



2-3-2
COHESIVE
STRATEGY
PARTNERSHIP

NOTES

QUARTERLY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Where: Del Norte, CO

When: Thursday, March 21, 2019, 10 am – 4:00 pm

ACTION ITEMS:

- Committees to define key messages, target audiences and send that information to the outreach/education committee (see prompt in email)
- Outreach/Education committee to determine key messaging based on committee feedback and conduct a listening tour/key interviews
- Executive committee to review and recommend edits/changes to mission/vision
- Executive committee to identify and pursue diverse funding
- 2-3-2 coordination team to share Zoom account information & create a Box account for committee use

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Upcoming meeting schedule
 - May (web), in-person (September, suggested location of Santa Clara)
- From the Survey:
 - Partners continue to find value in the 2-3-2
 - Goal for 2019: increased activity and participation at the committee level
 - Increased (targeted) education and outreach
 - Promote more planning and project prioritization across boundaries
 - Group should continue to promote cross-utilization of biomass to inform and support geographic solutions
- 2-3-2 will provide access to tools (see above) to support efforts at the committee level
- Shared Stewardship continuing to move forward; 2-3-2 helping to coordinate efforts to ensure cross-state coordination
- Upcoming PODS meetings will advance 2-3-2 opportunities for cross-boundary planning and prioritization
- Industry partners at 2-3-2 meeting say the group helps them to vet their ideas/technologies and get critical information about the business ecosystem in one meeting
- Increased opportunity to include wildlife partners in the conversation and wildlife connectivity as part of 2-3-2 planning conversations

10:00 – 10:30 Welcome & Introductions

Aaron Kimple (MSI), Mellissa Simmons (CSFS) via zoom, Ellen Roberts (Contractor) via zoom, Emily Hohman (CPLA), Bill Trimarco (WAP), Damon Lange (CSFS), Randy Johnson (Contractor), Tim Reader (CSFS), John Rizzo (WLA), Adam Moore (CSFS), Dan Roper (TU), Jeremy Marshall (USFS), Kevin Duda (RGNF), Charles Curtin (Collaborative Visions), Sid Hall (RGNF), Michael Sandsbury (RGNF), Matt Cook (MSI), Anthony

Culpepper (MSI), Jim Bryant (Biomass), Gregory Boyer (Biomass), Page Buono (Contractor), Garrett Hanks (TU), Emily Chavez (NRCS), Emma Reesor (Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Project), John Wauconda (USFS reg 3), Mary Stuever (NMSFS)

10:30 – 11:45 Updates

- Recap of 2018
 - Review and feedback on 2018 Cross-Boundary Meeting Findings
 - Discussion:
 - Communication & Coordination
 - Primary mission could be to coordinate utilization of biomass and use geographic solutions
 - Regional economic development to solve utilization problems
 - Cal Joyner – support rural economies and work together
 - Adam – do we think about expanding to take advantage of utilization opportunities outside of the 2-3-2 geography ?
 - Charles Curtin – We want to figure out ways to partner with groups like 2-3-2, and it is necessary to work with folks at a larger regional scale
 - **John Rizzo: Could this group provide capacity for smaller groups, not necessarily make boundary bigger, but coordinate with other groups**
 - Aaron: scales of partnerships, local groups do great work at local level, but
 - Page: We need to determine the things or resources we could do to create capacity at this scale and beyond
 - Mary: We should use that team of teams approach, utilize support and share knowledge – it’s important for us not to over extend ourselves
 - Kevin Duda – Opportunities for more industry folks at the table?
 - Planning
 - See PODS conversation below
 - Funding
 - We are currently operating heavily on cohesive funding until 2021
 - We should be thinking about diversifying funding sources
 - Should there be a mechanism in place to inform our group on different grants and funding opportunities?
 - Page: we need to think about the internal process of applying for different funding opportunities – subcommittees or executive?
 - Do we write grants in name of 2-3-2 or does 2-3-2 just support grants
 - We also don’t want to compete with partners on different funding
 - We need to work with funders to develop these funding opportunities
- **Workplan for 2019 review/ edits**
 - Success for 2019
 - Better reporting of partner activities and development of metrics of success for the group – ideally develop a comprehensive reporting program
 - Mapping, Documenting and Outreach
 - Committee Updates and goals
 - John W : Developing a broader metric framework for restoration projects
 - **Fire Management, Capacity & Efficiency Committee**
 - Developing a list of projects and list of resources
 - Contacts
 - Work on opportunities to develop MOU’s for cross boundary fires

- Identified additional partners to bring to the table
 - Anne Bradley provided Charter document rather than MOU
 - MOU was limited to the CO side of 2-3-2
 - It is still in draft stage
 - **Biomass and Markets Committee**
 - Good Wood Program – working with local Mills in CO
 - Student from Center for Collaborative Conservation (CSU) to examine the 2-3-2 and produce report
 - Sales Tax – may have opportunity to revise that
 - John R: How do we engage in research on private lands?
 - Could be a good opportunity for 232
 - TRAM Committee
 - Actions carrying forward
 - Will submit grant to Rio Grande Water Fund
 - To support a workshop to discuss data gaps and needs
 - Then how do we share this information to partners
 - Hoping to get this going this spring/may
 - Webinar in May
 - Workshop in August
 - Garrett H: We have not met as a wildlife work group
 - Wildlife connectivity is a big buzzword
 - Huge opportunity for this group to discuss and be a part of efforts in 232 landscape
 - House a regional wildlife connectivity conversation as 232
 - Wildlife connectivity is linked to aquatic health
 - Reconnect and restore – rather than protect
 - Mary: Hopes to move from acres treated to avoid the “any treatments better than none” to “treatment that is the best for that acre”
 - Quality of acres treated rather than quantity
 - John: Wildlife connectivity can lead to more funding
 - **Education/Outreach**
 - We need a unified message and strategy to get that message out
 - Rural radio?, open to more suggestions
 - Identifying key messages
 - Listening tour, working with committees,
 - Aaron: Proposes the subcommittees define key messages and target audience and relay that to ed/outreach committee
 - Mary: ed/out committee will help get message out – but won’t craft your messages
 - Chairs request support from Executive Committee
- **Survey Results**
 - Highlights
 - Good Participation
 - CB Meeting in October
 - Advancing Partner Initiatives
 - Need for unified messaging around key goals/objectives
 - Survey Questions Highlights
 - Creating partnerships –

- Helps people advance their initiatives (3.8 value)
 - Lesson learned
 - Subcommittees activity has been low, could be a cause of lower value
 - Sharing information
 - Leveraging resources
 - Meeting a worthwhile use of your time and resources (3.75)
 - Shorter in-person meetings and more committee meeting
 - Goals Highlights
 - Prioritize project areas
 - Establish 232 as group for project support
 - Pre-NEPA feedback
 - Develop consistent messaging
 - Who needs to hear these messages and in what format?
 - Sharing Resources (labor, information) for prescribed fire
 - Capacity for biomass
 - Suggestions for Improvement
 - Review of the list (see survey compilation)
 - Anything Missing?
 - Wildlife Connectivity
 - Questions
 - Will 2-3-2 be engaged in projects across 2-3-2 area? or projects that involve cross-boundary effort?
 - Not mutually exclusive: partners will continue to advance their respective initiatives but will also partner within the 2-3-2 to plan and prioritize across boundaries where possible
 - Resource concerns across partners
 - Who does this partnership ultimately report to?
 - The people who are involved is important
 - We want this group for the partners who are involved
 - We operation on cohesive strategy funds through USFS
 - Some reporting to USFS
 - John Rizzo - Suggests GIS mapping efforts can help partners leverage partner projects
 - Executive Committee – should act as work horse committee but should empower other committees to drive 2-3-2
 - Does three time meeting schedule per year works for folks?
 - Group is in agreement that this model works

11:45 – 12:00 Advancing a Coordinated planning effort (Mike Caggiano)

- Potential Operational Delineations (PODS)
 - 2 workshops planned for SJNF and RGNF – next week
 - Cary Newman and Sid Hall are regional contacts
 - Meeting will contain local fire manager, representatives from local fire response districts, State, Tribal and other federal agencies
 - Send out details for PODS workshop
 - Could be used as a planning tool and can show us priority areas for treatments
 - Products we hope to get out of the upcoming workshops
 - Digitized control locations

- Upload shapefiles into wildfire decision support systems and use for planning
- Start to identify additional needs – spatial data to incorporate, specific product or map to use as communication tool or upload to
 - This shouldn't shift priority areas but refine focus in on certain areas within priority areas
 - Every National Forest will take a slightly different approach - we should see a range of different approaches

12:00 – 1:15 Working Lunch

1:15 – 1:30 Tentative Presentation of Shared Stewardship meeting (Anthony & John)

- Initiative brought up in Aug 2018 by secretary of Agriculture
- Approach to strengthen shared stewardship and empower partnerships
- After CA fires there was a recognized gaps within different land mgmt. agencies
- Working with States to set priorities
 - This initiative empowers FS to work with states
- States have to renew forest action plan every 5 years
- FS wants to be as transparent as possible
- Lack of contract officers to approve funding has been an issue
- States are leading this effort
- CO – state and regional forester conversations
- Deputy regional foresters are forming network for engagement of shared stewardship

1:30 – 1:45 Andrea & Jeremy, planning across Forests

- PODS meeting between forests
- NEPA for spruce mortality salvage
- Sharing fire resources
- Open to doing cross-boundary NEPA in the future

1:45 – 2:20 Biomass Updates

- Rachel Wood - Source Verified Good Wood™ Program Manager
 - Project started back in 2008
 - FIC certified wood – forest stewardship council
 - SFI – sustainable forestry initiative
 - Promote wood from watershed and restoration projects
 - Verification of the Tx in forest and chain of custody tracking
 - Application process
 - Starts with the wood producer
 - Chain of custody is tracking that wood where it goes in that business
 - Project focusing on wood on FS land
 - First step involves reviewing NEPA document or management plan to make sure wood source criteria are met
 - Just launching now
- Blanca Biomass – Greg Boyer
 - Looking to build 1-2 initial plans in southern CO and northern New Mexico
 - Currently in the feasibility study phase – no plans in place, major questions still to be answered
 - Can handle slash, tops and limbs

- Partnering with NW BioSolutions
- Tech makes it economically feasible
 - Use high temp
 - Typical pyrolysis uses 700-900 degree
- How it works
 - Prep
 - Pyrolysis
 - Recirculation
 - High-value products
- Wide variety acceptable
 - Wood waste
 - Energy crops
 - MSW
 - Plastics (6 or 7)
 - Construction and demo debris

2:30 – 3:30 Round-Robin

- Helena Alvarez CSU: developing an assessment for 2-3-2 for master's degree program.
 - End product will be a 1 page report
 - Getting to understand the inner workings of different collaboratives around the state
- Aaron – SJHFHP: Currently processing work that has happened on the ground
 - Looking at future priority areas
 - Identifying education/outreach opportunities
 - Citizen Science Opportunities
 - Mixed conifer mgmt. and monitoring with CFRI
 - Beetle workshop on Wolf Creek Pass
 - Low income mitigation program – Aspen Springs – Pagosa Springs
- Emily H – CPLA
 - All Hands All Land burn crew
 - Always looking for opportunities for Rx fire
 - Funding limits them to NM
 - CPLA – additional funding from RGWF to complete additional thinning work
 - San Juan TREX in September
 - Trying to figure out lodging arrangements
 - Determining outreach strategies for nontraditional firefighters who might be on other incidents
 - SJNF providing bulk of funding but open to more options
 - Prescribed fire memorial – working group to examine state liability standards
 - Hope to provide rec to NM state legislature to Standardized liability
- Bill – WAP
 - Chipper rebate program – 50% back to them from what they spent to chip slash
 - No cost sharing program this year
 - Wildfire preparedness day May
 - Operation Helping Hands
 - Working on consistent messaging
 - Ambassador program in local communities
 - Resilient Archuleta
 - Community resilience in the face of climate change
 - Core group of 5 people
 - Working on getting people more on board with prescribed fire and smoky air

- Damon Lange – CSFS
 - Agreement w NRCS, American Forest Foundation
 - Hired 2 foresters
 - Outreach for TNCC
 - Get free management plan
- Tim Reader – CSFS
 - Mass Timber – large building component
 - Biomass ready app is out
 - Forest loan program running well
- Adam Moore -CSFS
 - Work completed on two CWPPs
 - 25 acres GNA Conejos Peak
 - Aspen sale at la Jara reservoir – went no bid
 - Overseeing the Salida field office
- Jeremy Marshall – Carson NF
 - Hired El Rito deputy ranger
 - Michael Gatlin
 - Hired 2 new foresters – el Rito, Tres Piedra
- Ellen Roberts
 - State forest service work
 - Outreach with county commissioners
 - EIB feasibility study
 - Looking to bring in a new revenue stream
 - All lands fuels Tx approach – state, private, tribal, fed
 - Biomass facility in Montezuma county – harvesting saw logs
- Jim Bryant – Biomass Company
 - Biomass to energy and product
 - Board of Directors for watershed group in Front Range
 - Developed integrated system for watershed restoration
 - Organizing watershed services groups
 - Can share documents
- Greg Boyer
 - Wants Biomass operation to be flexible and locate centrally to biomass locations
- Garrett H – TU
 - TU signed national agreement – potential to work on wet meadow restoration
 - San Juan Cutthroat Trout – 4/16 – 6:30 – at ? resort
- Mary S
 - SJCWP – Successful Congresso put on recently
 - Looked at structures
 - Next year on 2/29/20
 - VISTA transition – will get a new one in April
 - Women Owning Woodland rescheduled date - 4/12 – Tierra Amarrilla
 - NMSF
 - Laura McCarthy started as State forester
 - RGWF grant accepted
 - WUI and NFL grants – RFP's are out
 - Working with local govt
 - Recent House bill that passed provides funding for Tx
 - 4-5 million statewide – has to go on pub land
 - Working with partners with NEPA ready projects

- Working on committee for Shared stewardship
- NRCS – ecological site descriptions
- Philmont Scout Ranch
 - Looking for foresters to help out for a week in summer
- CDT coalition
 - Wolf creek outreach avalanche
 - Hoping to start wildlife connectivity conversation with National Trails System

3:30-4:00 Conclusion/Next meeting

- Next meeting time
 - Web meeting May
 - Committees to meet around June
 - In-Person meeting in September – will be in NM
