

**Catalina-Rincon FireScape
Steering Committee Meeting
January 9, 2009**

Present:

Sherry Tune – Santa Catalina Ranger District
Bill Hart – Santa Catalina Ranger District
Steve Plevel - Consultant
Tom Swetnam – Tree-Ring Lab, University of Arizona
Barbara Morehouse – ISPE, University of Arizona
Don Falk – School of Natural Resources, University of Arizona
Brooke Gebow – The Nature Conservancy
Lori Wilson – Tree-Ring Lab, University of Arizona

- 1) Report on 1/5/09 meeting regarding defining units – Brooke Gebow
 - There was some progress made to further define and identify units however it was determined that the needs for NEPA/compliance may be different than the needs for the Science group, etc. It was decided that the Steering Group needs to identify the needs for each group (compliance, science, etc) and have each working group perform the task. Brooke proposed having the TEAMS group help to gather information. There is funding available to provide for expenses of having TEAMS perform much of this work. Steering group to work on this at the February 5th meeting.
- 2) Pima County Letter – Steve Plevel
 - The group has reviewed the letter and approved with a few modifications. It was decided that the letter should come from Jeanine and Tom Swetnam. Steve to finalize letter and send to Tom and Sherry to sign and mail out.
- 3) Contact List – Lori Wilson
 - Lori has created a first draft of the contact list. Steve to review and meet with Lori on 1/14/09 to enhance.
- 4) Action List – Steve Plevel
 - Steve created a new tool for keeping track of tasks and their status for the Steering Committee. Lori will maintain this tool and Steve will work with Lori to finalize the set up of the spreadsheet and Lori will send it out before each Steering Committee meeting.
- 5) Engagement Plan – Steve Plevel
 - The project needs to get on track in making sure key people are identified, what their involvement will be and who needs to be communicated to. The Steering Group members need to identify who will be the key contact in communicating the project to those identified. This is to be worked on at the 2/5/09 meeting.

6) Meeting Times – Group

- Steering Group - 1st Thursday of each month starting in February, 2009. The meetings will be held at The Nature Conservancy from 1-3 p.m. (2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3)
- Working Group – 3rd Thursday of each month starting in February, 2009. The meeting time will be 2-4 p.m. with the location to be determined. (2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17) This meeting will include all members of any working group who want to have an update on the overall project and will provide the opportunity for working groups to be updated on the status of the other working groups.

7) Links between Catalina-Rincon FireScape and other plans - Group

- Coronado NF LMP revision
- Pima County Desert Conservation Plan
- Saguaro NF Fire Managements Plan

8) By-way brochure due 2/28/09 – Sherry

9) Earmarks – Tom

- Tom suggested the need to brief Grijalva on earmarks. Tom to talk to Federal Relations on or before 2/5 and discuss at Steering Group.