

2-3-2 Cohesive Strategy Partnership – Meeting Notes

Video Conference, Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Location: Video Conference

Time: 10 am – 12 pm

Action Items

- Initiate subcommittee to address post fire response issues on private land
 - Interest from Mary Stuever, Adam Moore, Emily Hohman, Aaron Kimple and Anne Bradley
- Mary, Norman and Aaron will meet to discuss plans moving forward on monitoring and mapping needs for RCCP project
 - Goal is to have a monitoring plan by October
- Continue to plan and coordinate transboundary meeting in October
- Send 232 influenced stories, projects, resources to Page Buono for 232 website
- Committee deliverables for September meeting
 - Draft MOU agreement
- Determine time and location for next meeting in Pagosa Springs – 9/12/2018

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Aaron Kimple, Mountain Studies Institute
- b. Paulene Ellis, Independent (retired USFS)
- c. Page Buono, Mountain Studies Institute
- d. Matt Cook, Mountain Studies Institute
- e. Paul Orbuch, Contractor for the 2-3-2
- f. John Waconda, USFS Restoration Partnership Coordinator, SW region 3
- g. Jeremy Bailey, The Nature Conservancy
- h. Jeremy Marshall, Tres Piedras, Carson National Forest
- i. Anthony Madrid, San Juan National Forest
- j. Dave Lasky, Forest Stewards Guild
- k. Emily Hohman, Chama Peak Land Alliance
- l. Tim Reader, Colorado State Forest Service (forest products program specialist)
- m. Norman Vigil, NM NRCS
- n. Rachel Wood, Forester Santa Fe – Source Verified Good Wood
- o. Mary Stuever, New Mexico State Forest Service, Chama District
- p. Randy Johnson, Consultant, Colorado State Forest Service
- q. Fred Ellis, San Juan National Forest, Assistant Fire Management Officer
- r. Gordon West, Restoration Technologies, LLC NM
- s. Mike Caggiano, Colorado Forest Restoration Institute
- t. Marek Smith – TNC Public Lands Strategy
- u. Bill Trimarco, Firewise of Southwest Colorado, Archuleta CO Coordinator
- v. Gabe Donaldson – The Nature Conservancy, CO
- w. Others were present but not for introductions

II. Update on Recent Fires

- a. Ute Park Fire
 - i. Mary Stuever – Focused on post fire response
 - 1. Fire 50% moderate and high
 - 2. No BAER team as fire is largely on private lands
 - 3. Afterwildfirenm.org – track lessons learned
 - 4. Starting a group to address fire issues – create framework for addressing fires on private land
- b. 416 and Burro
 - i. Occurred entirely on public lands, but lots of impacts are influencing private lands – flooding, debris flows, water quality, etc.
 - ii. No collaborative group in Columbine district
 - iii. Emergency response and federal/county partners take primary role during incident – what is role for collaboratives and partners?
- c. What about the 2-3-2 and fire
 - i. What should 232's role be? Fill gaps that BAER team doesn't cover?
 - 1. Team Rubicon doing post fire response Costilla county -freedom fire volunteer group of veterans :
<https://teamrubiconusa.org/operations/operation-freedom-fire/>
 - 2. Set up meeting with focus on post-fire response before meeting with federal partners
 - a. First week of August – 8/1 tentatively scheduled
 - ii. Mary Stuever – Start a subgroup/subcommittee to examine post fire response issues on private lands
 - 1. Adam Moore, Mary Stuever, Emily Hohman, Aaron Kimple, Anne Bradley interested in being in this group.

III. Prescribed Fire in the Landscape

- a. All Hands – All Lands Presentation– Dave Lasky
 - i. Rio Grande Water Fund -> funds -> Forest Stewards Guild
 - 1. Projects in NM due to Region 3 funding even though RGWF boundary goes into CO
 - ii. Goals include facilitating prescribed fire on different lands – work collaboratively and cross boundary. Primarily focused on NM. Operates with a “Short squad” type 3 IMT, burn boss and overhead, 2 engines – 3 burn windows: Fall 2018, Winter 2018-19, Spring 2019.
 - iii. Immediate needs : Burn Units, Funding, operational partners and participants
 - iv. Long Term Visions: Once is not enough, regional capacity building, long term collaborative burning network
 - v. Burn Team Contacts – Emily Hohman, Dave Lasky
- b. Discussion

- i. Anthony Madrid – is there an opportunity to tie this into San Juan TREX this fall?
 - 1. Emily Hohman & Dave Laskey – Yes, burn window after TREX too
- ii. Aaron – is there a way to expand this into CO?
 - 1. Dave – funding is a barrier – infrastructure is there. If we can find the funding the collaborative network works.
- iii. Jeremy Bailey – Lots of potential for CO, agrees we have the necessary infrastructure.
- iv. Gabe Donaldson – Southern Rockies TREX
 - 1. 10/18-10/31 – Northern NM – SE CO
 - 2. Help build capacity for Vernejo Park Ranch.
 - 3. Focus and outreach local fire dept in Trinidad and
 - 4. For more info contact Gabe: gabriel.donaldson@tnc.org
- v. Emily Hohman – work on private land really complements work for CPLA. San Juan Trex moving on to the planning phase – lots of work to do – will be reaching out to different partners soon
- vi. Mike Caggiano – CFRI has been focused on pre/post ecological monitoring, moving to applying this monitoring to prescribed fire – working with TNC to learn specifics on fire effects monitoring – looking forward to engaging in ecological monitoring on prescribed fires to measure if burns are meeting burn plan objectives

IV. Committee Report Outs

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. Planning trans boundary meeting 10/15 and 16
 - 1. Thinking about long term funding and capacity
 - ii. Identifying key accomplishments
 - 1. Draft MOU
 - 2. Successes working across NF
 - 3. Biomass projects
 - 4. Template for addressing post fire concerns
 - 5. TRAM – draft of pre scoping NEPA
 - iii. Planning for the meeting in September
 - iv. Identifying opportunities for advancement
- b. Biomass
 - i. Bill Trimarco – committee hasn't been too active – busy schedules. Branding efforts for collaborative wood efforts – print or video media displaying homes built with local wood products.
 - ii. Gordon West - Northern NM pilot project
 - 1. Grant that 232 wrote letter of support for
 - 2. Make biochar while heating el Rito campus classroom building
 - 3. CFRP grant – 3 year \$358,000
 - 4. Pilot expects to demonstrate that building can be heated using low value biomass and make money in the process

- iii. Intern at Pagosa District – Delany Khung
 1. Collecting information on local forest product industry
 2. Interested in Headwaters, 232 and others local groups
 - iv. Rachel Wood – grant for wood branding project
 1. Verification program – private lands
 2. Signing up wood businesses
 3. Buy local , buy well managed, responsibly sourced wood products
 - c. Education/ Outreach
 - i. Page Buono – Website up and live: www.232partnership.org
 1. Still working on adding stories, resources, other content
 2. Any resource ideas?
 3. Newsletter out mid August
 4. SEO optimization ideas?
 5. If you partnership/group isn't displayed please let outreach committee know
 - d. Prescribed Fire
 - i. Fred Ellis – Pagosa Ranger District – completed programmatic prescribed fire EA signed – 200k acres of pine/oak, WDMC and mountain shrub covered under NEPA
 1. Able to design logical burn units
 2. Agreement signed with state so local collaborators can assist on burns
 3. New FMO – Jay Godson – Pagosa Ranger District
 4. Completed 300 ac mechanical CE upper Blanco Adjacent Blue Mountain Ranches estates
 5. Public outreach – San Juan outdoor club – to get people on board with prescribed burns
 6. In contact Rio Grande NF and Carson NF to reciprocate burn plans
 - ii. Mike Caggiano – Interested in the agreement that allows to reimburse local fire dept
 1. Can that be shared? – Regional, San Juan only agreement?
 2. Fred: Travis Brook, timber fuels lead – he is the contact for that agreement
 - e. Landscapes and Funding
 - i. Blue forest conservation – exploring ways for bond work on the forest. Mainly targeted towards public lands.
 1. John Waconda – Region 3 is exploring this conservation finance, pilot assessment area in Santa Fe fireshed – How to monetize conservation investments – learning what challenges and parameters are in regards to encouraging investments.
 - f. TRAM and Wildlife
 - i. Continued development of map of project areas and collaborative groups boundaries
 - ii. Support RCCP – Norman Vigil

1. Norman can share story how RCCP can to be
2. Trying to do monitoring and mapping – lacking capacity
 - a. Need to have conversation before implementation phase
- iii. Support RCCP – Mary Stuever – monitoring piece is underfunded
 1. 232 can help spearhead a monitoring effort
- iv. Mary, Norman and Aaron will meet to discuss plans moving forward on monitoring and mapping.
 1. Mike Caggiano – happy to plug in as needed
 2. A call will be scheduled – let’s get a monitoring plan in place by October.
- g. Capacity and Efficiency
 - i. Emily Hohman MOU agreement
 1. heavily modified language from region 5 example. Broad umbrella wildfire, prescribed fire - does not include resource commitments.
 2. Template of agreement is the issue – everyone is supportive of content.
 3. Umbrella under which more specific agreements will fall

V. Transboundary Meeting in October

- a. Paul Orbach and Pauline Ellis helping organize it
 - i. Paul: Targeting 10/15-17. Been in touch with folks about sites. Refining site lists. A couple days of sites in NM and CO. Intended to be an intimate meeting. Invite is coming from the regional foresters, but this is 232’s tour and will show what the group has achieved.

VI. Meeting in September

- a. Date – Wednesday, September 12
- b. Proposal
 - i. Pagosa Springs has been proposed as the meeting location
 1. Able to plug in with TREX that will be happening
 2. Paul: Front Range GTR field tour is that same day
- c. Topics
 - i. Deliverables from committees
 - ii. Newsletter
 - iii. Draft MOU
 - iv. New subcommittee
 - v. TREX
 - vi. Identifies question and areas of interest for evaluation
 1. Mary, Norman
 - vii. Dave – Bring projects that have 232 influence
 1. Page: We passed around a project tracker not much participation. What is easiest way to share projects to group?