



New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council Minutes  
Wednesday, September 27, 2017  
Socorro County Annex



- A. Welcome and Introductions – Attendance: *Don Kearney Rick Merrick, Doug Boykin, Mark Meyers, Tim Kirkpatrick, Mary Stuever, Doug Cram, Fred Hollis, Lisa Bye, Greg Bergin, Emily Homan, Dave Lasky, Mike Caggiano*
  - B. Rx Fire Council Business
    - a. Treasurer’s Report – *\$1,603.20 in Rx Council funds, \$200.82 in Rx Trailer funds, Total of \$1,804.02 in the account with \$443.68 in CFRP support funds available to the council to utilize; no change from previous month*
    - b. Liability Insurance for Board Members – *On going*
    - c. Rx Council Items – *No update*
    - d. DUNS Number – *Will need to get DUNS number for CFRP proposal, Boykin will work on that*
  - C. General Announcements – *None*
  - D. Action Items from Last Meeting
    - a. Get copies of Oklahoma half-day curriculum and link to website – *To do list*
    - b. Order repair parts for Rx trailer drip torches – *Boykin to do list*
    - c. Anti-donation clause investigative work – *AG office is looking at it, will stand by*
    - d. Staff County Fairs if possible – *Complete for 2017*
    - e. Continue work on 2018 CFRP proposal – *See below*
    - f. Secure ABQ Fire Training Academy for Annual Meeting – *Tim provided form; Don will sign; send to Academy*
    - g. Continue to flesh out Annual Meeting agenda – *Lots of action and needs, see attachment*
  - E. Old Business
    - a. Website status – *Cram is adding updates as needed*
    - b. Old CFRP Grant Status – *Taos & Chama have TREX scheduled to finalize grant; April 2018, Taos BLM, two units, PJ and Ponderosa Pine*
    - c. Rx Trailer Status – *Operational; Cram brought 8 radio harness to the meeting to place in trailer*
    - d. Partnership for Firefighter Qualification Program – *No action at this time*
    - e. NMSU Rx Training Workshop – *Council members will continue assisting Cram on further development*
    - f. TREX Events – *Burn Boss report from Luera TREX is in progress; drone guys report has been completed and placed on website; several TREX events scheduled for Spring 2018 in the Northern NM & Sothern Colorado area*
    - g. Planning for 2018 Legislature – *Short session, plan on simple display; invite legislators to annual meeting*
    - h. Burn Associations – *No action*
    - i. 2017 AFF Grant Opportunity – *Award of grant seems probable; \$4,500 for annual meeting support...*
    - j. 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, have started to contacted speakers; Mary will coordinate cold sandwich/chips type meal; AFF grant funds may be able to support meeting. 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
    - a. 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*
- Action Item Capture
- a. See needs on annual meeting agenda
  - b. Review 2018 CFRP Executive Summary
  - c. Action items from previous meetings
  - d. Develop a scope of work for a Rx Council Coordinator if we were able to secure long-term funding

3:00 pm Dismissal,

Next meeting Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 1:30 PM Socorro County Annex

# New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council

## *Concept Paper – Draft 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 (TREX) 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 TREX 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,