

New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council Meeting

9 am to 11 am Thursday, May 14th, 2015

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

Attendance: Doug Boykin, Jake Nuttall, Angel Montoya, Gwen Kolb, Andy Lopez, Mark Meyers, Butch Wilson, Lisa Bye, Claudia Standish, Leroy Holguin, Gabe Partido, Monte Topmiller, Don Kearney, Fred Holland, Rick Merrick, Kent Reid, Doug Cram

Minutes

9:00 Welcome, facility briefing, introductions (see attached sign in sheet)

9:30 NM Rx Fire Council business

- Treasurer report (donations, bank account, 501-3-c status, etc.)

CFRP grant was funded and there will be funds to help with cost of acquiring 501 3 c status. The CFRP grant should be signed in a July/August timeframe. Carl Bartley from City Bank in Ruidoso has offered to house a bank account with no account fees. Bartley has also offered his assistance to help get the non-profit status in place.

10:30 Group Discussion Items

- Review web-site for the NM Rx Fire Council – Doug Cram/NMSU

Lots of info starting to show up on web site, please feel free to provide pictures/links/etc, send them to Doug as the primary to review (cc to Boykin and Rick Merrick). When it does go live the address will be nmrxfire.nmsu.edu and when you search for nmrxfire or NM Rx fire on Google it will find it on NMSU's page.

- CFRP Grant – see above
- RX fire trailer – will stay with SLO.
- Opportunities for private land burning – see workshop notes below
- Burn association – see workshop notes below
- Liability and insurance – see workshop notes below
- Group direction and organization

General Discussion on 1st Prescribed Burning Workshop Scheduled for either Thursday, July 16, 2015 or Saturday, July 18, 2015, somewhere in the northeastern quadrant of the state – see below for needs, assignments and action items. The goal is to have links or data added to the website for each of the suggested topics so that when we do the workshops, we will show the participants where to actually find that topic on the web page, and work thru it from there. That will add meaning to the website as well as allow other interested individuals to access the same information that was presented at the workshop. This same format can also then be used as other proposed workshops around the state.

We will have another meeting on 7/9/15 (9:00 am Socorro County Annex) to discuss any council business and then have a work session to be sure that the agenda for the workshop is doable and viable as well as wrap up loose ends.

11:15 Dismissal