

# San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

## Agenda September 16, 2016

Attending: Bev Warburton, Herb Grover, Ben Bailey, Thurman Wilson, Aaron Kimple, Nicole Demarco, Al Pfister, Tim Leischman, Matt Tuten, Ann McCoy-Herals, Bill Trimarco, Doug Secret

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
- II. Updates (25 min)
  - a. USFS
    - i. Joint Chiefs funding
      1. Oak fuels in the Fawn Gulch – Log Hill Subdivision
      2. Near town, lower elevation
    - ii. Long-term may have to the forest will have to start looking to the west around Bayfield and Durango
    - iii. Prescribed Fire
      1. Pagosa – Turkey Springs
      2. There was a burn on the Reservation
      3. Pergin Burn on the Columbine District – 6000 acres
      4. Washington Flats – Chimney Rock – Later in the season
      5. A lot of acres for low cost
      6. Administrative support
      7. Join Chiefs money for treatment frees up money for prescribed fire
      8. Public Notice – goes to the paper, signs on the highway
    - iv. Stewardship is operating on Kenney Flats
      1. Oak management – mosaic
    - v. Past sale on Rito Blanco Road
      1. Pile burner can create conditions for Canada thistle
  - b. NRCS
  - c. CSFS
  - d. Firewise
    - i. Chipper rebates
    - ii. Volunteer Brigade
      1. More engagement with the public
      2. Cards that will offer information on programs
      3. Strengthen local fire district, public, and firewise
    - iii. FEMA – Low income mitigation project
      1. 5 properties assessed – ready for mitigation
  - e. Reservoir Hill
    - i. Moving DNR funds to work on North and West slope
    - ii. Town is covering the cost of air curtain burner for slash
    - iii. Reach out to the mountain bike community for additional help

- f. Folk Festival
  - i. Thanks to the folk festival folks
  - ii. Response was positive
  - iii. Good buy-in from the community
- g. Bridging the Divide
  - i. 80 people on Friday
  - ii. 60ish on Saturday
  - iii. Data for flows on west side of the divide – saw east side
  - iv. Science followed up by on-the-ground application
  - v. Helps to demonstrate connections between management on both sides
  - vi. Future topics
    - 1. Forest products
    - 2. Economy
    - 3. Landscape scale approach
      - a. Economics
      - b. Political
      - c. Social
      - d. Values approach
  - vii. How do we carry some of the information to the public that wasn't able to attend?
    - 1. Paper
    - 2. PSA
- III. Upcoming Events (15 min)
  - a. Public Lands Day
    - i. September 24
  - b. Ponderosa Pine Connection
    - i. October 5 and 6
  - c. Presentation to CWA
  - d. Citizen Science
- IV. Field Visit – Spruce Sale
- V. To Do:
  - a. Visit Blanco Project