

**Greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition Meeting  
Santa Fe Fire Department Station 5 / Training Center  
1130 Siler Road, Santa Fe  
March 01, 2017**

**DRAFT Meeting Notes**

**In Attendance:**

Mark Allison (NMTA)	Sandy Hurlocker (USFS – Espanola RD)
Carmen Austin (NMTF – Las Vegas)	Eytan Krasilovsky (Forest Stewards Guild)
Alan Barton (NM FWRI)	Michael Martinez (Pueblo of Tesuque)
Steve Bassett (TNC)	Brandon McCain (NMTF – Bernalillo)
Anne Bradley (TNC)	Laura McCarthy (TNC)
Michael Casaus (TWS)	Julie Anne Overton (SFNF)
Porfirio Chavarria (Santa Fe Fire Department)	Marlita Reddy Hjelmfeldt (VOST)
Andrew Frederick (NMTF)	Susan Rich (NMTF - FWFO)
Mike Feulner (SFCFD)	Teresa Smergut (USFS)
Greg Gallegos (SFFD)	Ryan Swazo-Hines (Pueblo of Tesuque)
Todd Haines (NMTF - Bernalillo)	Jose Varela Lopez (NMFIA / SFPSWCD)
Alan Hook (City of Santa Fe)	Jon Williams (SFNF)

**Action Item Updates**

Kiosk – Eytan Krasilovsky reported that signboard materials cost approximately \$1,500. Jon Boe may have metal stock available. Esme is working on graphics and content; the goal is to have signs printed by June 30. FSG has enough money to pay for one, but USFS may be able to fund more. Members identified suitable locations at Dale Ball Park, Big Tesuque, Chamisa and Hyde Park trailheads.

WUI Summit – Porfirio Chavarria and Eytan will do a presentation on evolution of the GSFFC at the NM WUI Summit March 30-April 1 in Albuquerque.

Communications subcommittee recommendations – Alan Barton reported the subcommittee recommends that interested entities be invited to join in the contact” category, then move up to “advisor” or “partner” as they express interest as they get more involved. People should contact Alan or Susan to be added to the contact list or suggest invitees. There’s also sign-up function on the website. Formal partners must be signatories to the Strategy and be willing to work under final operating rules.

La Cueva neighborhood meeting – Acting Pecos District Ranger Teresa Smergut reported on the meeting with La Cueva neighbors. Some were alarmed by the description of the thinning prescription in the original NEPA. Others were concerned about fuelwood thieves and about money being made off the project, until they learned that it was to be done by the fire department. Attendees appreciated getting to go and see the sample mark and hearing that the prescription would be adjusted in response to their concerns. Todd Haines said he got 40 emails in support the project and 15 that do not support it. Lessons learned: (1) Use wiggle room in NEPA and/or prescription to respond to concerns as long as objectives can be met. (2) Help people picture what we want to accomplish. Explain what BA means. Use demo sites (with self-guided tour), graphics, photo guides, field trips.

Update on Pacheco Canyon and Hyde Park CEs – Sandy Hurlocker provided scoping documents for the [Hyde Park Project](#) and [Pacheco Canyon Project](#) and a Work Plan for FY2017. Contracts need to be signed

by June 1 to meet funding constraints. The Pueblo of Tesuque is doing archaeology surveys for Pacheco and USFS Enterprise Team will do owl surveys for both CEs. SFNF received Supplemental Hazardous Fuels funds for a non-competitive agreement with the City to lead the public engagement and NEPA support. Sandy expects agreements to be in place by May. NEPA is to cover up to 5,000 acres based on priorities identified in the Strategy. USFS has selected a fireshed coordinator, but hiring is on hold pending approval of a waiver to the federal hiring freeze. The comment period closes March 16. The one received to date had concerns with basal area. Sandy agreed to a suggestion to add a funding column to the work plan.

### **Task Team Reports**

**Landscape Resilience Strategy Task Team** – Anne Bradley reported that the Strategy Team agreed to the proposed process for doing the risk assessment. Steve Bassett will make revisions recommended by team members at the 9:00 meeting, then will start running the mash-up. The analysis will produce one risk map for each value and one equally-weighted composite using equal weighting. Risk assessment will be done early April. Integration into the Strategy will follow, with an interim meeting to review products before finalizing the Strategy.

**Communications Task Team** – Alan reviewed the latest [draft Operating Principles](#). The new member process approved earlier will be added to it. Members decided to have a rotating chair, nominated out of the committee and changed annually. Alan asked that comments be sent to him by April 1<sup>st</sup>. He'll post it on the website after incorporating the agreed-upon changes.

**Implementation Task Team** – Todd Haines distributed a spreadsheet listing project data he had. Members provided additional information. Todd will update the spreadsheet and send it to Susan to include with the meeting notes.

Todd reported that the Aztec Springs project has been delayed due to a funding issue. Because La Cueva Block E will be done by the Fire Department, it came in at less cost than originally budgeted. That funding source requires that the excess funds be used on federal lands, so they can't be moved to Aztec Springs. The preference is to use them for Block D or other federal lands in the Fireshed.

Members asked Todd to consider adding a column for prescribed fire treatments. Send suggestions for good ways to track acres thinned, acres burned and acres treated by thinning plus burning.

### **New Business**

**Presentation of Risk Assessment** - Steve Bassett gave a detailed overview to the Strategy Team at the 9:00 a.m. meeting, and briefed Coalition during the Strategy Task Team report. ([Handouts attached](#))

### **Updates from partners**

Susan Rich and Steve Bassett will present on how the Coalition is using science to guide our work at the Cohesive Strategy Science Workshop the end of April.

Anne Bradley is helping plan a Fireshed field trip for the Society of American Foresters annual convention in November.

Todd Haines observed that many different types of implementation crews – tribal, fire departments, inmate work camp, veterans, as well as private contractors - are doing work in the Fireshed.

Eytan Krasilovsky announced that Forest Stewards Guild is doing a seminar series for the public at the REI Community Room every other Wednesday in March and April starting 3/15. They'll also lead two field trips, including a fire ecology mountain bike ride in Tesuque Canyon area on 4/27.

Sandy Hurlocker asked for ideas for housing the owl survey crews (up to 10 people/crew) in March and early April.

#### **Next Steps/Action Items**

- Send comments on Operating Principles to Alan B. – **All**
- Post final draft on website – **Alan B.**
- Add funding information to SFNF Work Plan – **Sandy**
- Update projects spreadsheet for distribution with meeting notes – **Todd, Susan**
- Run mash-up and incorporate into draft Strategy – **Steve B. and Task Team**

**A special meeting** will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11 for Coalition members to review the draft Strategy. It will be at Santa Fe Fire Department Station 3 at 1729 Cerrillos Road. **Please note the different location.**

**The next quarterly Coalition meeting will be Thursday, June 8 at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Location to be determined.**