



New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council Minutes
Wednesday, October 25, 2017
Socorro County Annex



- A. Welcome and Introductions – Attendance: *Don Kearney, Rick Merrick via Phone, Doug Boykin, Tim Kirkpatrick, Lann Moore, Lino Baca, Mark Mercer*
- B. Rx Fire Council Business
1. Treasurer's Report – *\$1,603.20 in Rx Council funds; Started with \$200.82 in Rx Trailer funds; Ordered drip torch parts for \$151.75 leaving \$49.07 in this line item; Total of \$1,652.27 in account with \$443.68 in CFRP support funds available to the Council to utilize*
 2. Liability Insurance for Board Members – *On going*
 3. Rx Council Items – *No update*
 4. DUNS Number – *DUNS has been secured*
- C. General Announcements and Topics not on the Agenda – *N/A*
- D. Action Items from Last Meeting:
1. Get copies of Oklahoma half-day curriculum and link to website – *No action*
 2. Order repair parts for Rx trailer drip torches – *Done, still need some check value balls; Don will follow up*
 3. Anti-donation clause investigative work – *AG office is looking at it, will stand by*
 4. Continue work on 2018 CFRP proposal – *See below*
 5. Secure ABQ Fire Training Academy for 12/1/17 Annual Meeting – *Tim and Don will do sight visit soon*
 6. Continue to flesh out Annual Meeting agenda – *Lots of action and needs, see attachment*
- E. Old Business
1. Website Status – *Cram is adding updates as needed*
 2. Old CFRP Grant Status – *Taos & Chama have TREX scheduled April 2018, Taos BLM two units: PJ and ponderosa pine*
 3. Rx Trailer Status – *Operational, will continue to hold and improve*
 4. Partnership for Firefighter Qualification Program – *No action at this time*
 5. NMSU Rx Training Workshop – *Council members will continue assisting Doug Cram on the further development of a series of workshops at NMSU College Ranch at Corona*
 6. TREX Events – *Several TREX events scheduled for Spring 2018 in Northern NM/Southern Colorado area*
 7. Follow-up of N. Cali and NM Rx Council Exchange discussions – *No action*
 8. Planning for 2018 Legislature – *Table for 2019 Burn Associations; No action*
 9. 2017 AFF grant opportunity with Partners – *Award of grant seems probable, should receive about \$4,500 for annual meeting support; Need update from Zander*
 10. Annual Meeting Work – *Reviewed draft agenda for Annual Meeting (see attached); scheduled for Dec. 1 in ABQ; Tim secured rental agreement form; agenda as drafted looks good but we will continue to fill in blanks and specifics; have contacted speakers; Mary/Tim will coordinate a cold sandwich/chip lunch; AFF grant funds may be able to support meeting, as well as other funds mentioned by council members; Motion (Boykin) and second (Rick) to approve travel stipend for drone presentation and maybe Burn Association presentation (Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma); Emily and Tim will follow up; funds could come from Council funds or partners assist funds; suggested to invite state legislators if possible*
- F. New Business
1. CFRP Grant for 2018 – *Great discussion; see attachment for executive summary; lots of movement; Dave, Mike and Boykin discussed with Gila NF supervisor and CFRP coordinator and received outstanding support; lots of action items to be working on in the next month to prepare for another conference call on 11/3/2017 as well as Dave working on drafting the application in November with a draft ready for partner review by December 15*
- G. Action Item Capture
1. Quarry current board members to see if they want to serve another two-year term in advance of annual meeting – **Boykin** (current executive board members are Don, Rick, Boykin, Kent, Cram, Mark, Lisa) we can have up to nine; Tim has been very active so we could officially add him to the executive board)
 2. Complete sight visit of Albuquerque Academy Venue – **Don and Tim**
 3. Send out Annual Meeting flyer again to distribution list and others – **Boykin and Cram**
 4. Follow up on NMFWRI travel stipend process – **Boykin and Kent Reid**

5. Contact and invite state legislators to Annual Meeting – **Don**
 6. Purchase valve balls for drip torches – **Don**
 7. Inventory extra packs and drip touches that may be able to be donated to Rx Trailer – **Lann and Lino**
 8. Order SWAG items; check with Mark to review inventory – **Don and Boykin**
 9. Feed Facebook Page – **Tim?**
 10. Review 2018 CFRP Executive Summary – **All**
 11. Develop scope of work for Rx Council Coordinator if we were able to secure long-term funding – **All**
- 3:00 p.m. – Dismissal

Next meeting: **Conference call for CFRP Grant Development 11/3/17 0900**
Conference call for Final Annual Meeting planning 11/14/17 1000
2017 Annual Meeting 12-1-17 Albuquerque Fire Academy 0900-1700

**2017 Annual Meeting – Albuquerque Fire Academy
December 1, 2017**

Draft Agenda

0900	Welcome	Don Kearny – Chairman
0930	Luera TRES	Mike Caggiano
1000	Chama TRES	Emily Holman/ Jeremy Bailey (TNC)
Break		
1015	NMSU Rx Training Workshop	Rick Merrick for Doug Cram (NMSU)
1045	Using Drones on the Luera TRES	Greg Bergin (Sky Fire Services LLC)
1115	National Coalition of Rx Councils Report	Jeremy Bailey (TNC)
1145	Break for Lunch	
1230	Lunch Speaker	Mary Stuever (NMSF, Chama)
1300	Examples of Local Burn Associations	Emily and Tim are working to supply a speaker
1330	Controlled Burning on Private Land	Eytan Krasilovsky (TFSG)
1400	NM/CA Rx Fire Council Discussions	The Forest Stewards Guild
1430	NMFWRP Student Presentation	Kent Reid has a speaker in mind
1500	Business meeting for NM Rx Council and Elections of Board Members	
1530	Adjourn to on-site social	

Needs – Use agreement and walkthrough – Don and Tim will schedule; check on-site AV equipment
AV Equipment – Mary and Boykin
Rx Trailer – Boykin
Lunch – Mary will coordinate (with Tim?)
Travel Stipend – Boykin will coordinate with Zander, Kent Reid
SWAG – Boykin and Don will check inventory and what else we need
Eytan – Set up after meeting site
Flyer and Save the Date – Cram
Contact State Legislators – Don

New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council
Concept Paper
Exploration of 2018 Cooperative Burning Grant Proposal

As you know, the New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council (Fire Council) is interested in promoting the safe and effective use of use of prescribed fire on public and private lands in New Mexico. The Fire Council has recently hosted a series of public education meetings across the state, built and made available to practitioners a Rx fire trailer with the supplies and personal protective equipment needed to implement a burn, and co-hosted the Luera Mountain Prescribed Fire Training exchange (TRES) with The Nature Conservancy, Forest Guild, New Mexico State Land Office, New Mexico State Forestry Division, and other organizations.

As the Fire Council continues to ramp up its capacity across the state it has identified the USFS Collaborative Forest Restoration Program (CFRP) as a potential funding source and way to help the Fire Council achieve its objectives. The Fire Council is interested in applying for CFRP grant to help support various prescribed fire efforts on public lands across the state. We are exploring the possibility of developing a grant proposal that helps fund and supply resources for cooperative prescribed fires and TRES burns on public and state lands across the state (up to 10 projects) We envision this could assist land managers when the host agency does not have sufficient in-house resources to accomplish burns, and that the agency would host the incident by providing provide qualified overhead, and the council would use grant funds to contract qualified resources and equipment(possibly including logistics, operations, planning, and public information) to augment agencies resources when seasonal staff are not available. We are also exploring the possibility that the grant could fund a part time Fire Council program manager to assist with cooperative Rx fire coordination, planning, and implantation.

Currently the Fire Council is seeking to solicit input from land managers and line officers potentially interested in hosting a cooperative burn or in exploring how these models of cooperative Rx fire assistance might be used to benefit different pieces public lands. Ideally **we are looking for districts to propose landscape scale shovel ready projects** with completed environmental clearances and burn plans. We are currently seeing if we can get enough interest and commitments from federal or state agencies to warrant our investment in the continued development of this collaborative proposal. If you have a project you think might be a good candidate, have questions about this proposal, or how the Fire Council might be able to assist with cooperative Rx fire efforts, please call Fire Council board member Doug Boykin.

Thank you,