



San Juan Headwaters

FOREST HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

Friday, March 20, 2026

Location: Archuleta County Administrative Office, 398 Lewis St, Pagosa Springs, CO

Meeting time: 9:00 – 11:00 am

Attendees:

Adam Tlachac: USFS

Brian Austin: SJNF, Pagosa RI

Al Pfister: Upper San Juan Watershed Enhancement Partnership

Matt Ford: Volunteer

Rob Hagerg: San Juan Water Conservancy District

Bob Milford: Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition

Craig Saunders: Ecological Forestry Management

Andy Hawk: San Juan Mountains Association

Josh Peck: SJNF/USFS

Cindi Galabota: CSU Extension

Matt Tuten: USFS

Keith Bruno: Audubon Rockies

Bill Trimarco: Wildfire Adapted Partnership

MEETING AGENDA

9:00 am-9:05 am: Welcome and introductions

9:05 am- 9:35 am: Partner updates

- Clarissa: Estevan (CSFS) leaving
- Bill: Pueblo Community College has ended forestry program, has a red card program, will have a heavy equipment simulator program in contact with Build Pagosa
 - CSFS may take on bigger projects, work in conjunction with WEP,

Keith: field day with 5th graders April 10, Bioblitz June 20 12-hour downtown wetlands and rez hill (biotic inventory), xerxes society : bee atlas training and education class

- Adam: FRWRM grant
- Roger: retired forester and occasional visitor
- Cindy: Jessica Smith coming down to bioblitz with sky rocket count

- Josh: treatment along blanco road RFP coming out soon Forest Stewards Guild
 - Public meeting in Rio Blanco to talk about that project
 - Forest road will open early probably on western side, Mid-april most roads will be open
 - Post flood projects plan to be funded, West Fork and Fall Creek will remain closed for the summer
 - San Juan-Chama in the midst of writing their plan, draft done in next month or two, optimization (priorization), modeling is done
 - Prescribed fire: this spring, less risky, do brockover instead of 8 mile mesa, beginning of april, more targeted outreach,
 - Adam: active sales, 84, Kenney Flats, logging up nipple mountain road, active logging around east fork campground
- Andy: forest ambassadors will be smaller group this year (just 5), trying to work with public to explain some things are still not open, OHV crews on columbine and dolores, tomorrow will be snow science social at Lobo 10-12
- Craig (landowner): partner to do some masticating, been through applications for 3 years, so help homeowners to mitigate around houses, had insurance cancelled, people are having hard time
- Estevan: CWPP working with accessibility folks to get it wrapped up,
- Bob: task force, grant cycle to get finalized, had great meeting with Davey wolf creek expansion, PATC got grant money, got 9 seasonals, half are trail crew, PARC had meeting with forest service to go through all the trails, do some expansions and connections
- Rob: SJWCD three of board members are term expiring next week, 2 staying on for a while, mediation meeting last friday with PAWSD, lawsuit put on hold for now, lawyers doing negotiations with CWBC to let PAWSD exit running iron ranch project
- Al: final plantings for pagosa gateway should be taking place in April, RCPP for Sw basin March 31, NFF and TU involved
- Colin: MSI planning our summer forest monitoring season, seasonal crews, post treatment monitoring near Pagosa in June, pre and post data
- Nick Olson: RCPP on March 31, smaller funding opp this round, 7 million instead of 25 million, buckles lake NFF reconditioning to top of road, smaller donations from ski areas from across the country, anticipating smaller pot of funds, RFP for engineering near williams creek campground
- Roger: no more acronyms
- Veronica: on Forest Health board appointed by governor, write a letter in support club 20 in GJ there will be some ranger districts closing, Matt McCombs (state forester) will get full detail

9:35 am- 9:50 am: CWPP Rollout Event

- Changed rules for CSFS, accessibility, has to be reformatted in Fort Collins
 - May 2nd National Wildfire Day, Saturday morning or extension and make a big deal about it

- May 9 to collaborate with CSU
- Send out meeting invite to Cindy and Bill

9:50 am - 10:30: SJNF Project Updates

10:30 am - 10:50 am: WRAP application updates

10:50 am-11:00 am: Earth Day & Open House events

See AI-generated notes [here](#).

Meeting recording [here](#).