

DWRF Stakeholder Meeting

September 7, 2022

Attendance: Danny Margoles (DWRF), Shannon Hatch (Reclamation), Rachel Medina (GIS consultant/Mayor of Cortez), Emma Reinemann (USFS), Logan Davis (Fire Prevention and Control), Chris Garner (MCD), Anthony Culpepper (MSI), James Dietrich (Montezuma County), Samantha Torres (Wildfire Adapted Partnership), Dani Gregory (SWCCA), Molly Pitts (CO Timber Industry Association), Derek Padilla (USFS), Dana Guinn (MSI, San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership), John Rader (SJCA), Rich Landreth (Cortez), Ryan Cox (CSFS), Mike Wight (SJCA), Robert Meyer (Mancos Trails Group), Lo Williams (USFS), Ken Curtis (DWCD)

Stakeholder and DWRF updates by program area

- MSI, USFS, DWRF, SJMA monitoring day **9/12 (9 am) at Chicken Creek** to look at post-implementation soil disturbance. Danny will send outcomes of After Action review and soil monitoring report to everyone. Monitoring protocols call for a standard pattern that we want to get on
- **DWRF** put together the statement on old growth and mature forests for the Biden Administration Executive Order. The process went well, DWRF came up with a good concise statement, thanks all who helped out!
- **DFPC**: fire suppression module completing fuels mitigation work (Egnar to Pagosa! Concentration in Durango area). Also involved in COSWAP conversations.
- **Reclamation**: working on a project near the Dolores Tunnel to do wildfire reduction work
- **Cortez**: Community Grants Program is currently open DWRF was a recipient last year
- **USFS**: lots going on with RMRI, 3-day RMRI leadership summit in October (RSVP only) including tours and updates, lots of events, more information coming next week. Meeting with Chief tomorrow regarding prescribed fire pause. We have lots of acres prepped and ready go but not authorized to move forward due to pause. Partnership Peaks newsletter coming out next week
- **SWCCA**: lots of work on Boggy, trail clearing and maintenance. Completed link from 14th Street in Dolores to Road W. Majority traverses Dolores or private landowners
- **Mancos Trails Group** : Lots of trailwork completed, upcoming trail day at Chicken Creek at 9/10. Building trails at Aqueduct, all 12 miles of approved trail will likely be complete by November. Benefit held at Mancos Brewery with MTG as the beneficiary
- **Wildfire Adaptive Partnership**: got funding for wood chipper
- **SJMA**: Trail ambassador season and wilderness crew wrapping up
- **MSI**: Lone Pine monitoring in Beetle Eradication Something Test (BEST) area wrapping up next week
- **Upcoming funding opportunities**: Community Wildfire Defense Grant, Montezuma County not likely eligible until CWPP is updated. CSFS: Forest Restoration & Wildfire Risk Mitigation grant, look into the requirements. Wildfire mitigation incentives, wildfire best practices grant from CSFS

Montezuma County CWPP update: Montezuma County is very far along, will likely be signed and in place in a month or so. Need to pull together projects (currently have 0) in order to apply for funding, county doesn't own/manage much land beyond road rights-of-way. Many CWPPs are focused on working with subdivisions. WAP is primary outreach mechanism for the county, county would like to

support WAP more, hopefully CWPP will enable the county to assist WAP with additional funds. Lots of work needed on private lands. Thanks James!

CFRLP meeting: Thanks Anthony for facilitating initial stakeholder meeting!

- 3 at-large community members chosen for coordinating council: Jimbo Buickerood (SJCA), James Dietrich (Montezuma County), Stephanie Weber (SJMA).
- Danny chosen as DWRF representative, what are our expectations for him?
 - Bring home the bacon.
 - Ongoing communication, lots of coordination
 - Making sure nexus of decision making remains at local level
- Projects and Places (Anthony and Lo): workplan going up to the regional office in less than a month
 - Workplan consists of 18 questions from Washington Office (reach out to Anthony if you'd like to see a copy)
 - Keep it short, intent is to lay out a plan for the next 5-10 years and see if we can meet the expectations of our proposal

Snowtopography monitoring – beta test site in chicken creek last year, putting in 2 more transects this year near Lizard Head and near House Creek. Volunteers?

Industry tour debrief- thoughts?

- Primarily concerned with biomass generated by small-scale private treatments
 - Ken wants to discuss opportunities for biomass utilization offline
- Wildfire Matters Review Committee from state legislature may help fund future training avenues

Danny will follow up with volunteer opportunities