

Greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition

Quarterly meeting

Pueblo of Tesuque Council Chambers

April 13th, 2023, 10:00 – 12:30

Agenda

10:00 Welcome and introductions (Esmé)

- Tesuque Gov. welcome
 - Well wishes and opening prayer.
- A few words from Shaun Sanchez, the new SFNF Forest Supervisor
 - New supervisor of the Santa Fe NF
 - Excited to meet everybody.
 - Grew up in mora, went to school Roberson and Highlands University
 - Long history in conservation, from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Alaska, Nevada, DC, etc.

Coalition introductions

- Allen Hook since 2016, Eytan since 2015, Sage Mountainflower since 2015, Chris Tafoya since today, Ryan Ream since 2018, Denis since 2015, Brandon Glenn second meeting today, Porfirio Chavarria since 2015, Gabe Kohler last couple years, Nate Miller since last 2 years, Kyle Morgan first meeting, Melissa first meeting, Esme Cadiente since 2016, Carlos Saiz, Jon Galvan since, Aria since 1.5 years, Tracy Seamester, Mori Hensley organization since beginning, Steve Romero since the beginning, Sandra 2016, Jeremy Marshall first day, Sandy Hurlocker from the beginning, Jacob Key 1 year, Jonathan 3.5 years, Abigail first day, Manny Lopez, Ryan Swazo-Hinds since 2016,

10:40 SF Mountains project NEPA update (Jacob Key)

- Delayed last year, resolutions were sent out on Monday, Tuesday feedback. EA was sufficient enough, no significant impacts, signing around May 5, instructions came with it, last May was an exception for land owner tree cutting, forest service systems roads are closed will have to use those roads, pinon jay are a species of conservation concern, working on air quality and new prescribed fire program implementation, have to do some engagement with elected officials this group, about implementation. Some objectors wanted a formal resolution but there wasn't enough time. Forest is planning a more personnel meeting with them.
- Shaun Sanchez- they want press release saying that its not just the FS but without the coalition this kind of work wouldn't get done. We need to share what they are doing with the support of the coalition. There should be some recognition of the signing.
- Are there signs of litigation for this project?
 - No anticipation legally but some back lash
- Allen Hook- mayor submitted in support of the project. The city of Santa Fe stands with SFMLRP
- Sandy- some field trips to show what the work looks like.

- Mori, important to have people on the ground to show what the project is. Folks might not understand. If it is appropriate to invite objectors to the coalitions space
- Jacob- might be the best way to help have conversations.
- Sandy- with monitoring, is a strategy that has been included because of the people that haven't made their minds up about the project.
- Esme- those people have been invited but some have come.
- Porf- the city was able to be the contractor for EA. This coalition facilitated cooperation. To celebrate the signing of the EA is an accomplishment.

10:50 Implementation strategy discussion for SF Mountains project and the overall Fireshed (Jacob Key and SFNF fuels personnel)

- Dennis Carril- has been gone for a while but is happy to be back. We feel bad about the fires, but nobody went out to do a bad thing. A lot different with planning. Thinking about other collaborations with the same objectives. Something has been missing, we aren't going to stop involvement when implementation. Project design, what we are doing here is reintroducing fire in a safe way. What we are looking for in the fuel shop is to work with different partners and to continue to do so. A big thing is walking the ground.
- Rian Ream- has a map that has fire history and existing project areas. N. Aztec springs looking at first entry, Hyde Park WUI project completed thinning, a lot of piles to burn. Pacheco thinned eastside lined aspen ranch, need to highlight partnerships i.e., Pacheco burn with city county pueblo FS AHAL partners, LA Cueva project thinned piled needs to be burned needs to come up with agreement with Glorieta Camps.
- Dennis would like to have contracts going for these lots as soon as this fall, as time goes on trying to get a few projects going at once. Must keep up on the education piece. As we go through plans lets keep transparency
- Porfirio - it would be nice to have somebody from the fuel shop to talk to the ambassador.
- Dennis - those talks with ambassadors would be helpful.
- Rian Ream - interested in the wui. Wants to see what the city is doing on private land.
- Esme- along with this project the CWDG will help along with these plans.
- Dennis- we don't want a blanket statement like no burning in the spring. We have done burns in the spring because conditions were met. Towards litigation decisions, there has been no need to burn on red flag warning days.
- Tereasa- a lot of partners aren't happy. The reason why I keep coming is I believe that there needs to be something done in the forest.

11:20 Coalition Chair and Co-Chair elections (Esmé Cadiente, Ryan Swazo-hinds)

- 2023 Chair and co-chair- Tesuque would like to continue to be in the chair. Things to be aware, transition of admin. Would like to elect the co-chair so transitions next year would be good. Important to have stacked leadership to continue work. Responsibilities, chair works closely with every partner so they can have updates. Works with the committee chairs. Works closely with the

admin manager. Make sure if there are anybody that wants to be a part can have an opportunity. The chair works closely with the collaborative outcomes report.

- 2023 – Esme nominated Santa Fe watershed association as co-chair.
- 2024 Chair and co-chair

11:30 **Fireshed administrative coordination** (Esmé Cadiente, Carlos Saiz)

- Guild is hiring, CWDG update- Hiring a manager to mitigate some of the treatments. Also, will be coordinating the ambassador program. Funding cycle in the fall. HHA for locals, Defensible space
- Ambassador program coordination capacity update-

11:40 **Committee updates and other partner updates**

- Communications (Sandy Hurlocker, Jonathan Frenzen)
- Speaking about cameras locations. Putting one on Tesuque peak. Focusing primarily on fireshed. Camera located up by the ski area. Sim table is creating software for the public to share information on where fires are taking place. Public interest in these tools. There might be a color change for the coalition. Focus on that later.
- Sandy- collaborative report. should be on the website. Wildfire preparedness day. Communication strategy for that week. how to support the announcement of the signing of the EA.
- Gabe- the 21st will be a webinar with Shaun and Terance to explain what changes are happening. Webinar link is shared. Recommendations and decisions will be done on a month. Hooking up with the ambassadors.
- Sandy- if you meet with commissioners to invite them in the field.
- Monitoring (Mateo Pomilia)- is just a plan that plan is focused on community involvement.
- Looking for a control spot that is untreated and easy to access.
- Other partner updates

12:10 **Wildfire Observation and Emergency Services – cameras at McClure Reservoir** (Kyle Morgan, City of SF Emergency Management Specialist)

- Trying to get better visibility on the watershed. To protect watershed, to place one at the McClure watershed dam. Has infrastructure to place at the dam. Want a way to detect fires early. If there is indication of abnormal heat then it can automatically send message to FD, FS, etc. cameras are expensive. Haven't gotten that far yet to propose to the city. Cameras that sandy mentioned and

these cameras are on the same network. Would have to clear things up with city attorney to see if there aren't any legal issues. Connections between comms. Committee and Kyle Morgan.

12:20 **Information – plant and soil ecology** (Teresa Seamster) continual monitoring.

- The chart on hand out equates to smaller communities. Get the community to run the website. Focusing on frequent fire forests. See hand out for more information. Protection of shallow fungi in the soil. Forest is under stress. Fire needs to be analysis. In closing, a lot of people are doing more scientific work and would be helpful to share.

12:30 **Adjourn**

- Next meeting July 19th