

FireScape on the Catalina and Rincon Mountains
Steering Group Meeting
April 2, 2009
Notes taken by Sherry Tune

In attendance: Sherry Tune, Brooke Gebow, Don Falk, Bill Hart, and Stan Helin

Stan Helin, District Ranger for the Santa Catalina Ranger District, was a special guest, who provided valued contribution to our meeting.

Brooke had to leave at 3:00 p.m. for an TNC meeting.

Tom Swetnam could not make the meeting, because of a last minute presentation. Lori could not make the meeting due to illness, so I attempt to provide these meeting notes. Steve Plevel was not available because of other commitments.

Brooke and Bill provided the overview of the work completed on the Ecological Units (EU). A handout of EU was distributed. There was a meeting with Jim Malusa, Bill Hart, Don Falk, Larry Laing, and Brooke Gebow earlier in the day to address the EUs. As a result of the meeting, Jim, Bill and Brooke will provide an update to agreed upon consolidation and a crosswalk to the treatment types. Once handed to TEAMS for the analysis, there maybe further consolidation.

All agreed with Brooke that we do not have a need for a working group meeting on April 16th. However, we all agreed that we need a meeting to “Create the Team” meeting. Don recommended that Lori will coordinate location, date and time for this meeting prior to May 7th. We want to include Chris French and encourage his participation while he is here in Tucson for Huachuca FireScape ID Team meeting. The date will be determined after April 9th, when Chris will firm up the dates.

Chris French will continue as our Compliance Team Lead for FireScape on the Catalina and Rincon Mountains.

Jeanine has made a decision to move forward with an EIS for FireScape on the Catalina and Rincon Mountains.

Sherry has requested \$70,000 for funding to ensure funding through October 2009. This includes funding for Brooke Gebow’s work. In 2010 and 2011, Sherry has requested funding for \$200,000 each fiscal year to support FireScape on the Catalina and Rincon Mountains and the LTA development on FireScape on the Chiricahua Mountains.

The webmaster will be hired by the Forest as collateral duties – Rosemont, FireScape, and General Forest web work. There are concerns that we will not get the service demanded from this effort, and thought of a separate position surfaced. Don will check with Lori to see if she had any interest in the advertisement.

Sherry will be taking a detail to the Regional Office in fire management. She is still committed to FireScape and will continue participation.

Bill provided an overview of the mid-scale vegetation mapping and how that will fit in with the EU. Bill explained that the mid-scale vegetation mapping captured the Aspen and Bullock post burn mosaic and felt it was beneficial to the analysis. Bill recommends that we invite Jack Tripke to present the mid-scale mapping work for Plan Revision to the District. Sherry will follow up with Jack while on Detail.

Don provided a brief update on Science. Three components: 1) Fire Behavior and Effects modeling, 2) Fire History and regime, 3) Carbon Dynamics.

Bill provided a brief update on Engagement. There was a list of meetings that he sent to Lori and Steve. He needs support for the Oracle Public Meeting scheduled for May 7th.

- Bill needs the wall size Goals
- Goals included in the PPT
- Others from the Steering Committee to attend the meeting – please contact Bill directly if you can attend. Sherry is available
- Needs over 100 Brochures printed for handout
- Requests a meeting prior to May 7th to ensure everything is in place for a successful meeting
- Will work with Steve to coordinate

It is important to have the Park Service on the Steering Committee. The intent is not to re-analyze the recent EIS decision on the Saguaro National Park, but to ensure that the work we are doing now will integrate into future analysis for the NPS Fire Management Plan in 2012 or 2013. The long term goal is to have a seamless process that looks beyond jurisdictional boundaries.