



Meeting notes for March 15th, 2024

Location: Archuleta County Administrative Office and Zoom

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 am

Attendance: Alex Handloff (Coordinator, MSI), Julia Ledford (MSI), Bill Smith (MSI), Chuck Riehm (San Juan Water Conservancy District), Estevan Vega (CSFS), Robin Young (CSU Extension), Matt Ford (Pagosa Forest Products), Sally High (San Juan Water Conservancy District), Adam Hirshberg (Studs Lumber Company), Veronica Medina (Archuleta County Commissioner), Rob Hagberg, Caleb Stotts (Chama Peak Land Alliance), Bill Trimarco (Wildfire Adapted Partnership), Adam Tlachac (SJNF), Matt Tuten (USFS)

MEETING NOTES

Welcome and introductions

Partner updates

- Studs Lumber Company
 - Build Pagosa received funding (\$1 million) for a regional workforce center CTE project at the high school.
- Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS)
 - Supervisory Forester, Mercedes Siegle-Gaither is leaving the agency. The vacant position will be flown soon.
- San Juan National Forest
 - Recent fatality on a timber project where the contractor was falling trees by himself.
 - There will be an OSHA investigation.
- First weekend in May is Community Wildfire Preparedness Day
- The Southwest Colorado CFLRP received the full amount of funding for FY24.

Partnership updates

- Special project prioritization
 - Headwaters partners have articulated the desire to conduct one “special project” this year using the Partnership’s funding from grants and donations. The Plumtaw Film was one example of a special project from last year.
 - Complete [THIS SURVEY](#) to provide your input on what kind of project you would like to see.
- San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership (WEP) alignment

- Alex has been meeting with WEP and attending their meetings to build relationships and understand how our priorities align.
- WEP prioritizes many of the same areas that we outlined through our BLOB exercises – Plumtaw, Fourmile, East Fork, Price Lakes, etc. Their projects have a slightly different focus than ours, but the landscapes are the same.
- We will incorporate some of WEP’s values into the fact sheets that we developed for the Southwest Colorado CFLRP.
- WEP will identify projects that can be acted on now, like the Two Forks area.
- Earth Day event in Pagosa Springs on April 21st
 - Need volunteers to host a table for Headwaters
 - If you are interested, please contact Julia Ledford (julia@mountainstudies.org).
- Western Collaborative Conservation Network (WCCN) Confluence in Tucson April 2-4
 - Julia will attend to represent Headwaters.
- Recreation initiatives
 - Southwest Colorado Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (SCCORR)
 - This effort is piloted by San Juan Mountains Association (SJMA), who received funding from CPW and GOCO.
 - SCCORR is hosting community listening sessions in towns across the San Juans to hear people’s concerns and priorities for recreation.
 - You can fill out the associated [SURVEY](#) to provide your input.
 - Pagosa Area Trails Council (PATC)
 - PATC is starting to think about developing a Pagosa-specific recreation strategy.
 - With all these recreation initiatives at play, we want to be intentional when we communicate about what they are and why the Partnership is engaging in these efforts. There is already a lot of confusion about the various initiatives in this region and we just keep adding more.
- April 19th Mapping and Planning meeting
 - Our next Partnership meeting will be the annual Mapping and Planning meeting, where land managers and stakeholders alike gather around the map to share their planned and completed activities and discuss opportunities for cross-boundary work.
 - If you have spatial data to contribute that includes projects completed in the last year and planned projects, please email shapefiles to Julia (julia@mountainstudies.org).
 - Note: we have methods to protect the privacy of landowners if your data cannot be shared in detail with the public.
 - New partners to include:
 - Pagosa Fire
 - Archuleta County (not new, but make sure they are there)
- Joint tour with Four Rivers Resilient Forest Collaborative in May
 - Dry Lake fire
 - Tentatively May 17th
- [Colorado Wildfire Resilient Homes Grant](#) – apply by April 15th
- FACO insurance-themed webinar on April 23rd