

**Greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition
Meeting Notes
July 12, 2018**

Ryan Swazo-Hinds called the meeting to order and led introductions.

In attendance:

Byron Attridge (Terra Sustainable Technologies)	Sandy Hurlocker (USFS – Espanola RD)
Carmen Austin (NMSF-Las Vegas)	Jennifer Kilbourn (Arthur Black Chimney)
Rebecca Baran-Rees (SF Comm. Foundation)	Eytan Krasilovsky (FSG)
Alan Barton (NM FWRI)	Kim Langbecker (Terra Sustainable Tech.)
Steve Bassett (TNC)	Sonya Lopez (Congressman Lujan’s office)
Scott Beckman (NCNMEDO)	Luke McLarty (USFS)
Hannah Bergemann (SFNF)	Rachel Meier (TNC)
Marc Black (Arthur Black Chimney)	James Melonas (SFNF)
Brent Bonwell (SFFTS)	Mark Mitchell (Pueblo of Tesuque)
Anne Bradley (TNC)	Brian Peacock (NMSF – Bernalillo)
Porfirio Chavarria (SFFD)	Mar Reddy-Hjelmfelt (The Red Elm)
Jacob Davidson (NMDGF)	Susan Rich (NMSF - FWHO)
Remington Gillum (SF County FD)	Steve Romero (SFSF – Pecos RD)
Collin Haffey (TNC)	Teresa Seamster (Sierra Club)
Todd Haines (NMSF - Bernalillo)	Sophie Stauffer (Pueblo of Tesuque)
Anna Hamilton (SF County Commission)	Ryan Swazo-Hinds (Pueblo of Tesuque)
Bruce Hill (SFNF)	Virgil Vigil (Pueblo of Tesuque)
Alan Hook (City of SF Water Division)	Gov. Rick Vigil (Pueblo of Tesuque)

Guest Presenters

Byron Ashers from Terra Sustainable Technologies spoke about a series of fire protection technologies ranging from backpack units to very large systems. Several attendees indicated interest in following up with him.

Business owner Marc Black spoke about a proposal to form a feasibility focus group to consider forming a small business wildfire remediation clearinghouse. He announced a meeting for interested stakeholders on Tuesday 7/17 at the Santa Fe Business Incubator. See [handout #1](#).

Action Item Updates

Teresa reported that 94 people showed up for the April 26 Eldorado/285 All Communities meeting at the Hondo Fire Station. Since the event was planned for 20-40, logistics for circle and open house formats did not work. Topic was too broad for 1½ hour event. Lessons learned: keep to fewer speakers, have narrower focus, satisfy questions the community has. Have information really condensed instead of lots of handouts. Teresa shared a 1-pager her group prepared ([handout #2](#)).

Porfirio gave a presentation for residents from the community around St. John’s. Porfirio also presented to 25 people at the Acequia del Medio annual meeting. Attendees asked questions about where they fit in and how they could get involved.

Approximately 40 people participated in the May 5th Preparedness Day event. Focus was on Firewise actions that individuals can take themselves. In contrast, attendees at the July 9 meeting wanted to

learn about the Fireshed. Conclusion: During hot, dry weather, focus on the topic of wildfire. Save general information for after the rain comes.

Alan B. reported that the Pecos community meeting had very low attendance by the general public. Having a local person sponsor and advertise the event may bring more people in.

Steve B. and Ellis' "road show" at Santa Fe Indian School on July 9th was more science-focused. Ellis presented on fire history and Steve on the Risk Assessment. Feedback from participants indicated they liked seeing the correspondence between risk and treatments and planned projects. Next road show will be in Hondo on August 16th.

Members raised ideas for advertising GSFFC events:

- Take advantage of increased interest when smoke is in the air.
- Best marketing is by word of mouth. Best attendance has been when local residents advocate for event.
- Did KSFR radio interview get attention?
- Flyers – can we add QR codes and social media platforms to flyers? Some communities require prior approval to post flyers. Hannah will hand out flyers at Farmer's Market the week before an event.
- Santa Fe County can announce upcoming events at commission meetings.
- Next Door is effective for targeting outreach to specific neighborhoods.
- Some papers (SF Reporter, Pasa Tiempo) will advertise events for free, but require good lead time.

Eytan volunteered to work on a checklist of what to do when for persons organizing GSFFC events.

Anne offered suggestions for the Communications Task team: Take advantage of other organizations' meetings. Create short videos to use to piggyback on other events effectively. Teresa suggested four topics for videos GSFFC could make available for community meetings: risk assessment (Steve Basset), watershed (Alan Hook), fire history (Ellis) and fire risk (Porfirio). Alan and Mar will follow up on these this Fall.

Porfirio spoke about the Fireshed Ambassadors, a support group for local citizens who want to organize their communities and engage their neighbors to take action. They'll continue to hold meetings every two months.

Communications Task Team

Esmé displayed "Preparedness campaign" message signs used on bus wraps and pedicabs. Esmé also:

- distributed a list of Fireshed education and outreach tasks completed since May. See [handout #3](#).
- announced upcoming field trips: Black Canyon/Hyde Park on July 28th and Pacheco Canyon on August 11th.
- announced plans are underway for a movie night showing of "Only the Brave" followed by a panel discussion.
- noted coincidence between high website visitation and dates of events. Members recommended also pushing the word out through email for those who don't visit the website.

Alan B. asked members to read – and follow - the new privacy policy. See [handout #4](#).

Mar set up a private photo sharing page (members only) to share pictures to use in presentations and on social media. Send photos to Mar and she'll upload them.

Alan B. reported that FWRI is putting together public meeting kits with posters, handouts, maps. They'll be available to borrow at FWRI, TNC, FSG, State Forestry and USFS Ranger District offices. Members asked if the kits can include a jump drive with resources like the Fireshed map and other essential information.

A subcommittee will meet to draft a strategy for cultivating relationships with public officials. Teresa suggested that others who work with the public, like school principals, librarians, and health clinics can help get information out to community members.

Ryan suggested setting up a booth at the Pueblo of Tesuque's Annual Health and Safety Fair on July 26th. Governor Vigil offered to make an announcement and invite other Pueblo environmental directors at the next IRAC meeting. Esmé is looking into getting on the agenda for the Eight Northern Pueblos Council meeting.

Esmé asked for help getting information about partners' projects up on the website. Please send 1-2 paragraphs and a photo, link (if you have one) and a map.

Implementation Task Team

Todd asked that project managers start sending updates to him via email to avoid confusion from juggling multiple versions of the GSFFC project status spreadsheet simultaneously.

Members suggested moving the list of completed projects to a separate page.

Members felt we need to geolocate the projects to make the data most useful, and asked for that discussion to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Members provided information regarding individual projects:

- Santa Fe-Pojoaque SWCD is taking applications from landowners wanting to get thinning done through its NFL and LaSR projects. Porfirio suggested connecting the Ambassadors to the SWCD to help advertise the program. If the SWCD still needs help with assessments, SFFD may be able to partner with them through the City's program.
- Mike Martinez will email Todd with updated information for Pueblo of Tesuque projects.
- Alan Hook will email updated information on municipal watershed projects.
- Santa Fe County FD projects are not on the list, need to be added.
- SFNF's Hyde Park Project will start in October with contracts going out for thin and pile treatments. Burning will be done by USFS. The Pacheco Canyon decision memo was signed June 1st. Luke is working with Mike Martinez on planning different treatments. Crews are putting in control lines on first block in the northeast portion adjacent to Aspen Ranch. They'll start with a 500- to 550-acre broadcast burn, and do hand cut and machine treatments at the south end next. See [handout #5](#).

Eytan suggested that when agencies are notifying local communities about prescribed fires, they include information about FSG's HEPA filter loan program.

Members discussed the need to coordinate Rx, as there are by NM State Forestry, City of Santa Fe, Aztec Springs and SFNF plans to burn piles on several projects. Steve Bassett will be doing monitoring.

Landscape Resilience Strategy Task Team

Anne Bradley is working with Hannah and Alan B. on the draft Strategy.

Anne noted that GSFFC could use the NM Forest Restoration Principles to help explain to the public what it means to do restorative work.

Anne volunteered to organize a gathering to zoom in on data for high interest areas to see if it highlights opportunities we're not taking advantage of or areas we should prioritize working on first. The group could also consider quantitative objectives to help define what we want, where we want to go, what it's going to take to get there. James offered to host at the SO conference room.

NEPA Steering Committee

The work group's objective is to provide input on strategies for engaging the public in planning work on national forest lands ([handout #6](#)). These will guide SFNF's actions for upcoming NEPA in the Fireshed.

Announcements and Updates from partners

Forest Guild is currently hiring youth 18- to 25-years old for seasonal work on the Mountainair and Espanola Ranger Districts. Job is August through November.

Rio Grande Water Fund is funding Forest Guild's "All Hands All Lands" Burn Team project. They're forming two Type 3 teams to serve as an additive resource for federal teams or primary resource for private lands for fall/winter/spring Rx within Water Fund boundaries.

SFNF closure has been lifted; other forests are following suit.

The Santa Fe, Cibola and Carson NFs are looking at doing a three-forest-wide EA for riparian restoration activities. Anticipated rollout is August 2019.

NM Wood Industry Summit will be held November 16-17 in Ruidoso.

NM State Forestry has posted a Request for Applications for WUI grants.

Hyde Park Project decision is in litigation. SFNF intends to move forward and put it out for contract.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 25, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor's Office conference room.

ACTION ITEMS

- Read and abide by new privacy policy – **All**
- Send photos suitable for use by GSFFC partners to Mar – **All**
- Send 1-2 paragraph project description with map, photo and link (if available) to Esmé – **All Project Managers**
- Draft checklist for GSFFC event organizers – **Eytan**
- Follow up on ideas for 4 videos – **Alan B. and Mar**
- Update and distribute projects spreadsheet – **Mike M. Alan H., Remington, Todd**
- Ask your PIO to include information about the Forest Stewards Guild's HEPA filter loan program in all your prescribed fire announcements – **All**