

Columbine Resilient Forest Partnership
Meeting agenda for Wednesday June 12, 2019

- I. Welcome and Intros
 - a. Aaron Kimple (MSI), Charlie Landsman (WAP), Marcie Demmy Bidwell (MSI), Emily Swindell (MSI), Kyle O’Neil (COFS, NRCS), Ryan Cox (COFS), Kent Grant (retired from COFS, now board of supervisors for conservation district), Danny Margoles (DWRF), Cody Robertson (NRCS), Laura Trimmerly (NRCS), Jimbo Buickerood (SJCA), Anthony Culpepper (MSI), Brad (USFS), Anthony Madrid (USFS)

- II. Review Goals, Objectives, and Geography
 - a. 1st need stakeholder input
 - b. Columbine Resilient Forest Partnership (CRFP): placeholder name
 - c. Mission/Vision: broad, can develop more later
 - d. Call to Action: can be further developed
 - e. Objectives: Marcie not a big fan of brackets – just say it if it’s important. Also, edit last objective to read, “Implement cross-boundary projects within the scope of mission *and* vision”
 - f. Geography: San Juan Mountains/La Plata county
 - i. There’s a void in Columbine District
 - ii. Map to describe project area – Columbine District + La Plata County and some of San Juan County
 - iii. Hinsdale County and ___ County interested in this project
 - iv. Anthony C.: please share boundary files on map with Danny
 - v. Broad geography that will cover habitats with *P. ponderosa*, *Juniperus spp.*, all the way up to *Picea spp.*
 - vi. Some Rio Grande included – interesting “gap” around this area
 - vii. Date has been communicated to just this group

- III. Review Communications Strategy
 - a. Communication continues to happen across the forest and development w NEPA
 - i. Danny: collaborative play is important role between stakeholders and FS
 - b. CRFP Draft
 - i. Draft modeled after Headwaters Partnership (SJHFHP)
 - ii. Have help define 3 short-term, 3 intermediate, and 3 long-term outcomes from collaborative perspective
 1. Marcie: What are timeframes of short, intermediate, and long-term?
 - a. Short-term: These are changes and benefits in the system, eg: behaviors, knowledge, skills, and functions
 - i. Change order to represent building collaborative, assessing impacts, *then* moving to actions, eg: treatment – #1: Make community aware of threats

of wildfire, #2: Est. a collaborative process, #3: ID priority areas for securing vital community resources, #4: ID issues associated with treatment, #5: Treat acres on the ground in areas around vital community resources

- b. Long-Term: any ecology goal?
 - i. #1: Resilient communities with vital resources *and infrastructure* secured
 - ii. #3: Est. stronger, more diverse economic base → All economies? Specific economies?
 - iii. Outputs: should be direct results of activities, products, and services rendered; acres treated is an output, reducing wildfire risk is the outcome
 - iv. #2: An established process for vetting the needs and concerns of the community *and opportunities*

IV. Partner List

- a. Amy Schwarzbach (Durango Natural Resources Manager)
- b. Butch Knowlton (Director of Emergency Preparedness)
- c. Bruce Evans (Upper Pine River Fire Protection District Chief)
- d. Jim Donovan (San Juan County Office of Emergency Management Director)
- e. Chris Tipton (Columbine District Fire Management Officer)
- f. Mark from Ignacio
- g. HOA ambassadors: look for key communities to break into certain areas
 - i. Forest Lakes
 - ii. Rafter Jay & Edgemont biggest communities
 - iii. Glacier Club – Ryan will reach out to contact for this area
 - iv. East side of 550 North corridor for FS, far north area like Silverton
- h. SWCD
 - i. Pine River – Ken Beck (superintendent), same with Florida too
 - ii. Larger private landowners: W and E sides of county, relying on Ryan for Northern area (in Lemon area and 550 North) – John Miles getting landowners signed up to do work on land
- i. Chuck Stevens (La Plata County Manager)
- j. San Juan and La Plata County representatives
 - i. Bob Wolf (SW Water Conservation) and Charlie Smith (SWCD) – Jim will invite
- k. Ed Zinc (Animas Consolidated) and Dan – Laura will invite
- l. Al Harper (D&SNG)
- m. Purgatory: maybe Elizabeth (COO)
- n. Ellen Roberts (state rep and forest issues): ask to give a keynote speech
- o. David PC and Chuck (Charles Lineau – new Vice Tanner)
- p. Leanne (SJ Basin Health) and Brian (Water/Environment guy)
- q. Beth LaChelle

- r. Kathy Metts: Laura will reach out
- s. Tribes - Southern Ute: Jesse and Brian
- t. Don Coram (CO State Senator, District 6)
- u. Clyde Church (La Plata County Commissioner)
- v. Tom Stritikus (Fort Lewis College president) and Julie Korb (fire ecologist instructor)
- w. CPW
- x. Imogen Ainsworth (Durango Sustainability Coordinator)
- y. Backcountry Hunters & Anglers: Luke Klein
- z. Backcountry Horsemen
- aa. Forest Products Industry – Russ Gartner (Studs Lumber): might have rep to send
- bb. Water District: SW Conservation District
- cc. Somebody who pulls logs: maybe Montrose; Excelsior? Can mention to Norm Bercher
- dd. Key Contractors: Tom Ross
- ee. Someone like Bruce or Steve Underwoods – Charlie will invite
- ff. David PC and Chuck (Charles Lineau – new Vice Tanner)
- gg. New DR James Semino starts July 22nd, but there will be FS representation since FS won't change course and continues to work collaboratively with public. Anthony M. will be filling in for Beth and will be at meeting

hh. ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

- i. Fire Chiefs may have good contact ideas
- ii. San Juan and La Plata County: need to think about Durango, Bayfield, and Ignacio as well as emergency services → **already listed above w/ Knowlton, Evans, & Donovan, or should there be more??**
- iii. Charlie: treating all open space and vague conversations about fire in city open spaces (slash piles, Overend) – new direction for them – important to get
- iv. Find out what's planned regarding harvest, Rx burns, and vegetation management
 - 1. Pargin Burn scheduled fall 2019
- v. Check w/ BLM Gunnison Field Office regarding proposals: MSI will do this (travel management plan) – want BLM to be a part of the conversation
- vi. Recreation (eg: Trails 2000, Trout Unlimited)

V. Plan Partner Meeting

- a. Animas Valley Grange: July 11th 9am-12pm
 - i. Welcome and Introductions by MSI
 - ii. Quick keynote from Ellen (10min)
 - iii. Introduction by MSI to initial concept, collaborative idea, have draft mission vision, the importance of locally based collaboratives, and stress that nothing is set in stone and should involve stakeholder input
 - 1. Give state definition of resilience to provide shared understanding
 - 2. Have DWRF describe resilient landscapes

3. Mention other resilience efforts
- iv. Put up geography
 1. Map is important to illustrate contiguousness
 - a. Danny: talk about DWRF, 2-3-2, Headwaters, and gap in map (with scale)
 - b. Could show the city is part of the collaborative which might get more buy-in from city because they're part of a larger group
- v. Present different groups and share collective interest (30min)
- vi. Introduce collaboration from management perspective with Chris Tipton and ask him to briefly explain fire and forest health
- vii. Anthony M. will talk about collaborative approach and interest from FS, will book Matt to come too (30min)
- viii. Highlight opportunities with Charlie's constituents in conjunction with Laura, NRCS, and others – project with AFF, talk about opportunities through NRCS and Wildfire Adapted to show there's help at all levels and that we want input of stakeholders and private landowners
- ix. Roll into potential of collaborations (30min for scaling down piece)
 1. Contrast how different collaboratives have worked/not worked
 2. Emphasize need for communication between collaboratives across San Juan Mountains
- x. Shorten up on the front, allow time for questions, present Columbine concept, then wrap up and ask about 2nd meeting with interested parties

VI. TIMELINE

- a. 6/13: Invitation list and message drafted (Aaron)
- b. 6/21: Invitations sent out
- c. 6/28: RSVP list completed
- d. 7/11: Meeting

VII. Secondary Meeting

- a. People can be invited to submit short bio, contact info, and supportive efforts with other collaborations that's shared among everyone
- b. Can have breakouts for mission, vision, and potential outcomes
- c. Can talk about climate change as we workshop this project
- d. Discuss media/press release if this moves forward
- e. Breakouts
- f. Danny and DWRF has put a lot of effort into their work
 - i. Exercise that starts to create this
 - ii. Don't want to present too much that looks formalized
 1. At beginning stages
 2. Creating definitions for work
 3. Want to support other efforts
 4. We want input

5. We see collaboration important across landscapes