

## **Agenda Catalina-Rincon FireScape Meeting Notes**

**April 1, 2010**

**9:00 am at The Nature Conservancy (1510 E. Fort Lowell)**

**In attendance:** Angie Elam, Don Falk, Brooke Gebow, Stan Helin, Kristy Lund, Steve Plevel Jennifer Ruyle, Randall Smith (notes by BSG)

**Fuels workshop April 19, 20, 21 at Cochise College, Benson.** Cori has done a great job coordinating the workshop. Looks like Josh, Perry, Don, Kevin, Jim M, Chris S, and Brooke will be there plus crew from the Chiricahua-Dragoon project. Process will be to correct Landfire veg layer then assign fuel models. Led by Joe Scott (fuels analyst) and Don Helmbrecht (fire behavior modeler). Starts 8:30 am Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Latest on the project schedule.** Stan laid out the “bus” route approach to schedules—different paths for different functions (science, outreach, TEAMS, wilderness analysis, Andrea). (Janel’s version appears as a separate attachment.) Major point made: keep Andrea in the loop, science folks need other functions to tell them what they need. Brooke suggested that we first will need some logical and basic fire behavior and effects model runs for our effects analyses (with and without treatments). Jennifer added that running 2-3 discrete scenarios through compliance comes first, then later folks can look at their infinite possibilities.

As we keep working towards a proposed action, Randall reiterated the possible need to be more detailed for wilderness and WUI. Angie gave input from the recent workshop on wilderness that we may be asked to develop both wilderness and non-wilderness options, given the serious process required to get permission to treat in wilderness using mechanized help.

**Outreach next steps.** Steve listed outreach tasks he’d like us to tackle soon: dealing with messages relating to CWPP-wilderness boundaries, orienting fire districts, updating park and district staff, updating elected officials, publicizing website, refine primary contacts amongst this group. **Jennifer will get the “key opinion leaders” list to Cori** to make sure we keep those people informed. Randall talked about PERP including partners and tribes all along.

Steve thinks it’s more effective to show up at others’ meetings; Don asks that we prioritize appearances—a lot of us could spend a lot of time “on the road.” **Everyone inform Cori of your interactions (formal and informal) with interested parties.**

Kristy emphasized the need for clear and uniform talking points—when we’re non-specific and variable it doesn’t help our case. In addition to logging whom we talk with, we need to update those talking points at each meeting. **We will devote a healthy amount of our next meeting (May 6) to working up that list of points. Meanwhile, send your ideas to Brooke.**

Steve’s evolving role would have him stay involved throughout but shedding detailed tasks. He plans to attend the monthly meetings, help guide Cori on outreach efforts, and represent FireScape with groups he knows well.

**Other updates.** CFLRP proposal has gone to the RO, and that office has until May 1 to rate; expecting efforts from us, Gila, Jemez, 4-FRI. Our case is that we are ready to go with two projects, with a cascade of others waiting in the wings. Weakness is no utilization to speak of. Asking for \$1.6 million/year, 2011 to 2020. Funding comes half from Congress, half from the region. We should all be on the lookout for opportunities to further the cause.

Trees for Mt Lemmon is funding Melanie Myers.

Dan Robinett has put fire return intervals from all sorts of sources for lower elevation desired conditions. **Don will bring FRID folks together and invite Dan.**

Looks like JFS will be funding the SW Fire Consortium (translating science effort).

Kyl aid visit April 6—Brooke, Stan, and Brenda Burman (TNC) will give Lucy Murfitt a tour of the Catalinas within a greater FireScape context. Messages—pay now for treatments or pay later for suppression bigtime. Chris S has \$\$/acre figures.

Congressional field hearing on buffelgrass April 10 (Grijalva).

Hanging assignment relative to desired conditions:

- Brooke and Cori will meet with Jim Malusa to review the Ecological Unit descriptions and look at formatting new sections/subjects for inclusion.