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Catalina-Rincon FireScape
Meeting Notes
September 30, 2008

1The purpose of the meeting was to bring people up-to-date about the status of the project and to present a proposed structure to help keep the work focused.

Introductions were made. See the sign-in sheets.

1Don Falk reviewed the goals of the project. He presented the FireScape triangle.

1Don and Sherry Tune then described the proposed structure and what is included in each component.

Sherry talked about compliance and the role of TEAMS Enterprise.

Tom Swetnam presented some background and described the need and importance of this project.

Don presented an overview of the science component and Jim Malusa described the Land Type Association mapping being done.

Steve Plevel presented the Engagement process envisioned. He requested that the participants review it and give him some feedback.

Sherry talked about how FireScape fits with current and on-going management activities.

Don and Sherry talked about a timeline, there is no concrete one at this time. They did talk about the sequence of work and that the desire is to have FireScape ready for full implementation in 2 to 3 years.

Don, Sherry and Tom touched on funding.

The last 10 or so minutes was spent in open discussion. See the following page for items presented or discussed.

Items From Discussion

- Will this project address invasive species e.g., buffelgrass? Yes.
- What is the status of Grijalva bill & earmak? Tom Swetnam discussed.
- Steve had mentioned need for a web site, John Jones, Trees for Mt. Lemmon, said they may be able to help.
- What are you doing, what is your interest? Question to ask people who might have information or data useful to FireScape.
- There is a NEPA decision to be made for FireScape.
- Need information to give to Working Group members to use for discussion with others e.g., talking points, handout.
- Be sure to address the Wilderness Act requirements as well as ESA, etc.
- Look at using WALTER to help inform and involve people. There are some policy pages which may be useful.

ENGAGEMENT
Things To Do
(Note: this is a start)

- Compile common contact list. Identify other contact lists we can use.
- Identify where to make info available.
- compile list of work done to date.
- Compile list of people in Steering Group and Working Group.
- Describe meeting structure.
- Prepare a paper about the organization and rationale.
- Prepare a paper describing relation of FireScape to other activities.
- Update the Overview and PowerPoint presentation.
- Develop posters with Goals and Guidelines and a base map. Post at all meetings.
- Identify people to help with the engagement process.

Steering Group

Sherry Tune-Coronado National Forest
Don Falk-University of Arizona
Tom Swetnam-University of Arizona
Brooke Gebow-The Nature Conservancy
Chris French-US forest Service-TEAMS

Core Collaborators

US Forest Service (RO)
Pima County
Congressional Delegation
Arizona State Forestry Division
Arizona State Land Department
Governor=s Office

Working Group

Coronado National Forest
Saguaro National Park
University of Arizona
The Nature Conservancy
Arizona State Parks
Local communities & organizations

Coordinate, Review & Endorse

Rocky Mountain Research Station
Arizona Game & Fish Department
US Fish & Wildlife Service
ADEQ
Forest Health Council
NRCS
USGS
Pima County Supervisors
Pima County Flood Control
NAU: ERI, Forest ERA
UA: NEON, Bio2, TSI

Catalina-Rincon FireScape

GOALS

- Apply quantitative, contemporary science to ecosystem management.
- Restore ecosystem processes in fire adapted, and other, ecosystems.
 - Apply adaptive management using a variety of methods and tools including non-fire and prescribed fire treatments.
 - Use the post-burn mosaic created by the Bullock and Aspen fires as an opportunity for management.
 - Create/support ecosystem resilience.
- Demonstrate the potential for a large scale, integrated approach to ecosystem management.
 - Plan and work at the landscape/mountain range scale.
- Reduce/manage fire hazards to people and communities; reduce the risk of catastrophic fire.
 - Continue current work while developing FireScape.
 - Improve (increase) management efficiency.
- Develop social consensus/shared vision/community support.
 - Engage collaborators and the public.
 - Develop financial support for initial work and on-going management.

CATALINA-RINCON FIRESCAPE
ENGAGEMENT

GOAL: Develop social consensus, shared vision, community support and the support of big funders.

Help people understand the big scale approach being advocated. We should engage people in an on-going dialogue (conversation, discussion, ... the term dialogue is used in a very broad sense.) The purposes of this dialogue are to inform and educate; to solicit information, opinions and values; to gather support.

People have different levels of interest at different times.

ACTION: Provide a variety of on-going opportunities for involvement. Keep activities as informal as possible. Ask people to identify ways to gather ideas.

People want to know “What’s happening?” even when they don’t want to be/can’t be actively involved.

ACTION: Use a variety of methods to provide on-going information and status. Ask people to identify ways to share information and gather data.

People want to feel that they are spend their time wisely, that their time is not being wasted.

ACTION: Conduct meetings, workshops, presentations, etc. efficiently; maximize people’s productivity; keep tasks of a manageable size. Be specific about who is doing what, when, where and how.

It needs to be clear how this effort fits with current on-going management and other planning efforts.

ACTION: Compile a list of activities and primary contact people. Invite them to participate. Make sure that they are kept up-to-date.

WHO:

- Tier 1: steering group, working team, those most directly affected.
- Tier 2: those directly affected, decision makers, have money.
- Tier 3: have information, have an interest, are more indirectly affected.

Have a single consolidated contact list for steering group and core working team to use.

METHODS (not in any order of importance):

Meet on “their turf.”

One-on-one contacts.

Small group presentations, meetings, workshops.

“Formal” presentations and meetings.

Build a matrix of publics v methods.

Document what was done, why, who did it and the results. Post meeting notes.

Post documents developed.

Have a web site (use an existing one). Identify who will operate and maintain.

Contact a person just before they realize that the Firescape project will affect them personally.

Need to make sure that all the people working on the project are kept well informed and up-to-date.