

Meeting Notes for the Santa Fe Fireshed and Cohesive Strategy Planning Session
March 4th, 2016
The Nature Conservancy of New Mexico, Santa Fe NM

Meeting notes, latest maps, and other information available at www.forestguild.org/SantaFe_Fireshed.

Next Steps:

- 1. NEXT MEETING: 3/16 at 2:00pm at TNC's downstairs meeting room.**
- 2. Submit project description to Sangre y Jemez Water Plan process (Dale Lyons, TNC).**
- 3. Alan Barton, Collaboration Program Manager at NM FWRI will lead the public meeting planning (April?) and public engagement plan. A small group will assist (Sandy, Bill, Krys, Eliza, Eytan, Porfirio, Steve, and Chief Sperling).**
- 4. Eliza will be in touch instructions on how to use the AllAboutWatersheds.org portal for file sharing.**
- 5. Eytan will scan and post the SF County BOC resolution.**
- 6. Greg Gallegos is leading a NFL proposal for the Aztec Springs Corridor.**
- 7. Jose Varela Lopez and Krys Nystrom are leading a NFL proposal for a southern corridor.**
- 8. Use an infographic or word cloud to illustrate the group's values (wordle.net, etc).**
- 9. Ryan will connect with the Northern Pueblos Agency on their interest in being part of this group.**

Attendees: Lawrence Crane (State Forestry, Bernalillo District), Carmin Austin (State Forestry, Las Vegas District Forester), John Boe (Espanola District Fire Management Officer), Bill Armstrong (Santa Fe National Forest), Jose Varela Lopez (Santa Fe – Pojoaque SWCD), Porfirio Chavarria (City of Santa Fe Fire Department), Ryan Swazo-Hinds (Tesuque Pueblo), Eytan Krasilovsky (Forest Stewards Guild), Anne Bradley (The Nature Conservancy), Krys Nystrom (Wildfire Network), Eliza Kretzmann (State Forestry and NRCS), Steve Bassett (The Nature Conservancy), Dave Sperling (Santa Fe County Fire Chief), Sandy Hurlocker (Espanola District Ranger), Greg Gallegos (City of Santa Fe Fire Department), Collin Haffey (USGS Jemez Field Station), Kent Reid (NM Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute), and Jordan Stone (UNM).

Notes:

1. Ryan Swazo-Hinds gave an update from Tesuque Pueblo and described the 2013 MOU with the Espanola Ranger Station, the quarterly meetings with the Forest Service, and the reserve treaty rights (RTRL) project. Ryan will connect with the Northern Pueblos Agency of the BIA to see if they are interested in being part of this group.
2. Kent Reid described that Patti Dappen created a folder space on their FTP site, which Lawrence confirmed needs an FTP add-on to a browser to access. Kent added that allaboutwatersheds is working and being updated at the same time. Eliza agreed to walk the group through how to use that portal at the next meeting.
3. Steve Bassett shared his water source map (soon to be posted to the site), described how he'd like to do analysis at a scale bigger than the Fireshed (a buffer) to see modeling effects. Porfirio described the Fireshed modeling paper he found (attached to notes). Steve will make sure all water source data is public before Eytan posts it.

4. Eytan provided an update on the potential Green Fire Times article, an invitation to promote the effort (and promote the public meeting) on the Santa Fe Radio Café, the development of a fact sheet, and a Tom Ribe letter to the editor (long form) in the New Mexican.
5. Chief Sperling described how the SF Board of Commissioners approved their companion Fireshed resolution (now posted to website). Chief Sperling added that he may have unobligated funding to invest in the Fireshed before the end of his fiscal year on 6/30.
6. Collin Haffey described the need for a video product about the project and will explore that potential (similar to the Fires of Change video he produced in 2015)
7. Porfirio invited everyone to support the city on 3/7 at the City Council hearing.
8. Greg Gallegos described his NFL application to treat 260 acres of TNC lands. He shared and described his maps.
9. Krys Nystrom and Jose Varela Lopez then described their NFL proposal for private lands in the south and east portions of the Fireshed. They shared a map as well.
10. Porfirio added that he is applying to FEMA for a homeowner program.
11. Eytan added that the Guild is also applying to NM Association of Counties for implementation and education grants for the Fireshed.
12. Anne added that the group should develop standard language for partners to use when applying for funding. Lawrence added that a sales packet for the project should be put together for landowners as well. He put a photo series of example treatments on the FTP site.
13. Kent discussed the public event and the role he has tasked for Alan Barton. Alan is the Collaboration Program Manager for NM FWRI. Kent then led a discussion about the proposed public meeting. Eytan relayed the draft agenda from the February notes. Bill asked for clarity on the objectives of the meeting, “is it a listening session or are we presenting ourselves and our objectives?” There was a suggestion to have SIM tables present and operating.
 - a. A small group formed to work on this:
 - i. Sandy Hurlocker
 - ii. Bill Armstrong
 - iii. Steve Basset (help solicit attendee values)
 - iv. Eytan Krasilovsky (help with agenda and promotion)
 - v. Eliza Kretzmann
 - vi. Krys Nystrom
 - vii. Chief Sperling (meeting space logistics)
14. Next the group looked at the draft mission and values content.
 - a. Collin and Bill discussed the role of smoke in this. Bill added that this was about the beneficial ecological role of smoke for certain understory plants.
 - b. Is maintenance of treatments and the landscape a value?
 - c. Are projects designed to be effective?
 - d. Watershed Management and Protection is a value.
 - e. Group values by theme and jurisdiction
 - f. Encourage homeowner responsibility
 - g. Make sure ecosystem services not already mentioned are included (carbon sequestration, O2 generation, snow retention, ground water infiltration).
 - h. Ryan suggested an infographic or word cloud be part of our materials (see attached draft).