

# San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership

## Meeting agenda for Friday, August 24, 2018

**Location:** Meet at Pagosa Public Library

**Time:** 9 am – 12:00 pm

- I. Updates
  - a. CAFA:
    - i. program rolled out in June, assessments are going well,
    - ii. 6 applicants and assessments so far, contractors to start working.
  - b. TREX:
    - i. postponed until next year due to PL5 designation (national pull of fire resources) and lack of participants.
    - ii. Still promoting cooperative burns locally this fall when burns begin
  - c. SJNF:
    - i. Units still planned to burn, depending on conditions (incl. Turkey Springs)
    - ii. Rito Blanco timber sale going up
  - d. Stream Management Plan
    - i. Funding secured
    - ii. SMP for San Juan river
    - iii. Water enhancement partnership is better name-
    - iv. Intent to identify opportunities to enhance watershed
    - v. Steering to coming together
    - vi. Website ready soon
    - vii. Matt Ford: let's find opportunities to incorporate student learning opps in SMP
- II. Events
  - a. Bridging the Divide: Sept 7 and 8
    - i. Register here: might close registration  
<https://msi.z2systems.com/np/clients/msi/eventRegistration.jsp?event=98>  
&
  - b. Pagosa Folk Fest: volunteers needed, contact Laurel
- III. PAWSD/4 Mile Tour
  - a. Much of the watershed is high in the mixed conifer zone
    - i. Inoperable topography for treatment – wilderness/roadless/steep
    - ii. Not practical to utilize mechanical treatments
  - b. Viewed intake structure on 4 Mile Creek
    - i. Diverts water to Dutton Ditch, Stevens Reservoir, Sullenburger Res, Hatcher Res
    - ii. What can be done to protect this infrastructure?
      1. Susceptible to getting clogged with debris flows fire

- a. Can we build check dams?
  - 2. Susceptible to fire with narrow road, dense forest, one way access
    - a. We need to prioritize clearing a safe zone around structure
  - 3. Can we focus on strategic, small scale projects with big benefit in this zone
- c. Toured 4 Mile Creek Long Term Stewardship Contract area
  - i. Area thinned starting in 2015 by JR Ford and co.
  - ii. Cleared a mix of biomass/slash and timber logs
  - iii. Plan is to burn the area eventually (within 10 years)
    - 1. Need to burn out some oak, which is likely sprouting more after thinning
  - iv. Looked at before and after pictures: obviously thinner
  - v. Targeted white fir and some ponderosa
  - vi. Area was idea access with a main road and several other access roads.