**San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership**

**Meeting notes for Friday, March 16, 2018**

**Location**: Pagosa Chamber of Commerce, Pagosa Springs, CO

**Time**: 9 am – 11 pm

“In the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed.” – Charles Darwin

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:10 **Welcome and Introductions**

**Attending:** Aaron Kimple, Emily Hohman, Al Fister, Bill Trimarco, Larry Lynch, Matt Tuten, Tim Haarman, Anthony Culpepper, Laurel Sebastian, Matt Cook, Matt Ford, Ellen Shaw

**Action Items:**

**All Committees:** Meet, solidify membership, clarify chair.

**MSI**: Refresh Committee List

**All:** Submit ideas of important people to invite to important events, and beef up regular meeting list

* Laurel will maintain list.

Send Bill film ideas. See below for details

Contact Emily with ideas on what to do during TREX workshop. Need help clearing property?

**Laurel:** create and circulate sheet on who to contact, and who is contacting important people with End of Year outreach

Create survey for Smoke event

Edit End of Year Report and research pricing for printing

Send info on Forest and Fire Learning Series

**Ellen Shaw:** reach out to county commissioners (and candidate) to attend the March 20th Smoke Event

**Bill Trimarco** to talk to Holly Metzler about advertising sign planting as part of Earth Day/ Earth Week.

* Print signs for trifold at least for Earth Day if not ready (Laurel)

**Emily:** continue to work through pile burn ordinance with Mike, work with Legislation committee where appropriate for larger plan on Rx burns.

**Emily, Tanner, Mike** (Director of Emergency Management): Attend county commissioners working meeting to discuss burning.

**Bill/Aaron:** Develop 1-2 official SJHFHP questions to submit to the county commissioners election process.

**Aaron:** send out CAFA proposal to **Matt Ford, Matt Tuten, Tim Haarman** for official approval

**Bill/Larry/Karen** etc: Work on expanding Tour of Turkey Springs event with PLPOA.

9: 10 – 9:50 **Updates**

1. Committee Report Outs – Efforts/ Needs
   1. **Science**
      1. Meeting today, so now big updates. We’re looking closely at questions we want to be asking, and how those relate directly to our mission.
      2. Need to rework watershed assessment. On Thurman Wilson’s desk for final rework. COMAP data going to Matt Ford from Matt Tuten
   2. **Biomass**
      1. Mostly focused on 2-3-2 biomass end, which relates here. Trying to implement programs to help grow biomass industry; developing logo to label wood as local; Emma (new Chama Peak Land Alliance VISTA) attending biomass meeting in Bernalillo County; updates to come from JR Ford
   3. **Education/ Outreach**
      1. See event info below.
      2. Earth Week: cleanup events, food, beer, recycling, community activities
         1. We will try to participate
      3. Climate Resiliency Team created and went to Sonoran Institute for conference: Al Fister organized. Bill will send update once finalized. Planning a survey for Earth Day as a soft introduction to community
   4. **Finance**
      1. Matt Ford: Committees need to continue to put in volunteer time to reduce cost of MSI’s work, or expect to spend money more quickly.
      2. Will update the group on the first quarter at April or May
      3. Need to improve our fundraising pushes at events
      4. CPW, RMEF grants have been underapplied. Ellen: Are we applying?
         1. Finance hasn’t looked into those opportunities, but has focused on strengthening private funding for now.
         2. Focusing now on understanding our goals and using funding we have before we apply for more work and money
   5. **Legislation and permitting**
      1. Members: Emily Hohman, Aaron Kimple, Tim Haarman, Jimbo Buickerood, JR Ford
      2. Aaron sits on Forest Health Advisory Council: trying to get state back into burning. Trying to get CWCB (Colorado Water Conservation Board) involved.
      3. Emily Hohman: Ordinance passed last year in Archuleta County- restricted to 4x4x4 pile burns. Effectively shuts down burning on private land. Need to check in with Mike about fixing this. Trying to create process so landowners can sign onto special agreement to be able to burn. Also looking into new ordinance on Rx burns. Some progress. Also researching MOU/Charter between County, City, Landowners, Forest Service etc. to support burning.
         1. Maybe SJHFHP should attend working session with county to figure out this miscommunication: Emily, Tanner, Mike (Director of Emergency Management)
         2. Invite County Commissioners to all our events on smoke, prescribed fire, TREX workshops
            1. Personal invite to all three and people on ballot: Michael Whiting, Roney Maez: Matt Tuten and Ellen Shaw

County Clerk would have names

Ellen invited Hinsdale County Commissioner

* + - * 1. Compile list of important people to invite to special events
        2. Get 1-2 questions to formal questions for elections
      1. If TREX doesn’t burn, we need to highlight the importance and weight of consideration taken to NOT BURN.

1. Quick Round Robin
2. CAFA
   1. We put out for bid, and no one else applied except for MSI.
   2. Aaron will send out CAFA proposal to Matt Ford, Matt Tuten, Tim Haarman for official approval

9:50 – 10:00 **Work Plan**

Do we want to work on work plan as a group, or finance committee etc. 🡪 not answered?

10:00 – 10:15 **Signs**

1. Signs are drafted. Takes about 4-6 weeks to get made. Once we submit, we will see timeline from company.

10:15 – 10:30 **2017 End of Year Report**

1. How to distribute?: Send to all supporters.
2. Print (Ask Emily for cheap printing if needed out of Albuquerque)
3. Chama Peak Land Alliance logo
4. Replace higher resolution back pledge, higher resolution budget on EOY Report.

10:30 – 10:55 **Upcoming Events**

1. **Smoke talk:** CSU Extension Office, March 20th, 6-8pm
   1. Identify questions for panel
2. **Wildfire Movie Night:** May 2nd Movie and talks, working on funding, $400-$500 to put on event (space, prizes, time etc.). Mostly focused on wildfire and smoke. TREX will be in progress, so they will try to attend as well.
   1. Send film ideas to Bill Trimarco (30 minutes or less). He’s looking at one on prescribed fire, “1/3 Mile to Safety,” (not only catastrophic fire videos-people get that picture)
3. May 12th: **Tour of Turkey Springs at PLPOA:** Karen Catsos lead planner, Bill Trimarco, Mary, Emily, Fred Ellis, Larry Lynch. Morning talk followed by afternoon tour.
4. **Bridging the Divide 2018**: June 15th and 16th. 15th: Evening of burgers and beer at Wolf Creek Ski Area and some speakers, 16th mostly tours on the Rio Grande side, hoping to compare Million Fire and West Fork Fire and discuss what has come of them.
5. **TREX**: Contact Emily with ideas on for TREX workshop.

10:55 – 11:00 **Next Steps**

OUTCOMES:

* Committee Report Outs
* Coordinate Committee efforts
* Approve End of Year Report
* Review upcoming calendar
* Approve Work Plan
* Assign next steps for upcoming events