

Greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition Quarterly Meeting
In person, Pueblo of Tesuque
November 2nd, 2022

Agenda

Notetaker: Carlos Saiz

10:00 a.m. - Welcome and Introductions: Porfirio Chavarria

- **Ryan from Tesuque Pueblo:** Introduction to the facility
- **Group Introductions:** Round robin introductions

Action Item Updates/Follow-up:

Santa Fe Mountains Landscape Resiliency Project Update: Jacob Key

- New draft decision will be ready in about one month - EA, NEPA.
- Public engagement to build bridge with shareholders.
- Regional office has a plan but needs the strategy to share those findings.
- EA Changes: trying to balance between old and new plan. Minute changes. New additions to the EA, like the environmental justice section, is open for objection to all, but only people that have standing can object again to the old sections.

Teresa: Is there any other funding or resources with the new updates?

- Chiefs review on prescribed fire program. Review is more about implementation. Extra funding is available. Need to be much more methodical with the resources. On the NEPA side given permission to burn. Implementation is up to the forest service

Teresa: Are any evacuation plans being implemented?

- Evacuation's status is determined by the Sheriff's office and only when there is wildfire status. These types of plans are from the office of Emergency Management.

Teresa: Regarding Environmental Justice. Why isn't there an access route to and from the communities?

- Public's priority is how they are going to get in and out. This Coalition supports things like improving access and progress, but it is more up to the residents. There are programs out there that help support. The EA directs treatments to National Forest land, but not private land.

Teresa: Many have tried for funding, but it is complicated.

Does The Santa Fe County rent a chipper?

- No, but they have had chipper days. There is an agreement program that does 12 acres a year. Conservation District Funding that is put on nonfederal land. Soil and water conservation. CWDG grants are directed toward helping communities

with projects like this. The Guild submitted a CWDG for the Fireshed and they'll know in the new year if they got it.

The Coalition can be helpful in the release of the draft of the EA. The Wildfire Wednesday (WW) blog and WW Live events will be utilized as a media outlet.

Potential public open house. Is that something the Coalition would be up for?

- Sandy Hurtlocker: Had a soft start to recognize the threat and some answers to the problem. NEPA directed open house. Coalition to play a roll "more above" and not getting into the details. Prescribed burning is not going away.
- Teresa: No repeat of the booths. People have heard enough about the importance of prescribed burning. The forest needs prescribed fire. People with other solutions are being pushed out. There are other pathways. If leadership doesn't come from the Federal Government, then they get shut out because they are the managers of the land.
- Public needs to know the scope of this project.
- NEPA project looks at the 50000 acres, piece by piece, project by project and seeing what kind of treatment, if any, is needed.

Will a road show be beneficial rather than having a centralized location?

- Yes, having a centralized location brings in the same people representing the same organizations. Engagement and listening to the outside will be a possibility.
- **Communication:** NEPA gives general permission to treat. What is the decision process when they get into the specifics?
 - NEPA is a "toolbox" for ways to complete projects. There is a process within the EA that explains what process contractors will take. The Coalition's role is public engagement. When it comes to contractors, communicating the intention is the difference between a moonscape look and a healthy forest.
- Multilayered monitoring plan will be done in March. Part of that plan is to engage the public. NEPA provides tools in the toolbox.

Esme: What methods of communication work?

- Attending other people's meetings. Road show method is effective. Going out and meeting people where they are. Volunteer outreach and workshops help take info to communities.

Teresa: Use technology for efficiency. There is a lot of work that has not reached the public. A lot of people don't have internet. Make a video of the Medio Fire.

Esme: We already did. We just released a video about the Pacheco treatment and the Medio Fire. <http://www.santafefireshed.org/medio-fire>

- Public meeting promoting the Fireshed (Porfirio).

Committee updates:

- **Communications – Sandy and Jonathon**

- November 10th meeting. We are not going in with a script, but with talking points. Keep us on a communications cohesion. Repetition is a tool to get people to understand something. Alan has found somebody that could help with the social media side. Carlos is working with Mar for the social media outlets.
- Teresa: everybody has some kind of relationship with the forest. Do not use the word misinformation, just use information. We need to broaden our look.
- Idea to adopt better science. In comms, how? Photos taken from the fire shed with a phone with the location being shared can be used to find wildfires. Sim table has something that takes those photos and puts them to a real time fire map. If this object is linked to the coalition site, this app can be used by the public. The reason is to improve public transparency. Looking to come back in January for a more solid plan.
- Sandy: took a night and a day to find the Medio. It helps people understand what is happening with the woods. Virtuous circle as oppose to vicious circle. More data maybe good to understand.

When it is safe to invite volunteers to help with monitoring or with anything they can participate.

- Volunteer network. Helps people get engaged.

Implementation:

- Chair- St. Forestry could be identified. No representation from St. forestry.

Should we release with or without signature pages. What will it take for signatures?

- Missing the city and the county for signatures. Alan Hook would know better.

Who is missing at Coalition?

- State Forestry, County, Ski Basin, Audubon Center, Nambe Pueblo, LANL.
 - Road show. Call of action to have people sign up.
 - Teresa: Keep things science base and to describe what is going on for different slopes. After the fire in Los Alamos maps were taken and separated areas for contractors. They explained what was needed and where. This concept can be used to explain individual responsibilities, i.e. The homeowner's job, the County's job, the City's job, etc. Responsibility is a 2-way street. Maybe a map that explains who does what and where could be beneficial?
 - Monitoring comity in January will be potentially conducted.
 - Ambassador program is looking to create a layer on a map of financial vulnerability. Head waters economics may have data for that.

New Business:

2023 Fireshed Chair nominations: Porfirio

- Mike Martinez by Porfirio, Esme seconded. Mike accepted.
- Esme continuing management roll until May, If CWDG gets funded then we'll have \$\$ to continue to fund the manager position but it may shift to someone else.
- Biomass/ Alternative thinning: Teresa Seamster
- Question. Is anybody working with Thomas Falucaoski out of Highlands? Bio char production. 2 investigators for every 100,000 acres burnt 5,000 could be commercialized.

Updates from partners: All

- Watershed. Rethinking and updating. A lot of education. Field trip into the watershed. Stakeholders' assessment process and released on website.
- Ruben: Will continue to reach out to Nambe.
- Sandy Imler-Jacquez: Luna College is applying for a grant and looking for support centers. Watershed restoration work force.
 - Water monitoring? More for growing contractors
- Jacob: host a field trip where the County and City Mayor will promote the fire shed. During the objection period we can ask for letters of support.
- Mateo: Ambassadors meeting hosted. First in a couple years. Hosting another even on access and egress.
- Esme: Applying for permit for the Glorieta Camps burn. Potential first prescribed fire in the fireshed.
- Tesuque: Hiring some positions.
- Porfirio: Wildland Urban Fire Summit (WUFS) promotion in a couple weeks. Wildfire preparedness day at Christ Church.
- RTRL funding for Pacheco boundaries. Aspen Ranch burn. Burn plan is there, control lines are in place. Once NEPA goes trough they want to treat aspens. Able to save money and created 26 acres of a buffer zone to enhance fire line. 266 acres of Archeological assessment.

AHAL: There's ongoing pile burning at Glorieta. We want to host an event to communicate about what we're doing through the AHAL burn team. Is this something that we can open up to Ambassadors and partners, so we have a consistent message and put the event on the Fire shed's page? - yes.

Next meeting date: Potentially January 26th, 2023.

12:00p.m. - Adjourn