

The Hence to be Named Columbine Collaborative Virtual Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, 24 March 2020

Location: Virtual Meeting – Join via Zoom (link distributed via email to Partners)

Regular Meeting: 1300 – 1500 (1-3 pm)

In attendance: Anthony Culpepper (MSI), Stacy Beaugh (Strategic by Nature), Dana Hayward (MSI), Aaron Kimple (MSI), Adriene Archuleta (CPW), Amy Schwartzbach (City of DGO), Andy Hawk (Timber Age Systems), Ashley (WEP), Benlin Wildland (), Charlie (WAP), Christy (La Plata Open Space Conservancy), Clyde Church (La Plata County Commissioner), Cody (), Ryan Cox (CSFS), Danny Margoles (DWRP), Ellen Roberts (), Jimbo Buickerood (SJCA), Kyle O’Neill (CSFS, NRCS), Laura (NRCS), Lauren Domnik (USFS), Lo Williams (USFS), Luke Kline (NRCS), Mark Loveall (CSFS), Matt Tuten (USFS), Noah Daniels (Fuels – USFS), Paulette Church (Durango Resident), Steve McClung (CPW), Kent Grant (), Ashley Downing, Charlie Landsman, Al Layman, Frank

Anthony Culpepper, Stacy Beaugh, Church CL, McClung S, Aaron Kimple, Kyle O’Neill, Charlie Landsman, Jimbo Buickerood, Laura Spann, Andrew Hawk, Mark Loveall, Elen Roberts, Danny Margoles, Matt Tuten, Laura’s iphone, Lo Williams,

Main Objectives:

- Effective collaboration via virtual meeting spaces
- Review of strategic planning process and discussion on draft plan
- Determine next steps to effectively provide collaborative input and complete the strategic plan
- Come up with a name!

1300 – 1305 Time to let participants join and ensure connectivity

- Discussion of calendar challenges
- We have to now sit around the virtual table
 - o Important to keep these conversations going and push for resilience now and moving forward

1305 – 1315 Meeting Expectations and Overview of Zoom (Anthony, Stacy)

- Leave Video on through Introductions
- Mute your microphone unless speaking
- Hard on ideas, soft on people
- Forest, fire, and watershed issues are not social distancing
- Raise hand and chat features to initiate questions
- Listen respectfully
 - o Stay in the “room” mentally and physically to stay on schedule
 - o Stay on topic
- Silence is acquiescence, dialogue is important to have honest discussion
- Goal is to equalize involvement
 - o Follow up with Stacy or Anthony with lingering needs

1315 – 1325 Introductions (Anthony)

1325 – 1330 Update from Coordinator (RMRI and CFLRP); Update on Cross-collaborative Efforts (Anthony, Aaron)

- CPLRP
 - o No FACA committee yet, waiting for approval from secretary of Ag
 - o Earliest likely to know sometime June, probably later now
 - o Aaron met with Lindsey Buchannan: concern that FACA committee had not been selected yet (recommendations had been made). Without decisions, that \$ eventually will disappear, or at least has to go through congress again
 - o Lots of unknowns
 - o San Juan and 2-3-2 CFLRPs did go to WA office and would be considered if FACA committee is created
 - o Aaron has reached out to Lindsey again
- RMRI
 - o Developing a charter for diagramming and processing info and making decisions
 - Once through steering committee (Mark L., Mike P, Kara C., Pat D., expanding to include NRCS, BLM, and recreation)
 - Advisory committee will inform thatj
 - Annual process for eval projects, looking and priorities and considering allocation of resources and initiatives
 - o April 2 initial meeting with regional group postponed
 - Continuing to work together
 - This regional group will look at the charter also
 - o RMRI Colorado
 - Sub programs: RMRI SW CO, Upper South Platte, and Upper Arkansas. SW CO is the primary program for RMRI
 - Figuring out how these play together
 - o Still looking at funding opportunities
 - Funding from WA office more questionable based on allocation
 - o Important to not lose track of this important work!
 - Move initiatives forward
 - Ability to adjust to and prepare for compounding events
- Environmental Impact Fund
 - o Working on a structure and group
 - o Will support RMRI with private lands support
 - o Rural economic development aspects (Ellen Roberts)
- Planning and prioritization
 - o Mapping: CFRI (funds from SW Water Conservation District)
- Science Team
 - o Experts in entomology, forest and fire ecology etc. to be a standing team that collaboratives can approach with questions
 - o Bring best available science in a “package” for collaboratives to use
 - o Structuring of cross-collaborative dialogue

1330 – 1400 Strategic Plan Outline Review and Discussion (Stacy)

- Lots of involvement to date! This is a very collaborative group. Both connections outside of the big meeting, and attendance to: working hard to ensure all stakeholders have input
- Next steps outreach: Bureau of Reclamation, LPEA and others
- **Vision** – what we’re trying to achieve
 - o Triple bottom line (industry, recreation, economy)(watersheds, forests, economy and communities)(public, private and tribal lands)

- Inclusivity
- Emphasis on watersheds and forests instead of just forests
- Sense of place
- Resilience and Restoration
- **Mission** (of the collaborative itself) – what we actually do, why are we here
 - Empower and support community action to build and maintain resilient landscapes
 - Still open for adjustments
- **Values**
 - Relevance
 - Trust and integrity
 - Diversity
 - Using sound science and knowledge
 - Science isn't always an agreement
 - Local knowledge also
 - Effectiveness
 - Defined outcomes and desired conditions
 - Economic, Ecological, and Social balance as best we can
 - Measuring and demonstrating success
 - Be smart about pace and scale
 - Focusing on adaptive management
 - **Questions**
 - Could diversity of tools component fall under effectiveness instead of being under “diversity,” therefore keeping the diversity component about the humans involved
 - Inclusivity vs. Diversity
- **Problem and Need Statement**
 - Reword and customize statement from DWRP?
 - Additions
 - Deeper history of collaboration in the region
 - “defending” the Columbine collaborative, we’re not last to the party, the timing is just right ☺
 - Express why LPC/SJC is unique and why we want to jump on this opportunity
 - Sensitivity to Durango/LPC perspective/center of the universe dynamic, but also consider the power that comes with that
 - Comment: Time period of focus and ability to pivot and respond. Ensure the group is poised to respond to the unforeseen (we have the resources and knowledge already). Adjusting for changes and needs for new priorities
- **Scope**
 - Piedra watershed? Nuance with this region. Discuss with collaboratives and ensure coordination. Ongoing geography conversation (Columbine Collaborative? SJHFHP?)
 - Input from headwaters perspective, open up a conversation
 - Main mgmt. tool is Rx fire or managed wildlife
 - Can this be a zone of overlap for collaboratives?
 - Important to focus on watershed boundaries, rather than just political boundaries. This takes ongoing work!

- Collaborative is here for the long haul, but also wants to be nimble and able to respond to current needs
- Ultimate goal is supporting the community
- Map is IP, currently SJH, LPC, and AC over to Piedra River
- **Strategic Issues**
 - Maintaining a distinct identity, branding – connectivity between this collaborative and ARC forum
 - Understanding and considering dynamism of science
- **Goals**
 - Some are the same from the summer, others have turned more into action items
 - 4 priority goal areas (* indicates participant suggestion or feedback)
 - Implementing cross boundary work (strategies below)
 - Best practices for planning, implementation and monitoring
 - Base approaches on best available science
 - Establish monitoring and evaluation systems
 - Embrace innovation – business, recreation, community
 - Consider communication and roping in partners! (eg. Rec community thought it was a timber group only)
 - Inspire community action and responsibility (strategies below)
 - Promote engagement through education
 - Engage the next generation (more info)
 - *add recovery to this list, post disturbance
 - *consideration of private land owner responsibilities: consider who to engage to motivate
 - *Avoiding the “same ten people”, consider non-traditional events and outreaching to new audiences and a diversity of people
 - *Adaptations to changing events, science, politics
 - *Community weigh in on policy making and ensuring we communicate that we are NOT an advocacy group
 - *Key points to long term sustainability of the collaborative
 - Support development of resources to meet implementation goals and scale (strategies below)
 - Initiatives to develop a workforce
 - Support development of industry in region
 - Develop and coordinate funding mechanisms to achieve this
 - *Wanting to ensure that industry isn’t the only thing driving this group. Remembering balance
 - *Volunteer utilization as a resource
 - *Further specify “funding mechanisms” – tap into and expand funding opportunities. Develop initiatives, then sustain them over time.
 - *building and INFORMED workforce, partnership with FLC, PCC, SCC, and with La Plata Development Association
 - Provide a trusted space for collaboration (strategies below)
 - Establish partnerships and systems wot work regionally and state-wide while upholding local values and sense of place
 - Actively connect and support communities using best collaboration practices

- *Potential pull for Archuleta county and involvement of S. Ute trip, especially in Piedra region
- **Program outline – with actions and ideas specific to columbine, and across collaboratives**
 - Want to address local needs and concerns, and thinking regionally will increase capability of all regional initiatives and groups. Groups can be a resource to one another for alignment of priorities and cross-boundary landscape work.
 - Planning and prioritization: Treatment
 - Monitoring and Science
 - Community Action/Education
 - Economic Sustainability
 - Collaborative
- **Next steps**
 - Work Groups
 - Role of prioritization area
 - Desired outcomes/objectives
 - Workplans (1-3 years)
 - Groups: desired conditions, planning/prioritization, science/monitoring, community action/ed, workforce development, governance (steering committee)
 - Stacy and Anthony will follow up to schedule and coordinate
 - *Where should industry fit into these categories? Consider where your stakeholders will fit. Eg. Timber Age might fit into workforce development, community action and desired conditions
 - *Economic development should be a working group?
 - Connectivity to DWRF in a cross-collaborative scenario. Bridging to what other collaboratives across the region are already doing and how we can work together
 - *Bring Mike French into this conversation
 - Consider plans, capacity of participants. Work groups are just a next step for now
 - *Include Mike and Laura Lewis Region 9 DOLA
 - Common Workplan templates (from Stacey, 2-3-2 etc.), report ideas and incorporate.
 - Important to have these work groups in line to finalize strategic plan. Will use Doodle Polls, sign ups and spreadsheets to organize it all!

1400 – 1430 Additional Strategic Issues Discussion (Stacy)

See Above

1430 – 1440 General Updates (Round Robin)

- Clyde Church – Appreciation for CPAW and collaborative planning efforts
- Lo Williams – Asking about operational changes (hours of availability, business/who work with or for etc., all USFS employees are still available and working)
- Aaron K. – connectivity opportunity between CPAW, WAP, City of DGO and CSFS for WUI
- Amy S. – DGO part time city staff let go, still moving forward with WUI treatments, Durango Fire Protection District planning to do the field work. Different work conditions for this spring.

- NRCS and CSFS working remotely but available.
- Buildings are locked, alert if materials needed
- CPW available remotely
- Danny M.: excited about cross collaborative input discussions already occurring, wants to offer support
- Noah and Matt – offer any input about operations/work on the ground. SJNF has an incident management team to prepare for coming fire season and how to bring on seasonal workforce. Working through lots of logistics. All Rx burning has been halted in region 2 at this time.

1440 – 1445 La Plata County CPAW – Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (Allison Layman, La Plata Co)

- Grant secured end of 2019, in effect Jan 2020 – Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire. A good way for this group’s ideas to become a reality!
- CPAW grant (USFS, LOR Foundation and Headwaters Economics funders)
 - o Assistance offered at no cost to communities
 - o Already worked in 30 communities around the country. Only 6 counties selected for program this year including LPC!
- Process
 - o 6-month review of processes for decision making that impacts planning
 - o Work with county-organized stakeholder group to identify priorities
 - o Want recommendations on land use and building codes
 - o Full Hazard assessment map
 - o Streamlined map produced as a tool
 - o Recommendations focused around land use planning
 - o CPAW committee will present to county commissioners about development of goals and outcomes on May 5: provide some feedback!
- Products
 - o Final recommendations created by August 2020

1445 – 1500 Wrap up and Next Steps (Stacy, Anthony)

- Review and input on draft strategic plan
 - o Stacey and Anthony to reach out about work groups
- Missing pieces
- Setting a regular meeting schedule
- Proceeding with COVID-19
 - o Virtual space for the foreseeable future. Let’s keep collaborating!
- Feedback on virtual meeting facilitation

Rough plan for the next meetings, consider very TBD given COVID-19 considerations:

- Early April – Convene the Steering Committee to provide feedback and deeper review of draft strategic plan.
- Early/Mid-April – Meet with any partners and steering committee members to provide individual input and feedback on the strategic plan.
- Late April – originally scheduled for 28 April – Full stakeholder meeting to roll out final draft of the strategic plan; possibly tie this meeting to a planning/prioritization workshop.