

**Greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition Meeting**  
**Santa Fe Fire Department Station 5 / Training Center**  
**1130 Siler Road, Santa Fe**  
**September 14, 2017**

**Meeting Notes**

Porfirio Chavarria called the meeting to order on behalf of Chief Litzenberg, and led introductions.

In attendance:

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| Donald Auer (NMDGF)               | Todd Haines (NMSF - Bernalillo)           |
| Anne Baldwin (SFNF)               | Alan Hook (City of Santa Fe)              |
| Alan Barton (NM FWRI)             | Sandy Hurlocker (USFS – Espanola RD)      |
| Steve Bassett (TNC)               | Eytan Krasilovsky (Forest Stewards Guild) |
| Hannah Bergemann (SFNF)           | Michael Martinez (Pueblo of Tesuque)      |
| Sam Berry (Forest Stewards Guild) | James Melonas (SFNF)                      |
| Emily Brown (SFNF)                | Andy Otto (SFWA)                          |
| Tamara Brown (Aspen)              | Julie Anne Overton (SFNF)                 |
| Danny Burton (SFNF)               | Sandra Imler-Jacquez (SFNF)               |
| Andrew Carey (Aspen)              | Marlita Reddy Hjelmfeldt (VOST)           |
| Porfirio Chavarria (SFFD)         | Susan Rich (NMSF - FWHO)                  |
| Jana Comstock (SFNF)              | Steve Romero (USFS – Pecos/Las Vegas RD)  |
| Andrew Frederick (NMSF)           | Teresa Seamster (Sierra Club)             |

**Task Team Reports**

**Communications Task Team** – Alan Barton reported the following:

- Please review the Communications Plan and Communications Strategy document emailed on 09/13 and send comments back to Alan by October 6th.
- The Task Team is developing a FAQ list for the website and handouts. If you get questions that should be included, send them to Alan and Esmé, who will work with experts on drafting answers.
- A designer with the County offered to help develop a GSFFC logo. Send ideas/sketch to Alan.
- The public meeting and open house is on Friday, 9/22/17. Please publicize and encourage people to sign on to the contact list. Pre-meeting prep led to ideas for more regular outreach such as tabling at the farmers market.
- Communications Team is also planning several smaller, neighborhood-scale workshops over the winter.
- Rack card and kiosk designs are underway by Esmé.
- Kryss Nystrom posted a survey for area residents on the Wildfire Network website. Please encourage private landowners to complete the survey.

Eytan suggested there's an opportunity to use monitoring in the watershed and Fireshed for public outreach, engage with schools to collect data.

**Implementation Task Team** – Todd Haines reviewed all projects listed in [Handout #1](#) (attached). Todd will update the spreadsheet with data provided at the meeting and Susan will send it with the notes.

Project managers were asked to send updates on their project's status (with dollars and acres data) to him at [todd.haines@state.nm.us](mailto:todd.haines@state.nm.us). Project managers should continue to send shape files with project names, boundaries, treatment type (e.g. broadcast burn, pile burn, thinning, etc.) and status to Steve Bassett ([sbassett@tnc.org](mailto:sbassett@tnc.org)) for now.

**Landscape Resilience Strategy Task Team** – Steve Bassett reported that the next Strategy Team meeting will be scheduled after completion of the Risk Assessment. Anne Bradley could not make the meeting, but emailed this report:

- To date, Anne, Hannah, Susan, Alan B., Eytan, Porfirio have provided basic content for the Strategy. Once Steve is able to complete reviews of the assessment we'll carry forward.
- We have been talking with Sierra Club and some of the critics of the project about creating a monitoring plan to build more trust in the activities.
- TNC and Sierra Club are willing to help fundraise for a monitoring plan and implementation. We propose creating a monitoring committee to move the idea forward for the Coalition. Hannah plans to be on the committee for the USFS. Anyone else who would like to participate should contact Anne and Hannah.

### **New Business**

**Risk Assessment** - The focus of the assessment is on wildfire and post-fire risk. It quantifies the likelihood of wildfire occurring and its intensity, and the susceptibility of valued resources to wildfire effects.

Steve Bassett handed out three draft maps. [Handout 2A](#) is the ultimate output showing relative risk across the landscape. Negative numbers indicate negative impacts from fire. Each change in color represents a doubling of risk.

[Handout 2B](#) shows the levels of risk divided into percentiles. Areas with the highest 10% of risk are shown in red. Since most stakeholders want to know where the highest risk is in the areas that they manage, future drafts will show percentile risk for each jurisdiction.

[Handout 2C](#) describes the effects of wildfire at 80<sup>th</sup> percentile weather conditions, on specific Highly Valued Resources and Assets (HVRAs). Some of the original 30+ HVRAs were culled down to those shown on this map because they were duplicated or lacked enough data.

James Melonas pointed out that the Risk Assessment is done at the landscape scale. More fine-scaled concerns and data will be taken into account at the project-level analyses.

**Pacheco Canyon and Hyde Park NEPA: status and longer-term plans** – Sandy Hurlocker reported the status of activities listed in [Handout #3](#) (attached). SFNF can render a decision on the Hyde Park Project contingent on the results of the second-year owl survey. They cannot make a decision on Pacheco until next spring because the archaeological report is not yet approved. Once they get clearance from SHPO, they can move forward. SFNF will be getting public input through NEPA meetings and comments this winter. SFNF will develop proposed actions based on results of the Risk Assessment, as they will depend highly on threats to values at risk. That will also determine whether an EA or EIS will be required. Proposed actions should be nailed down before owl survey crews arrive.

**September 22 Community Open House** – Alan Barton provided a flyer advertising the upcoming public meeting ([Handout #4](#), attached), and asked members to distribute widely. The planning team is publicizing through a letter to the editor, TV interview that Wendy Mason set up for Porfirio, GSFFC website and social media, and tabling at the farmers market. Hannah reviewed the agenda ([Handout #5](#), attached). Members offered suggestions for outreach, meeting format and collecting comments and questions. Presenters will hold a conference call to coordinate content.

**Task Team Membership** – Many members and advisors have been active on task teams and subcommittees, with new people added and others leaving over time. Susan Rich read the names of current task team members provided by each team leader, and asked those in attendance for confirmation. Members not present will be asked to confirm by email if they wish to continue on that task team. Partners not represented on a task team or subcommittee are invited to join one.

**Call for Nominations for 2018 Chair** – Susan Rich reviewed the operating procedure for naming the next Coalition chair. GSFFC chairs serve a one-year term beginning in January, with the position rotating through member organizations. Andrew Frederick nominated José Varela Lopez, contingent on his accepting the nomination. [UPDATE: José declined the nomination due to other commitments.] Susan will send an email calling for additional nominations, and selection will take place at the next Coalition meeting.

**Ethnographic Assessment** – Tamara Stewart introduced herself and her colleagues from Aspen CRM Solutions and distributed [Handout #6](#) (attached) describing the Fireshed Ethnographic Project they are doing for USFS. Tamara asked for names of local indigenous contacts.

#### **Updates from partners**

Porfirio reminded the group that Erik Litzenberg asks members to consider responding to the call for presenters for the International Association of Fire Chiefs' WUI Conference. It will be held February 27-March 1, 2018 in Reno, NV.

Alan Hook announced that GSFFC will have a panel presentation at the Society of American Foresters Annual Convention in November. The SAF Rio Grande Water Fund field trip on November 15<sup>th</sup> includes a visit to the Fireshed.

Eytan reported that FSG is working on a way for people to sign up as GSFFC members on the Fireshed website. Alan will call together a Communications Team subcommittee to flesh out membership categories, then pool all distribution lists and separate names into member categories.

Eytan will email an invitation to members to meet with burn leaders in Santa Fe for a Spanish language TREX on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mike Martinez will see if the Pueblo of Tesuque can host the next meeting. Susan will notify members.

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

- Review Communications Plan and two Strategy sections attached to Alan Barton's 9/13/17 email, and send comments to Alan by October 6th - **All**
- Send FAQ questions to Alan and Esmé – **All**
- Send ideas or a sketch for a logo theme or design to Alan - **All**

- Make corrections to projects spreadsheet and attach to meeting notes – **Susan**
- Send shape files with project names, boundaries, treatment type and status to Steve Bassett ([sbassett@tnc.org](mailto:sbassett@tnc.org)) and cc Todd Haines at [todd.haines@state.nm.us](mailto:todd.haines@state.nm.us) and Andrew Frederick at [andrewf.frederick@state.nm.us](mailto:andrewf.frederick@state.nm.us) - **All project managers**
- Call meeting regarding GSFFC participation categories – **Alan B.**
- Follow up on option for people to self-select participation level on website – **Eytan, Esmé**
- Encourage private landowners to take the [wildfire mitigation project survey](#) on Wildfire Network website – **All**
- Share Valles Caldera video – **Teresa**
- Send nominations for 2018 GSFFC Chair (preferably after checking with nominee) – **All**
- Revise task team member lists - **Susan**

**The next quarterly Coalition meeting will be Thursday, December 7, 2017. Time and location tbd.**