

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership



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Who We Are

The San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership (formerly the Upper San Juan Mixed Conifer Working Group) has been active since July 2010 in the Pagosa Springs area. It was established initially to provide a venue to share stakeholder perspectives and to develop science-based collaborative priorities for management and monitoring of mixed-conifer forests on the Pagosa Ranger District (PRD) of the San Juan National Forest in southwestern Colorado. The group's focus has broadened to include other vegetation types and forest health issues. The Partnership members are people and groups representing business interests, conservation organizations, local and state governments, federal agencies, recreation interests, ranchers, homeowner associations and scientists, as well as many interested citizens.



Group Purpose

The group's purpose is to:

- 1) Share and strengthen understanding of appropriate methods of improving forest health and long-term resilience of watersheds in the Upper San Juan Basin
- 2) Broaden knowledge of current conditions, conservation needs, and opportunities
- 3) Develop a viable set of management approaches, actions, and projects
- 4) Initiate projects and address high-priority information needs and management opportunities
- 5) Establish follow-up monitoring methods to guide adaptive management.

Current Efforts

The group currently works to:

- Educate stakeholders and the public
- Promote adaptive management
- Coordinate and facilitate collaborative efforts addressing varied interests
- Monitor management practices





Phase I of the SJHFHP . . .

was funded by a grant from the National Forest Foundation and in-kind contributions from many organizations and volunteers and was completed in 2012. The Workgroup's Phase I report is posted: www.sanjuanheadwaters.org During the Phase I process, the Partnership concluded that more resources and action are needed to adequately address the range of complex issues affecting these forests and watersheds now and into the future.

Priorities Identified during Phase I

- 1) Focus forest restoration treatments in areas with the highest risk of wildfires that might damage watersheds or private property
- 2) Protect urban water supplies, watersheds, and distribution systems

Phase II of the SJHFHP . . .

is funded by a combination of grants and has the goal of being augmented by a membership program. Beginning in March 2013 the Partnership has funded a half-time program coordinator to initiate and implement the goals for the next phase of outreach, education and monitoring. The outreach/education program will include field tours, printed materials, an updated website, in-person presentations, and a video. The monitoring program will focus on tracking the outcome of local forest-related projects utilizing a monitoring protocol that fits the mission of the Partnership. A central element of Phase II is watershed protection, especially as related to protecting the municipal water supply for Pagosa Springs and surrounding residential communities.



Get Involved with the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership!

We have several opportunities to get involved with the SJHFHP.

- 1) **Become a member**—Membership in the SJHFHP is free. We invite you to participate in meetings, upcoming events, and provide input on the work and focus of the group.
- 2) **Volunteer**—Help SJHFHP monitor forest health and study the impacts of our efforts.
- 3) **Participate in Events**—We invite you to attend our events and learn about the issues that face the place you live.
- 4) **Support SJHFHP**—Your donations go a long way to making our work possible. Please consider donating to the SJHFHP so that we can continue to offer education and outreach opportunities and work to maintain forest health.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to be a Member of the SJHFHP I am interested in Volunteer opportunities & upcoming events

I am interested in making a contribution of \$ _____ to the SJHFHP I have enclosed a check

Charge my Visa or Mastercard (circle one) Card number: _____ Exp Date: _____

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