

**Catalina-Rincon FireScape  
Steering Committee Meeting  
March 5, 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  
Don Falk – School of Natural Resources, University of Arizona  
Brooke Gebow – The Nature Conservancy  
Lori Wilson – Tree-Ring Lab, University of Arizona

1) Budget & Money

- Brooke announced having some budget cuts at TNC which may affect her involvement/time commitment for FireScape. Sherry reported June – October is \$50k, October 2009 through October 2010 is \$150k. Brooke is requesting \$10-\$20k/year for three years to continue Brooke's needs in order to continue to support CR FireScape. Brooke to submit "Statement of work" to Sherry & Don to put together proposal/request for funding. Don to submit amendment to funding. It was suggested that funding, if approved, would be paid easier through U of A than through Forest Service.
- Stimulus Money – Brooke, Bill, Sherry & Drew to meet to develop plan for staffing of ground crew/fuels crew.
- Forest Landscape Restoration Act – Tom proposed having a meeting with Shay Stautz (UA Federal Relations), Don and Tom regarding a meeting with Grijalva to address competition.

2) M-580 Fieldtrip on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- Sherry, Tom, Pete Gordon, Shafquillah, Don to talk and bring handouts. Time is 12-5.
- Group to meet to discuss agenda on April 2<sup>nd</sup> before Steering Group meeting at 12:30.

3) Jim Malusa's Commitments

- Jim has been offered a contract with Barry Goldwater which he has been working on for some time. It is a long-term project and FireScape will lose much of his time through May. Jim started a web-based tool to access for 4 of the LTA's including summaries of vegetation, soil, including photos of the landscape. There are 75 total, leaving 71 yet to be completed. With Jim's limited availability, it will be necessary to prioritize his FireScape projects. Brooke needs all 10-20 types completed for compliance. (Could use TEAMS to help with this) It was suggested to use information gathered from the Working Group meeting in January for NEPA to work from. Bill needs detailed mapping for his project needs (ELT's) in which TEAMS could be useful.

- Lori to set up meeting with Jim Malusa, Bill, Don & Brooke for lumping of LTA's and working out details of needs from Jim.
  - Steve to review Jim's web work and evaluate for engagement purposes.
- 4) Webmaster Position
- Sherry announced that there is a Forest Service employee that may come to Tucson (Vicky) who is interested in learning web programming. She will have more information on this person on March 17<sup>th</sup> to determine if this person might be able to be the FireScape webmaster. She would have a learning curve as she has no experience in website programming and set up.
  - Lori and Don to continue posting the position at the U of A.
  - It was discussed that Melanie will assist the webmaster with content and some assistance in developing the website, however Melanie's expertise is geared more for content, not developing the website.
- 5) Working Group Meetings
- Steve proposed layout and goals of how working group meeting will be structured. Agenda for 3/19/09 Working Group meeting is to go out with TEAMS list attachment, invitation and agenda of meeting.
  - Steering Committee members to send Lori updated contact list information by Monday, 3/9/09.
  - Lori to email out the information to Working Group members and Core Collaborators by 3/10/09.
  - Lori to send out reminder of all Working Group meetings two weeks before each meeting, and the agenda one week before each meeting.
- 6) Brochure feedback
- It was determined that a brochure is needed for general audiences with less information than the current brochure. It was proposed that the current brochure be used as the base for this need and edited to create a general audience tool.
  - It was also determined that a general Powerpoint presentation is needed as well as a display and poster. Steve to talk to Barbara Morehouse about these needs.
  - Lori to look into how to copyright a logo once one has been created for FireScape. It was suggested that the logo's tagline be: "FireScape in the Catalina and Rincon Mountains" .

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2nd from 2-4 p.m. at TNC.