

**San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership**  
**Meeting agenda for Friday, November 17, 2017**

Location: Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, Pagosa Springs, CO

Time: 9 am – 12:10 pm

**Attending:** Al Myatt, Bill Trimarco, Ben Baily, Doug Secrist, Laurel Sebastian, Justin Ramsey, Ashley Downing, Matt Tuten, Jerry Archuleta, Robin Young, Tim Haarmann, Bev Warburton, Matt Ford, J.R. Ford, Page Buono, Aaron Kimple, Kent Grant, Steve Hartvigsen

9:00 – 9:15    **Welcome and Introductions**

9:15 – 9:45    **Updates**

1. Jerry Archuleta - NRCS
  - a. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) **Application closes Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - b. Thinning around Reservoir Hill in the next 10 days (private land)
  - c. Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2pm, his office: TREX program meeting about private land treatment- pre treatment moving into burning, Eventually they'll come to the group with more need for public outreach
2. Matt Tuten- USFS
  - a. Salvage sale operating on Wolf Creek Pass
  - b. Aspen Harvest on Nipple Mountain and Porcupine Rd.
  - c. Pagosa Forest Health in Echo –1/3 done with 750 acres
  - d. Aspen Sale on Columbine District
  - e. Pine Harvest in Faucet Gulch area- ¼ way done
  - f. Mastication project in Willow Draw/Echo area – supplemental fuels funding – done soon
    - i. Joint Chiefs and Supplemental Fuels funding
    - ii. Joint Chiefs are no longer being funded
  - g. Rx Fire did not happen
    - i. Pile burning in Turkey Springs near E. Monument this winter
  - h. Timber sales out for bid in spruce forest– Wolf Creek and Fall Creek road, West Prong in Columbine (Big – 15,000 CCF)
  - i. Discussion on Smoke Transport: need permit and weather to disperse smoke to allow burning- hold up on fall burning this year due to smoke permits
  - j. Potential shift coming in targets for each forest and each activity – there may be an increase in timber targets in this area due to smaller targets elsewhere
  - k. Kevin Khung (District Ranger) is going on detail for several months, get ready for a guest detail ranger
3. Kent Grant - CSFS
  - a. Forest Ag landowner inspections, 80 participants in the district
  - b. Contract for Shalona Management Project, 40 acre project off US 550
  - c. Mountain Ute thinning of beetle kill near Cherry Creek
  - d. Showing trip for Aspen in Dolores County
  - e. Tour of prescribed burn ~200 acres in Lone Mesa State Park- CO Division of Fire Prevention and Control

- f. Deadline for Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grants: **Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**
  - i. Jerry thinks maybe 60 acres or more up for treatment, to match Hidden Valley treatment and other private land treated next to Sonlight Camp
  - ii. \$550,000+ available statewide for this grant, keep it small to increase chances
    - iii. Jerry and Aaron will collaborate on proposal**
- g. Kelly Barsante –Smoke talk, pair with TREX, Turkey Springs tour: March?
- 4. Bill Trimarco- FireWise
  - a. New ED at FireWise: Ashley Downing!
  - b. Archuleta County mostly done with treatment
  - c. Given out \$32,000, 22 homes protected
  - d. Chipper rebate program successful- homeowners got 50% back on costs
  - e. 6 new volunteer ambassadors
  - f. \$40,000 worth of work done this year near Aspen Condominium Complex
- 5. Aaron
  - a. Reservoir Hill- hit target. Hope to burn some piles
  - b. Colorado State has a grant application
    - i. San Juan Headwaters plans to apply to support work on Sonlight Camps in the Fourmile Area
    - ii. Need Letter of Support from PAWSD

9:45 – 10:15 **Financial Update/ Approval** (30 min)

- 1. Budget Review
  - a. Yearly Budget ESTIMATE numbers based off 2017 numbers
  - b. We're on target or under in 2017
  - c. How do we spend our money in the coming years and build sustaining funds?
  - d. Cohesive Strategy Mod 1– How do we spread that money out? Ends July 2021
    - i. See handout for detailed notes and breakdown
    - ii. **REQUEST:** We would like to request one additional member of the finance committee due to Steve's "emeritus" status.
    - iii. 2018: Need to plan for future funding, will run out in 2021
    - iv. Steve: We need to bring deliverables to all funders to bring in more funding. Need to show value and have completed projects.
  - e. **December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting** on budget matching with deliverables/percent completion of larger goal for budget in order to approve (before 2018 begins)
    - i. **Aaron/MSI Needs to compile deliverables**

10:15 – 10:30 **BREAK** (15 min)

10:30 – 11:00 **2017 in Review - Group Evaluation/ Discussion** (30 min)

- 1. Aaron's Feedback
  - a. Funding has increased- great!
  - b. Education and outreach has slipped
    - i. Need more focus on local community members
    - ii. Need to do better at telling our story- share/use data we have
      - 1. We're at a good spot to apply adaptive management strategies

- iii. Project accomplishments: should include cumulative impacts of all acres treated by SJH partners
      - 1. Use map to compile all treatment projects
      - 2. Student tours of waste water treatment plants- should expand to include forest health component
- 2. Celebrate our successes! (refer to 2017 Survey Summary)
- 3. Group Assessment
  - 1. What are the hard questions we're not actually asking/answering?
  - 2. How do we invite different, critical opinions?
  - 3. Marginalized individuals: who has been pushed away accidentally?
  - 4. Can we go to other organizations and directly engage them?
  - 5. Need for media- talking points, brochure, presentation, radio announcement, common definitions, push website- more pictures

11:00 – 12:00 **Group direction and future** (1 hour)

- a) Mission
  - a. Shorted mission to one sentence. Second sentence is too specific
  - b. Need for visioning statement- next 40 years
- b) Education and Outreach
  - a. Newspaper articles with website advertisements
  - b. Radio announcements and interviews
  - c. Invite people to attend meetings? Or is that counterproductive/slow?
  - d. Track how people have heard of us
  - e. Gamble oak/mastication handout
    - i. Extension office has materials
    - ii. What are Tx options? Knowledge? Our projects?
  - f. Communicate wood products industry info
  - g. Need to engage actively/ search for NEW groups to present to
    - i. Folk festival
    - ii. Gecko
    - iii. Chili Cook-off
    - iv. PLPOA
    - v. 1<sup>st</sup> basketball game
  - h. Need to work on Storytelling of our progress/work
    - i. Move beyond fire – connect to water, infestation etc.
- c) 2018 Event
  - a. Smoke talk w/ Turkey Springs Tour, TREX, March? (smoke theme)
  - b. New contractors workshop with SBDC, FireWise, SJHFHP
    - i. Explain costs, equipment, bid process
  - c. Bridging the Divide 2.0
  - d. Evening meeting/ movie night
  - e. Contractor/ Fire Responder/ Forest Health people together
- d) Definitions
  - a. Needed for internal and external uses
  - b. Healthy vs. healthier forest (implies movement, not static goal)
  - c. Create or share video explanations

- d. Science committee to create definitions
- e) Monitoring and Reporting
  - a. Close the adaptive management loop
  - b. Share numbers, impact, findings, before & after work
    - i. Are before and after photos effective?
    - ii. Need better reporting for private land
  - c. WHY do we do this work? Clarify objectives
  - d. Ask harder questions up front?
  - e. Treatment fire modeling for landscape scale achievements
  - f. Challenge: we don't have all the answers, hard to communicate

12:00 – 12:05 **Structure and Participation** (5 minutes)

- a) Committees
  - a. Need more organic subcommittees – created and dissolved as needed
  - b. Need bulleted, sharable points after subcommittee meetings
  - c. Communication strategy: externally and internally (between subcommittees)
  - d. Two hours or less for main meetings: option for subcommittees to meet for 3<sup>rd</sup> hour, or communicate another time that works for subcommittee

12:05 – 12:10 **Action Items** (5 min)

- a. Enter treatment information on map, or send it to Matt Edrich or Anthony Culpepper
  - a. [Anthony@mountainstudies.org](mailto:Anthony@mountainstudies.org), [forests@mountainstudies.org](mailto:forests@mountainstudies.org)

Outcomes:

Budget Review

Approval of Expenditures

Review of 2018 Budget (**Approval moved to Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**)

Evaluate 2017

Define directions for 2018

Identify new partners