



New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2016

Socorro County Annex Conference Room



Present: Don Kearney- Chairman, Rick Merrick – Vice Chair, Lisa Bye- BLM, Fred Hollis- Socorro County, Tim Kirkpatrick – Board Member, Eyton Krasilovsky – Forest Stewards Guild, Doug Boykin – Secretary

- A. Welcome and introductions – *Chairman Kearney called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM*
- B. Rx Fire Council Business
 - a. Treasurer's Report – *Current balance: \$15,988.31 ; \$2,111.45 in council funds; \$13,876.86 allocated to Rx trailer supply and build fund.*
 - b. Liability Insurance for Board Members – *Will keep this on the agenda as it is something we feel like we need; need to get a year to year funding stream secured; Eyton suggested contacting "Conservation United" to see if they could provide options as well as Rx activity and event coverage.*
 - c. Logo and web site for Rx council merchandise – *Kenny Rodgers, layout for trailer is almost done; all logos have been received; final design should be ready for review by the end of this week; sample T-shirt will be mailed to Boykin to check out by next week.*
- C. General Announcements and topics for items not on the agenda.
 - *Eyton invited everyone to be involved in Rx event at Cottonwood Gulch (SW of Gallup) 1st week of October and also Rx event at Black Lake (near Angel Fire) 2nd week of October. Bring your own tent; food will be provided. Contact Eyton if interested. He would like to use the Rx trailer if available.*
 - *Lincoln NF donated ~ 30 used drip touches for Rx Trailer; Rick brought them to Socorro to store at NMSF.*
 - *Bosque Del Apache NWR may have some hose to donate if we feel we can use it.*
- D. Old Business
 - a. Website update. Doug Cram *Doug was not on the call, no update*
 - b. CFRP Grant status/update
 - i. Rx Trailer Status – *see above*
 - ii. Draft rental agreement, check out form - *Review and approval was given to go ahead with the draft rental agreement for trailer, realizing that we may need to make changes / amendments as needed based on the particular landowner/ agency utilizing trailer. Rick made a motion, Tim 2nd to approve, Boykin will make changes and send out so that all members have a current version.*
- E. New Business
 - a. Next Workshop Planning Discussion - *Good discussion on what is the next step for workshop program. Do we move towards a Phase 2 Plan writing / implementation format; do we still offer the current format to new areas in the state? It comes down to what type of request we get from our partners, cooperators, etc.*
 - b. Partnership for Firefighter Qualification Program: Next steps - *Krys Nordstum and Jeremy Bailey are lead. Question for the council: are we going to support and utilize our resources to move this forward in NM?*
 - c. NMSU Rx Training Workshop – *Doug Cram was not on the call, will wait for an update at the next meeting.*
 - d. Planning for 2017 Legislative Session – *Yes, would like to start planning for 2017 legislative event. Boykin will contact Julie Anne Overton & Cliff Russel to reserve space, preferably on Natural Resources day. We can discuss actual activities at the next meeting.*
 - e. Luera TRES Event *TNC and the State Land Office are partnering with NM State Forestry to complete a TRES Event in the Luera Mountains (SW of Magdalena) next May/June(2017). This a continuing element of the Unit 16E Project, which is an interagency landscape scale project that NMSF NM G&F, and SLO has been working on since 2009. The target acreage is +/- 10,000 acres of initial treatment (lop and scatter) P/J as well as ponderosa pine stands and some mixed conifer. The first several days objectives will be to complete the box (black lining), protection of values at risk (power lines, radio repeater, wood fences); the rest of the Rx will be applying fire to ground to meet resource objectives based on vegetation type and weather conditions. The group organizing this TRES (Training Exchange) would like to have a one day field trip to an area affected by fire in the area. One option is the Whitewater Baldy fire, which is about 2 hours from the TRES site. The Rx Council has been asked to help with this field trip. More coming in the next few months.*

3:00 p.m. – Dismissal

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. Socorro County Annex