

# New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council Meeting

9 am to 11 am Tuesday, August 11th, 2015

Socorro County Annex, 198 Neel St., Socorro, NM

Attendees – Rick Merrick (Vice Chari sitting in for Don) - SCMRDC&D, Julie Anne Overton - Santa Fe NF, Clifton Russell - Santa Fe NF, Kent Reid - NMFWR, Bill Armstrong - Santa Fe NF, Pam Bostwick - USFS, Claudia Standish - BLM, Mike Gagliano, Doug Boykin (Secretary) - NMSF, Don Kearny (Chair), Doug Cram - NMSU, Angel Montoya - F&WS, Jeremy Bailey - TNC

## Minutes

9:00 Welcome, facility briefing, introductions

9:30 NM Rx Fire Council business

- Donations, bank account, 501-3-c status, etc.  
Since the CFRP grant is around the corner, Rick discussed the options of using South Central Mountain RC&D as our fiscal agent until 5013c status and a bank account can be secured. All agreed. Will continue to work towards 501c3/individual bank account status in time.

10:30 Group Discussion Items

- Web-site Update  
Doug Cram is posting info as he gets it, we need to remove the link in the “*All about watersheds*” web portal so when you Google NM Prescribed Fire Council, the new page comes up, not the “All about watersheds page” **Does anyone have the tools to do this???** Also, we would like to start building sites for Private Burners to be able to network on the webpage, and Contractors who offer burning services as well as burn plan writing.
- CFRP Grant Status  
Should be signed around the end of September, 1<sup>st</sup> of October, there is money in the grant to support the Capitan Workshop needs. The cooperative fire CFRP grant was awarded to the south central mountain RC&D, and should officially begin on October 1st. The Rx fire council was written into the grant, and will be receiving funding for outreach events, website update, nonprofit incorporation, and a PPE supply cache. The Rx fire council will use outreach event organizer time as match for the grant. This funding\ match will be used to support upcoming outreach events in Capitan and SW New Mexico.
- Review and AAR of Wagon Mound Workshop  
All went better than expected (64 participants with 46 staying for field trip). Boykin will contact Leslie to see if she can provide us with some “bullet points” to post on the website. Claudia will start working on thank you’s and certificates to the partners who made it work so well (SWCD’s, RC&D, Wagon Mound School and Greg Moore to name a few) – (**Kenny, can you send her addresses and names?**) and have them ready for Don’s signature when he gets back from WA. We need to develop a workshop evaluation form for participants to complete after the Capitan workshop to be sure we are meeting needs.
- Planning for Capitan Area Workshop  
Capitan Workshop date is set, it will be Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 0900 at the Fairgrounds in Capitan, Rick has been working hard with the Fairgrounds board and the SCM RC&D to set up logistics and ways to pay for incidentals. Will also be talking to both the Upper Hondo SWCD and RC&D about funds for a meal. Fieldtrip will be out to Sid Goodloe’s place north of Capitan with a rainy/snowy day plan of having Sid present one of his many presentations at the Fairgrounds. Will add a noxious weed section to the agenda – name suggest of Stephanie Basin to be the speaker- Rick will contact. Will discuss more at our next meeting (9-9-15). Doug will draft up an agenda and send to Don and Claudia for review. Wi-Fi access is still a question so we should be prepared with any IT info, etc. Will finalize plans at the next meeting (9-9-15). Everyone who was a presenter at Wagon Mound should be prepared to do it again in Capitan.

- Initial discussion of workshop in conjunction with Malpai Borderlands Group/AZ Rx Council  
Workshop discussion for Southwest NM/Southeast AZ in conjunction with Malpais Borderlands Group – is on our radar, will start talking with MBG folks as well as AZ Rx Council.
- Rx Council display at 2016 NM Legislature  
RX Council display at 2016 NM Legislature – will be sandwiched around Natural Resources day, steps are in progress to secure spot in the Rotunda, Will focus on simple pictures with solid one on one contact – next meeting (9-9-15) we will discuss and finalize 10-12 talking points that we will all use - Cliff and Julie Anne will deal with logistics of securing the site at the roundhouse. It was determined that the time has come to develop a NM Rx Fire Council logo, several participants said they would take that on and we would discuss at the 9-9-15 meeting.

11:15 Dismissal

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