

San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership
Meeting agenda for Friday, May 17, 2019

Location: CSU Extension, Pagosa Springs, Colorado
Time: 9:00 – 12:00

Action Items:

- Update SJHFHP 1 pager and distribute to committees
 - Provide education handout resources
- Determine June field trip dates and locations
- Examine additional fundraising sources
 - County – Engage Archuleta county commissioners, also look to engage with Hinsdale and Mineral Counties
 - Conservation Trust Funds (CTF)
- Plan to keep Folk Festival booth for now
- Articulate potential economic benefits of proactive wildfire mitigation work in Bill's Pagosa Sun article series

9:00 – 9:10 Welcome and Introductions

Anthony Culpepper (MSI), Matt Cook (MSI), Bill Trimarco (WAP), Fred Ellis (SJNF), Steve Hartvigsen (USFS ret), Danny Margoles (DWRP), Robin Young (CSU ext.), Herb Grover (Audubon), Anthony Garcia (SJNF), Al Pfister (ret), Larry Lynch (PLPA), Keith Bruno (Audubon)

9:10 – 9:30 Round Robin Updates

- Fred Ellis
 - More flexibility with Rx fire- chimney rock 85 acres, Horsefly 140 acres, brockover 210 acres
 - Few mastication projects scheduled
 - 300 acres – Washington flats road, across from chimney rock
 - Fuels break along Big Ranch Rd – will help facilitate Rx fire in future
 - 1000 acres in echo canyon
 - Project proposal fuels CE
 - Treat in Valle Seco area
 - Fuels break along Valle Seco Rd
 - Limited to 3000 acres of treated
 - Comments on proposal are appreciated
 - Prefer comments back by 6/14
- Herb Grover
 - Citizen Science Project – to engage birders in the Audubon
 - Assess changes in bird communities in areas treated and untreated
 - 10-12 people who are interested in the project
 - Sampling protocol – modeled

- 2 or 3 loops of 5 points each
 - 6 min at each point – id birds by sound or sight
 - Tx areas: Fawn Gulch area or Turkey Springs
 - Need help finding control area
 - Location that hasn't been treated recently
 - Don't necessarily need to have a control in both Turkey and Fawn
- Robin Young
 - Resilient Archuleta meeting – 5/29 – CSU Ext.
 - Dagmar Llewlyn – BOR – Speaking on watershed resiliency
 - Mike larue – All hazard mitigation plan
 - Bee Keeping workshop –
- PLPA - Larry Lynch
 - Dealing Pine bud worm issues
 - Pagosa area trails council
 - 6/21 – concert series
- SMP – AI
 - Successful field trip last week
 - Looking at potential projects
 - Phase 1 of group is moving along nicely
- WAP – Bill
 - Chipper rebate program
 - Cost Sharing program – up to 40% rebate
 - Limited funding – means focusing on Defensible Space plans rather than larger lots
 - Education/Outreach
 - Articles for Pagosa Sun
- Steve H – Finance Committee
 - Met 6/1
 - Focus of meeting – Fundraising
 - Cohesive \$ end in 2021
 - Recognition that finance committee needs to coordinate with education/events committee
 - Need for small donations – encourage partners to donate
 - Want to compile a list of potential donors
 - Want to make inroads with larger organization
 - Look at past donors
 - Rural Philanthropy days in Sept could be an opportunity
 - Projects are what really works with donors
 - Will not have a booth at folk fest or blue grass fest
- CFRI
 - Officially under contract with CFRI/CSU
 - Marin Chambers, Matt T, Anthony
 - Regeneration post Tx – Is the question of concern
 - Impacts of insect & disease
 - Secondary – impacts to watershed – runoff – quantity and quality

- MSI Forest Health staff will be joining CFRI training
- MSI new hires
 - Mike Remke – PhD from NAU – replacing Matt
 - Worked with Julie Korb on lower middle mtn last summer
 - Brings field and research experience
 - Collaborative Forestry Intern – Emily Swindell
 - Support roles with SJHFHP and 232
 - Partnership Coordinator – Maddy Rehn
 - Currently worked in collaborative in Gunnison
 - Completed Masters at Western State
 - Will work with 232
 - Have her on board mid-June
 - Columbine Collaborative
 - Kickoff in July with group of stakeholder
 - Want cross-over collaboration with the collaborative groups
- Fall San Juan TREX
 - Still looking at the 2nd and 3rd weeks of Sept
 - Looking for any opportunities for public outreach/education for this TREX
 - Planning for the event is still ongoing
- DWRP – Danny
 - Planning on working with MSI on monitoring/sampling protocol
 - Lone Pine EA in process of getting approved
 - Montrose Forestry products
 - Stewardship contracts
 - Area has lots of beetle impacts and in fire area
 - Project with BOR for thinning around McPhee Reservoir
 - Currently going through strategic planning process
- Summer meeting schedule
 - Kevin Khung discussions of touring Rx fire
 - Opportunity for June Meeting
 - Beetle Tour around mid-end of September
 - Dan West, State Entomologist is available around that time
 - Would overlap with San Juan TREX
 - Colors festival happening at same time
 - Steve H. – Recommends framing this workshop in a more comprehensive forest ecology perspective i.e. discussing each forest type and their disturbance agents
 - potential locations: Wolf Creek, N of Durango, Dolores
 - Question: Why are we going away from Bridging Divide?
 - Bridging the Divide is a larger event that entails more coordination, planning, logistics etc.
 - Conversations that this doesn't need to be an annual event
 - County Fair – 8/1-8/4
 - Could provide a could opportunity for outreach
- Folk festival

- Tours during the festival vs tours not during
 - Steve H: Tours that happen when the festival is not going on is better
 - Herb Grover: could we target audience for the tours with realtors, chamber of commerce
 - Pagosa Magazine as a source for advertising
 - Bill T: We've tried twice to get the realtors to the table
 - To show homes that have had mitigation done

10:00 – 10:10 – **BREAK**

Part 2 – Setting Headwaters up for Long-term Success

10:10 – 11:00 Putting our Committees to Work

a. Committees - review organization and membership; strategize on how to better use our committee structure (10 min)

- Committees work more effectively when there is something to focus or rally around
- Legislation and Permitting
 - Al: Haven't met in a long time
 - Shared Stewardship initiative
 - What can this group focus on?
 - Work towards engaging county commissioners (this has been more from the funding and outreach angle)
 - Examine County master plan and see what pertains to forest health
 - Conservation Trust Funds
 - 100k a year comes in
 - Do we have a lobbying entity?
 - MSI is non-advocacy organization
 - How do we cross the barrier of Archuleta County Govt?
 - Community doesn't connect the dots of wildfire mitigation/forest health issues with County Gov't
 - How do we engage Archuleta County Govt?
 - We need to approach them more
 - We should use an economic perspective approach
 - Target our outreach to county commissioners
 - Pagosa Articles? Articulate the economic benefits of proactive mitigation
 - Why do we not have buy in from local Gov't
 - We are not on their radar
 - They are reactive not proactive
- Events/Outreach

- Reservoir Hill and Cloman are two places where we've done work and accessible
 - Always opportunities at those locations
 - Frisby golf event? Course is set up at both locations
 - Donate to participate, picnic areas
- What support to Committees need to be more effective?
 - Education Resources – handouts
 - Headwaters - 1 Pager Document
 - Box or Zoom Accounts?

11:00 – 11:45 Putting our Funding to Work

- a. Quick over view of current and past Headwaters funding sources (5 min)
- b. Where does our funding get spent?
 - a. Cohesive \$ are tied to tasks
 - b. Geographically – we need to emphasis \$ being added into the local economy
- d. Fundraising – opportunities; team effort; audience; messaging (30 min)
 - Who is the best person to engage with different local groups in community
 - Steve H. – Willing to engage with county commissioners and SW Water Conservation District
 - Al is willing as well
 - New county administrator – Scott Wall
 - Title III funding on county level?
 - If not available then go after CTF – look online and spread stipulation
 - Really need funding on County level
 - Hinsdale and Mineral counties?
 - Bill meeting with Hinsdale County on 6/19 – sportsman campground

/11:45 – 12:00 Next Steps

- Coordinate June field trip dates.