our presence and then find out if we could be hosted
 - Needs
 - Volunteers, aligned goals
 - New Mexico festival goers: could explain how our work positively impacts them downstream
 - Earth Day
 - Greater community focus, not sure about fundraising
 - County Fair
 - 4-day event
 - 2021
 - Cabin Fever Festival
 - Coordinate with Michael Whiting

10:45 – 10:55, Identifying and Engaging Stakeholders in 2020

- Non-traditional stakeholders
 - Marketing materials
 - Flyers: should update and send to group
 - Could sponsor and have a banner
 - Rink: \$250 for half-run and \$400 for longer
 - New county planner: Brand Calendar
 - Involved with Resilient Archuleta
 - Check that county commissioners, Brad Calendar, fire district, and Scott Wall are on our list → attend their meetings
- Engagement frequency and maintenance of relationships
 - 1-pager
 - Will be updated next week

- What's happening in POPOA, TREX, Forest Service, and how Headwaters is coordinating
 - Direct to smoke map
 - Could be a good story (e-blast)
- Round Up for Conservation
 - Round Up program with LPEA
- POPOA: is that a story we could circulate with POPOA?
 - Yes: would like to include education component
- San Juan Basin Health
 - Received HEPA filters in 2019
- Strategy and accountability

10:55 – 11:10 February Science Forum (February 21)

- Format (presentations, break-out discussions, networking)
 - 9-11am
 - Presentations
 - 11am-12pm
 - Extended meeting in Extension Building
 - Formalized networking lunch afterwards
 - Must have conversation about how we apply our science into decision-making process
- Needs and interests of SJHFHP for a presentation from Dr. Peter Brown about the Piedra Study
 - Annual/historical moisture/tree stress/growth rates of then vs now
 - Fire return interval compared to today
- Objective
 - Inform and engage collaborative and potential partners to the monitoring work and how it's being applied to inform forest management decisions
- Reach out to Bill Rommi (sp?)

11:10-11:15 2019 EOY Report

- Will be emailed by Jan 31st

11:10-11:15 Closing, Next Steps, Other Business

- March
 - Strategic planning
 - Review current strategic plan, consider work prioritization, communication, funding
 - Please read 2015 Strategy Plan before March
- CLTL (Collaborative Learning)

- Process beginning end of January
- Headwaters to be test subject for that group
- SJNF Cross-Collaborative
 - 3 collaboratives + 232 in this landscape
 - Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (USJWEP) and Resilient Archuleta
 - Ongoing conversation with these organizations
 - 2020
 - Bridging the Forest event
 - May only happen once rather than twice (spring and fall)