

Catalina-Rincon FireScape Meeting Notes

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Catalina Ranger District Office (5700 N. Sabino Canyon Rd)

In attendance: Cori Dolan, Angie Elam, Brooke Gebow, Kathy Makansi, Devin Quintana, Stephanie Rayburn, Josh Taiz (notes by Cori Dolan and Brooke Gebow)

Scoping Notice Update

The Catalina scoping notice went out to the public May 25th. The Santa Catalina Ranger District Office mailing included addresses from the Saguaro NP mailing list. Many of the addresses provided from Saguaro NP were incorrect and the mailings have been returned undelivered. **Cori will contact Perry to let him know. Stephanie will check with Janel on how email comments are stored and how we can get TEAMS to categorize comments like they did for Chiricahua. Cori will check USFS website to see if scoping notice has been posted there** (if so, she will also add the notice to the FireScape website). Stephanie would also like to look into getting something online that will allow the public to sign up to receive the notice by email. **Cori and Stephanie will look into this** on both the USFS and FireScape website ends.

Update on departure analysis

Brooke reported that Don Helmbrecht is currently working on the departure analysis and fuels analysis. This information is needed for the other specialist reports. In April, a web/phone webinar was held to update the LandFire data that Don needs for the departure analysis. Stephanie would like to set up a conference call with all TEAMS specialists. **Cori will help coordinate the TEAMS conference call.** Brooke also reported that we were assigned new hydrologist and soils specialists. Stephanie reported that she and Craig have begun work on the Vegetation Report. Kathy mentioned that Travel Management work was taking priority over FireScape, which may push our timeline back. **Cori will send the last version of our timeline to Stephanie for updating.** Kathy also wanted clarification that the specialists will be analyzing by ecological unit (EU), which Brooke confirmed. **Brooke will contact Don H. to touch base on the timeline for the departure and fuels analyses.**

Update on the MRDG

Stephanie has been working on the MRDG and will call Jen Morrissey for further input. Brooke mentioned that she and Angie wrote a piece that will be helpful for the beginning section of the MRDG. **Brooke will send the piece to Stephanie.** Angie and Devin recommended adding maps and pictures to illustrate issues and concerns.

Update on ILAP meeting

The Integrated Landscape Assessment Project (ILAP) team members will be holding a joint meeting with FireScape on August 15, 2011 at the National Advanced Fire and Resource Institute (NAFRI) in Tucson. The agenda will include assessing the needs of FireScape partners and associated groups that may be met by ILAP products. Cori reported that Janine Salwasser, meeting coordinator, would like our input as to the invitation list. The group discussed inviting representatives from each FireScape project/federal partner plus environmental/NGO groups that are interested in land management and climate change in the Sky Island region. The group also discussed waiting to invite private landowners until there are products from our specific region to show. At this point, the ILAP team will only be presenting general results from other regions in the country.

Next steps

The TEAMS conference call will be late July. After that, we will look into scheduling an August IDT meeting. **Cori will confirm with Stephanie and Brooke and send an email to the ID Team.**