



San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership



Dear Friend of the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership,

The forests are what draw us to live in the San Juan Mountains. They offer privacy, solitude, and recreation. They offer economic opportunities and support wildlife. Historically, fire was a big force working to manage these forests. How do we balance our draw to forests with wildfire and our personal safety? San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership (San Juan Headwaters) is working to make our communities more resilient to wild fire. Be a part of the effort! Please consider making a contribution to the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership.

Over the last year San Juan Headwaters has evaluated the risk of wildfire to essential community resources and water sources, secured funds to work across boundaries to improve forest health in high priority areas, and offered educational opportunities about how wildfire impacts our communities. San Juan Headwaters works with land managers, private landowners, and local organizations to facilitate the most effective use of resources and implement mitigation practices on a landscape scale. Through our partnership, San Juan Headwaters will have assisted with the treatment of nearly 1,800 acres around Dutton Ditch, a primary water source for the residents of Archuleta County. Work around the ditch has been completed on public and private lands. This will go a long way to making the communities of Archuleta more resilient to wildfire.

In 2016, an additional nearly 500 acres will be treated in the Turkey Springs Area, protecting homes associated with the wildland urban interface (WUI). This work will contribute over 1 million dollars to the local economy and employ approximately 8 people within the county.

San Juan Headwaters works with one paid half time Program Coordinator who helps organize coordinate meetings. Our group of dedicated volunteers informs decisions and implements work that plays a big part in securing the health of our mountain environment and our communities. Together, we work to fulfill our mission: *To continue collaborative approaches to improving the health and long-term resilience of forests, watersheds, and the communities located near them in Southwest Colorado.*

Join our talented group! Consider a donation to our efforts or attend our monthly meetings.

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We invite you to help make our community stronger and more resilient. With your help, San Juan Headwaters can:

- *Bring experts and speakers to our communities to work on forest resilience.*
- *Mentor citizen scientists and, high school students by working with local teachers.*
- *Implement treatments that reduce risks to community resources*
- *Expand regional capacity to implement on-the-ground projects*



San Juan Headwaters continues to grow, and our work continues to draw attention. To our supporters and partners, we are most grateful for your part in making our organization flourish!

Please help us continue our work to promote strong, resilient communities through sustainable management of the land and resources that inspire us to live and work here, in Southwest Colorado.

We invite you to visit our website: www.sanjuanheadwaters.org. Consider getting involved. And please, consider a donation to San Juan Headwaters. Your support makes our work possible.

San Juan Headwaters operates as a non-profit organization with Mountain Studies Institute serving as the fiscal agent. All donations are tax deductible and donations of \$200+ are eligible for Colorado Tax Credit of 25%. Donations can be made to San Juan Headwaters via check or on-line at www.sanjuanheadwaters.org. Contributions

may be mailed to *San Juan Headwaters c/o Mountain Studies Institute, P.O. Box 426, Silverton, CO 81433.*

San Juan Headwaters looks forward to another productive year in 2016. **Let's work together to strengthen our community.**

Happy Holidays! Best Wishes for 2016!

Sincerely,

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