



New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council Meeting Minutes

10 a.m. Thursday, January 14th, 2016

New Mexico State Forestry – Socorro Office

Minutes

10:00 Welcome, facility briefing, introductions

Attending meeting in person: Doug Boykin, Eric Krueger, Andy Lopez, Butch Wilson, Dominic Otero,
On Phone: Lisa Bye, Don Kearney, Rick Merrick, Doug Cram, Kent Reid, Jeremy Bailey, Tim Kirkpatrick, Julie Ann Overton, Bill Armstrong, Angel Montoya, Mark Cadwallader

1. NM Rx Fire Council Business
 - a. Bank account, 501c3 status Articles of Incorporation has been submitted to Secretary of State with certificate of Incorporation completed (\$25.00 filing fee paid for out of CFRP funds), EIN # secured from IRS, 501c3 application submitted with \$400 fee paid (Boykin paid via personnel credit card and will be reimbursed by SSMRC&D via CFRP grant), initial non-profit report ready to submit to Secretary of State with \$10.00 fee to be paid by CFRP grant (waiting on check). CFRP can also provide some seed money to start a bank account. Forest Fitness LLC also donated \$500 to be used as seed money for the bank account.
 - b. Logo WX Graphics will create a banner for us for the Legislative Booth for \$92.88 (can be purchased with CFRP grant funds). They can also set up a separate web page within their web page where we can order NM Rx Fire logo items (e.g., license plates, window decals, bumper stickers, t-shirts, caps, etc.). They have offered to give the Council 15% off of each purchased item.
2. Old Business
 - a. Website update - Cram posted draft agenda and registration for Rodeo workshop.
 - b. CFRP grant status/update - Mike Caggiano
RX Trailer Status Don has been working on this, has a list put together including the trailer specs (see attachment below); will also be getting donated stuff from the Quemado Ranger District as well as Bosque Del Apache.
 - c. RX Council display at 2016 NM Legislature February 2, 2016 at the NM Roundhouse. See Logo agenda item above for banner; Pam Bostwick's pictures were more wildfire than prescribed fire so Julie Ann will look for a combination of prescribed fire pictures and fire effect pictures (as recommended by Jeremy) to get ready. Will need to be reimbursed or paid for by Council (CFRP Grant). Power point program is ready to go; TNC video will be on continuous run. Julie Ann and Cliff will get there early to set up. Don is planning on being there all day as is Rick. Bill can be there till mid-afternoon. All agreed to see if we can contact John Lissoway, Orlando Romero and Bob Lineback to staff the booth (Doug will Contact). Ellis Margolis is a fire ecologist with USGS, his office is in Santa Fe. He has expressed an interest in participating in the booth and will be providing fire scarred and dated tree samples. He will drop those off to Bill in the next few weeks. Need to staff out the attached staffing sheet by the end of next week (1-22-16). Please contact Don or Boykin for scheduling. If we can get some stickers to hand out in time, will try to have them on hand. Draft talking points as of our November meeting are the last attachment below.
3. New Business
 - a. Planning workshop with Malpai Borderlands Group & AZ Rx Council in SW NM (Feb. 18, 2016) see attached draft schedule. Next sub-committee meeting/conference call will be on 2/11/16 at 4:00 p.m.
 - b. Update/finalize language for Legislative memorial Don has submitted draft language to Speaker Tripp who has passed it on to committee/staff to finalize and be ready to read where appropriate. Don will request that is gets read/introduced on 2/2/16 at the legislature.
4. Action Item Capture

1. Other items mentioned – Do we want to set up for Ag. Day January 26, 2016?

12:00 Dismissal

Next meeting 2/26/16 10:00 am Socorro

Sign Up Sheet for NM Prescribed Fire Council 2016 Legislative Day Booth

February 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Set up: Julie Anne Overton, Cliff Russell

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| 8:00 am to 10:00am | <u>Don Kearney</u> | <u>Ed Singleton</u> |
| | <u>Bill Armstrong</u> | <u>Eytan Krasilovsky</u> |
| 10:00 am to 12:00 PM | <u>Don Kearney, Kent Reid</u> | <u>Ed Singleton</u> |
| | <u>Rick Merrick</u> | <u>Bill Armstrong</u> |
| | <u>Eytan Krasilovsky</u> | <u>Kent Reid</u> |
| 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM | <u>Don Kearney</u> | <u>Rick Merrick</u> |
| | <u>Bill Armstrong</u> | <u>Kent Reid</u> |
| | <u>Eytan Krasilovsky</u> | <u>Bob Lineback</u> |
| | <u>Kurt Winchester</u> | |
| 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM | <u>Don Kearney</u> | <u>Rick Merrick</u> |
| | <u>Kent Reid</u> | <u>Eytan Krasilovsky</u> |
| | <u>Bob Lineback</u> | <u>Kurt Winchester</u> |

NM Prescribed Fire Council Trailer Proposed Inventory/Purchase List

The chart below is an estimate of the cost for the listed items that could be included in a New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council burn trailer inventory. Price estimates were taken from the 2015 Forestry Suppliers Catalog 66. Trailer estimates are from Jackson Trailers painting logo on trailer from Advanced Business Design both in Albuquerque.

| Item | Page # | Need | Unit Price | Total |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Drip Torches | 150 | 10 | \$145 | \$1,450 |
| Torch Mounting Brackets | 150 | 10 | \$58 | \$580 |
| Backpack Pumps | 146-147 | 5 | \$170 | \$850 |
| Communication/Radios | 571-572 | 5 | \$75 | \$375 |
| Hard Hats Class E | 604-605 | 10 | \$18 | \$180 |
| Safety Glasses/Goggles | 595-600 | 20 | \$5 | \$100 |
| First Aid Kit | | 1 | | |
| Gloves | 127 | 20 pair | \$8 | \$160 |
| Signs: Rx Fire in Progress, Smoke, etc. | 575 | 2 | \$200 | \$400 |
| Fusees | | 2 box | | ?? |
| 30 Gallon Wheeled Fuel Containers | | 2 | | ?? |
| AA Batteries | | 1 Box | | ?? |
| Fire Shelters | 135 | 6 | \$340 | \$2040 |
| Flagging | 24-25 | 20 rolls | \$1.50 | \$30 |
| | | | | \$6165 |
| Other Cost | | | | |
| 6x10 single axel enhanced axle trailer with ramp and 2 spares, 16" wheels and tires | | 1 | | \$4,000 |
| Shelving trailer set up | | | | \$1000 |
| Logo on Trailer | | 2 | \$350/side | \$750 |
| | | | | \$5750 |
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| | | | Total | \$11915 |

Talking Points for NM Prescribed Fire Council

2016 NM Legislative Session

February 2, 2016

Heading/title for booth: FIRE is New Mexico *true*

Idea is to play off the state tourism marketing campaign to make the point that fire has always been a part of the NM landscape and will continue to be into the future. How do we learn to live with fire? Illustrated by fire scars in tree rings.

“In the suburbs, every fire put out is a problem solved. In wildland, every fire put out is a problem put off.” -- Stephen Pyne

1. We need to learn to live with fire because it is a natural part of our landscape. The statewide goal should be fire-adapted communities, not fire-exclusion communities.
2. Fire is essential to ecosystem health and building resilient landscapes – resilient to insects, disease, drought and future fire.
3. Prescribed fire is one way to manage fuels around communities and within watersheds.
4. Prescribed fire brings citizens, neighbors, fire departments, agencies, tribes, non-profits and students together to learn techniques, benefits, and outcomes.
5. Prescribed fire benefits wildlife and livestock by restoring and/or improving habitat, regenerating plants and grasses, and promoting resilient landscapes. Prescribed fire can help endangered and threatened species by restoring habitat they evolved with and depend on.
6. Prescribed fire produces smoke, but at an acceptable and manageable level, unlike uncontrolled smoke from wildfire.
7. NM needs better state laws to encourage the use of prescribed fire on the landscape, including limited liability and standards/qualifications for burners.
8. Benefits to prescribed burning:
 - Watershed management
 - Fuel load reduction
 - Vegetation management
 - Rangeland management
 - Wildlife habitat management
9. Barriers to an effective statewide program for prescribed burning:
 - Liability
 - Air quality and smoke regulations
 - Training and skills
 - Public perception and education
 - Equipment
 - Funding