

FireScape: Santa Catalina & Rincon Mountains  
Steering Group Meeting Minutes  
7/8/09

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In attendance: Don Falk, Brooke Gebow, Perry Grissom, Stan Helin, Jennifer Ruyle, Josh Taiz, Chris Stetson, Randall Smith, Steve Plevel, Lori Wilson

1. Steering Group Members Identified

- Due to the loss of two Steering Group Members from the Forest Service, Bill Hart & Sherry Tune, the group determined it necessary to review the current Steering Group members, clarify roles, identify any gaps. It was determined that the FireScape: Catalina & Rincon Mountains Steering Group members are as follows:
- Tom Swetnam – Advocate for project, provides broader scope
- Stan Helin – Forest Service Representation, provides broader scope, decision maker
- Darla Sidles – Provides broader scope from Nat'l Park Service, decision maker.
- Brooke Gebow – Project/Program Manager for entire project including oversight for implementation and compliance
- Don Falk – Science lead
- Kristy Lund – NPS/FS implementation
- Jennifer Ruyle – Compliance
- Steve Plevel – Engagement
- Lori Wilson – Administrative support
- Additional roles – Perry Grissom in absence of Kristy Lund & Josh Taiz in absence of Bill Hart's position until filled.

2. Budget & Funding

- Randall Smith provided an update on Forest Service funding for FireScape: Catalina & Rincon Mountains for 2010 and 2011. \$270,000 has been approved with an additional \$30,000 per year for the next three years being requested to fund a 50% FTE from The Nature Conservancy (Brooke Gebow). This along with other funding requests for additional CNF mountain FireScape plans are waiting for results.
- Don Falk provided a detailed budget for July, 2009 through June 2012 asking the Steering Group for review and approval. The group approved the budget for Don to submit and implement.

3. Program Manager Position

- Brooke Gebow will become the program manager for FireScape. Brooke has requested input from all Steering Group members to provide feedback on the role and responsibilities of this position no later than July 17<sup>th</sup>.

4. Webmaster Position

- Don proposed the idea of having Mickey Reed, an SNR contracted employee serve as the FireScape webmaster. Mickey had been instrumental in assisting Jim Malusa in setting up the mapping website and is already knowledgeable of the FireScape project. Lori to set up meeting with Steve, Don, Lori & Mickey to discuss Mickey's interest and availability.

5. Event Sequence and Timelines

- Each Steering Group member was asked at the last meeting to submit steps, objectives and timelines for each segment (Compliance, Science, Engagement & Implementation). Steve submitted the Engagement portion. The remaining segments are due by the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

6. Outreach Calendar & Action Item List

- Steve spoke about the Outreach calendar and Action item list and asked the group to notify Lori of any items that should be listed on each of these documents (Outreach calendar is to list public

events in which FireScape (Catalina & Rincon) is presented. Action Item list is to post items that are needing action by one or more Steering Group members to track the status of those items and ensure they are not lost or forgotten) Both of these files are located on the web-based Steering Group website at:

<https://www.ltr.arizona.edu/~lmwilson/project/>

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Next meeting: Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 1-3 p.m. at The Nature Conservancy at 1510 E. Ft. Lowell.