



**Greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition Meeting  
Zoom Mobile Meeting  
July 15, 2020**

**Agenda/Notes**

1:30 p.m. - Welcome and Introductions – Esmé Cadiente

**Action Item Updates**

1. State Forestry Plan update – Steve Bassett (TNC)
  - a. 2020 Forest Action Plan Nat. Resources Assessment; publication in progress of being reviewed/approved
  - b. Identified as shared stewardship priority
2. SFLMR Project update – Hannah Bergemann
  - a. \*June 12: original ruling passed on Hyde Park/Pacheco Canyon Project; turn down of appeal
  - b. Still drafting EA; waiting on guidance in analysis/strategy for MSO
  - c. Earth Economics working on economic analysis-will be included in draft EA; next steps: feedback and sharing of preliminary results with stakeholders before refining analysis
    - i. Project found that the proposed treatments would generate between \$1.50-\$1.80 in benefits to the community for every \$1.00 invested in treatments

Alan Hook: Aware of the settlement for Center for Biological Diversity on MSO injunction-are Wild Earth Guardians involved in a suit?

Sandy: WEG suit is older (2013); shut down all tree cutting; settlement was reached. The Center for Biological Diversity-negotiations took place, agreement proposed, not settled yet.
3. Joint Chief's Project update – Hannah Bergemann
  - a. Funding secured for Hyde Park thinning this fall, pending additional information for MSO
  - b. Funding to the Forest Stewards Guild for outreach for joint chief's project for outreach
    - i. Outreach on funding available for NRCS programs
  - c. 1 applicant identified (April-May) for this funding cycle for NRCS, looking for more
    - i. Concerns about finding additional applicants for the next funding cycle-outreach needed
4. Weather Update – Jon Boe, Rich Naden
  - a. Rich: Regional weather/monsoonal onset: moisture increasing S/E; lots of rain across N/NE side of state tonight; storm uptick starting tomorrow; moving into wet monsoon season; humidity rising
  - b. John: Fuels: still collecting fuel samples in SF watershed-still pretty dry (9-10% 1000 hrs, 2% in 1's, 10's and 100 hours), live fuel moisture under 100%; stage 2 restrictions until we get more moisture

Alan Hook: Is it looking like an average monsoon this year?

Rich Nader: Looks to be average, about a week late this year; early demise of monsoon possible in September; monitored more accurately on a daily basis once it picks up.

Anne Bradley: What do you predict for prescribed fire operations this fall?

John Boe: Meeting scheduled with fuels staff officer to discuss this; covid + smoke sensitivity requires more discussion about the best ways to proceed; discussions will be had w/districts for go-no-go; mixing modules (covid spreading between fire crews) the other big concern-will need to be assessed as well.



5. AHAL update – Forest Stewards Guild

- a. In response to the pandemic, limiting opportunities for broadcast; needing to tackle large backlog of unburned piles in the region
- b. AHAL burn team is focusing on fielding 4 person crew Nov-March for consistently burning small scale piles; will support other burns if possible if they come up.

Esme: Are there any other updates related to fire/covid?

Lawrence Crane: The biggest problem in dealing with covid is lighting-drivers going in between camps/going back and forth rather than being dedicated to one camp.

Task Team Reports

- Communications Task Team – Alan Barton
  - Finished up the resiliency strategy, working on communications plan-revising, meeting next week
- Implementation Task Team – Todd Haines (absent)
- Landscape Resilience Strategy Task Team – Anne Bradley
  - Draft completed in May; integrating recommendations into resilience strategy
  - Renaming some of the focal areas?
  - Incorporating monitoring team input
  - Current draft available for review-contact Anne Bradley
  - Hope to include signatory page

Alan Hook: Looking for high level signatures (mayor/city of SF) or organization representatives for every stakeholder?

Anne: This would be an internal organizational discussion; what makes sense?

Alan: Something for members to think about before next meeting; maybe send thoughts to Esme or Anne.

Anne: Having multiple organizations represented helps to show breadth of collaboration; can be used as an aid when looking for funding.
- Monitoring Task team – Esmé Cadiente
  - Met in early June-objective was to collect ideas from the coalition about priority monitoring that should happen in the SFMLPR project area, and to prioritize suggested monitoring activities on a scale of feasibility and importance; used a joint exercise on online format to prioritize
  - 5 main priorities pulled out (low FS capacity but high priority) that will be written into the monitoring plan:
    - Treatment effectiveness
    - Citizen science component focusing on bird monitoring/understory vegetation recovery?
    - Water quality impacts of prescribed fire
    - Direct economic impacts (not fully developed)
    - Understory plant diversity and regrowth
  - Separate from resiliency strategy, which includes these priorities as well as more
  - Another meeting end of July to refine these ideas more

New Business

- Alan Hook: Forest and Watershed Health Coordinating Group Meeting on July 31st at 9:00am-12:30pm;  
Susan Rich contact: SusanE.Rich@state.nm.us



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### Updates from partners

- Jennifer Kilbourn: Wildfire feasibility study-entire study for mitigation is not feasible; cross-agency discussions/collaboration and outcome is heartening to see; not much more of a project to be had-anticipated outcomes already in action
  - distributing burn wise boxes to customers
- Alan Barton: numerical volunteer starting on Monday-networking collaboratives
- Ryan Swazo: Tesuque-shutdown until end of July; severity work with N pueblos agency; assisted on fire in Nambe last night, still doing some patrols
- Michael Martinez: Tesuque-doing some project work, adhering to restrictions for chainsaws; shutdown for a few weeks, waiting for Aug 1<sup>st</sup>
- Alan Hook: Upper canyon rd-large scale work in the future on Nickels dam/reservoir outlet piping; start/stop process, shut down project in June, hoping to start Aug-Sep, contractor needs at least 8 weeks to finish
- Esme: Guild working more with different partners to add to the website: briefing papers/mailing; communications and outreach are still going!
- Alan Hook: Please send ideas for outreach/communications to Esme!
- Anne Bradley: Draft strategy is available for review-please look at it sooner than later!
- Alan Hook: Please send any other items to add to the agenda to Esme so it can be added.

### Next meeting - October

Wednesday Oct 14 1:30-3:30

Alternative: Esme's birthday (21<sup>st</sup>)

3:00 p.m. – Adjourn