

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership Meeting agenda for Friday, May 18, 2018

Location: Pagosa Chamber of Commerce, Pagosa Springs, CO

Time: 9 am – 10 pm

Action Items:

- Publicize Bridging the Divide info (See attached poster)
 - <https://www.mountainstudies.org/events/bridgingthedivide>
- Delegate/decide task for 19th Hole Concert Series
 - PSAs, Facebook: Laurel (**SHARE EVENT on personal facebook**)
 - Introduce Headwaters at event: Aaron
 - **Radio Interview on July 18th w/ Mary Jo Coulehan**
 - **2+ people for ticket booth:**
 - **1-2 people tabling:**
 - **Pagosa Sun thank you note following event:**
 - **Pagosa Springs Golf Club thank you note:**
- Sign up to be a Tour Guide for Sunday morning?

Day	Time	Who
Thursday, June 7	Afternoon setup	Aaron Kimple
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Friday, June 8	3:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Tim Leishman
	3:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Robin Young
	3:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Laurel Sebastian
Saturday, June 9	10:00 am - 12:00 pm (tour guide)	Aaron Kimple
	12:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Mat Tuten
	12:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Laurel Sebastian
Sunday, June 10	10:00 am - 12:00 pm (tour guide)	
	12:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Emily Hohman
	12:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Laurel Sebastian
Monday, June 11	Breakdown	

- Schedule Science Committee meeting for June or July
- Share story about increase in bird diversity on FB, website etc. (Ben Baily, Aaron, Laurel)
- Follow up with Pagosa Sun for article on Reservoir Hill (done by Bill)
- Get ordinance changed for prescribed fire with County Commissioners (Emily)

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

1. Present: Aaron Kimple (MSI), Emily Hohman (Chama Peak Land Alliance), Herb Grover (SJWCD), Ben Bailey (Weminuche Audobon), Fred Ellis (San Juan National Forest), Jimbo Buickerood (San Juan Citizens Alliance), Laurel Sebastian (MSI), John Taylor (Taylor Ranch), Doug Secrist (SJWCD), Matt Ford (Forest Health Co.), Al Myatt (Southwest Firewise Board), Bill Trimarco (Firewise of SW CO), Gloria Edwards (Southern Rockies Fire Science Network). Via phone: Anthony Culpepper (MSI)

2. Southern Rockies Fire Science Network: Gloria Edwards
 - a. Federally funded, nation-wide network of fire science and exchange. Help inform logging, biomass, prescribed fire etc.
 - b. May 30th and 31st: Targeting the Triple Threat: Invasive Winter Annual Grasses:
 - c. Sept 18th: Colorado Wildland Fire Conference (Crested Butte)
 - d. Lots going on- check out their website:
<http://www.southernrockiesfirescience.org/events-and-webinars/>

3. TRENCH: successfully completed (without fire)
 - a. Gloria wants to help out/be involved in the future
 - b. Fall TRENCH under discussion/planning

9: 10 – 9:50 Updates

1. Committee Report Outs – Efforts/ Needs

i. Science

- b. No formal Science Committee meeting in the past few months but conversations between MSI, Matt Tuten, and CFRI have continued.
- c. We would like to schedule a full committee meeting in June or July.
- d. The SJHFHP activities map has been refined and the watershed risk assessment layers have been included; this has been led by Matt Cook.
- e. Working to incorporate monitoring data (where available) to the map.
- f. Thinking through the best way to incorporate photopoint data.
- g. Near term monitoring:
 - i. Post mastication monitoring at Fawn Gulch and Willow Draw in early June
 - ii. Working with Matt Tuten and CFRI to develop monitoring plan and to establish baseline plots at Pagosa Creek.
- h. MSI is now working with DWaRF to complete their HVRA mapping process via our Cohesive Strategy funding; there is potential to bring this HVRA process to the Headwaters landscape.
- i. We are continuing discussions with CFRI regarding monitoring plan development and data sharing/visualization.
- j. MSI staff (Matt Cook and Anthony Culpepper) have participated in the recent Chama TRENCH to develop our capacity for outreach, education, and monitoring related to prescribed fire.

i. Biomass

1. Moving forward with the biomass/biochar facility: Pagosa Forest Products
 - a. Large drying capabilities so we can use woodchips for various uses
 - i. Up to 60% moisture by mass, energy consuming to dry, haul
 - ii. 35-45% is more the average moisture content
 - iii. Helps to leave trees out in sun to dry for a few weeks
 - b. Not looking at pellets right now (saturated market)
 - c. Mid-Late November open for commission
 - d. Work within 50 miles, mostly within 35 miles, need to know origins
 - e. Formal announcement soon to come
2. 2-3-2 working on biomass- regional collaboration the focus
3. Sandoval County- looking at biomass and biochar facility

ii. Education/ Outreach

1. Successful wildfire film night- 50-60 people
2. Forestry Workshop
 - a. Matt Ford says slam dunk- lets repeat it and get more public there!
 - b. Gained great respect for the complexity of silviculture
 - c. Pair with beetle tour on Wolf Creek Pass
3. TRES had public outreach too, did 9 property assessments one afternoon
 - a. No burning, but overall successful
 - b. Plans to work on TRES next fall
 - c. Wants San Juan Headwaters to be a key partner in that effort
 - d. June 15th Draft proposal due to the Fire Learning Network
4. Bridging the Divide coming together: June 22nd and 23rd
 - a. June 22: 5-8pm Wolf Creek Ski Area
 - b. June 23: 9-3pm Tour starting from South Fork Visitor Center
 - c. More info: <https://www.mountainstudies.org/events/bridgingthedivide>
5. Reservoir Hill: Need volunteers at music festivals
6. 19th Hole Pagosa Golf Course Concert Series: July 19th
 - a. Need help running it: See action items
 - b. Aggregate and split earnings among groups
 - c. Hoping for \$1,200/per person
7. Audobon- E-bird Newspaper 4 page article on thinning, habitat restoration etc. – Matches us perfectly!
 - a. Ben Bailey's been monitoring Reservoir Hill- saw jump in species from 30 to 44 pre and post monitoring
 - b. Would be great to post that on our website/Facebook
 - c. Other sites: increase in plant diversity, no increase in weeds
 - d. Herb Grover working on grant for report: 3,000 copies of report

iii. Legislation/ permitting

1. Prescribed fire
 - a. Emily Hohman: attended work session with County Commissioners- modifying ordinance to allowing private property owners to burn large piles, also supportive of blanket burning
 - b. Next step is to write up the modified ordinance
2. Ordinance passed April 17
3. Omnibus Bill/ Fire Spending
 - a. Some environmental concerns- dive into this deeper next meeting
 - b. Trying to remove fire borrowing by 2020- moving to new model

2. Blanco Basin Veg Management

- i. Soliciting input before writing NEPA
- ii. 2500 of oak mastication, maybe some product removal
- iii. Near Blue Mountain Ranch, Blanco Basin Road
- iv. Earliest implementation FY19

3. CAFA

- i. Free mitigation for low income people (mostly Aspen Springs etc.)
- ii. Postponed due to overloaded contractors
- iii. Announcing in June

iv. Households below \$38,000 income are eligible

4. Resilient Community Team

i. Putting together core group now, look for emails!

5. Finance Committee quarterly report out soon!

10:00 – 11:30 **Sign Unveiling on Reservoir Hill**