**Butler Corner Tour DWaRF Collaborative**

**When: Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Meeting Place: Dolores Fire Station**

*Butler Corner is a working ranch and nature center with lots to discover for adventurers of all ages. Kathleen Butler grew up on this ranch that her grandparents homesteaded. As a steward of her property, she has done many forest management projects over the years. One notable project was the thinning of the ponderosa pine stand northwest of the home site a decade ago by Woody Ott. He then milled the logs from the property to build the main barn on the ranch. This summer, the San Juan National Forest had a prison hotshot crew conduct hand-thinning of small diameter pine and oak brush on the other side of the fence, as the start of a planned 24 mile, 200’ shaded fuel break along the southern boundary of the forest. Kathy got forestry support from Dave Casey to design a complimentary forest thinning project on 23 acres of the property that were hard to get to between the forest and the home site. With BLM Resilient Landscape funding through FireWise of Southwest Colorado, a hand crew was able to thin these 23 acres and pile the slash in over two days this summer. Plans are in progress to burn these piles this fall and winter. We hope this will be a great site for forestry education into the future.*

10:00 AM Meet at Dolores Fire Station, Round Robin Introductions

10:15 Carpool to Butler Corner, 20503 County Road 31

10:30 Welcome by Kathleen Butler

10:40 Ott project overview at the barn

11:00 Overview of 2017 thinning project with Dave Casey

11:10 Walk through project area to boundary with SJNF.

11:20 SJNF South Boundary Project

11:30 Round Robin Updates

11:45 Head back to the cars and return to the Dolores Fire Station

RSVP

Kathy Butler

Woody Ott

Liz Manus

Becca Samulski

Dave Casey

Ken Curtis