

New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council Meeting

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

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

Minutes

9:00 Welcome, facility briefing, introductions

- Thanks to Rick and Claudia for keeping things going while Don and Boykin were out of pocket

9:30 NM Rx Fire Council business (Donations, bank account, 501-3-c status, etc.)

- Don, Rick and Boykin will attend South Central Mt RC&D meeting in the near future to thank them for their support of the Capitan Workshop (to be held on 10/29/15).
- Same three will keep working on 5013c issues, in the meantime South Central Mt RC&D has agreed to be our fiscal agent as needed.

10:30 Group Discussion Items

- Update on web-site for the NM Prescribed Fire Council Workshop – Doug Cram
Identify additional needs; Kent is still working to get the “All about Watersheds” portal /Goggle search to the council web page cleared up; Will start posting information about RX burn contractors, burn plan writers, etc. on the web site in an ‘available resources’ section.
- CFRP Grant status
CFRP grant funds to support the workshop will not be affected by the fire borrowing this year.
- Planning for Capitan area workshop
Capitan Workshop is a go, 10/29/15, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan, lots of cooperators assisting,
Agenda for Capitan – need to confirm a couple of speakers (Leslie Kutz?, Who will present for NRCS?, National Weather Service?)
Flyers will be available for mail out/distribution by the end of this week for the Capitan Workshop.
- Initial discussion of workshop in conjunction with Malpai Borderlands Group/AZ Rx Fire Council
Boykin will contact Bill McDonald (Malpai Borderlands Group) and Gene Beaudoin (Arizona State Forestry- Tucson District Forester) to start discussions for the SW NM workshop to be held in Jan/Feb 2016.
- RX Council display at 2016 NM Legislature
NM Legislature 2016 plans, everyone needs to send Julie Anne Overton five key talking points that they are passionate about, plus 1-2 pictures. Julie Anne has volunteered to synthesis these into 10-12 talking points and a display or picture roll that can be played at the display, Clifton Russell has reserved a spot for us during the Legislature and we will try to staff the table for 3 days, “Benefits and need for Fire on the New Mexico Landscape” will be the working title.
Still looking for someone who may have the skill and ability to create a NM Rx Fire Council logo.
Claudia completed thank you certificates for the Wagon Mound workshop, Boykin will mail to Carmen Austin (Las Vegas District Forester – NMSF) to pass on to the various entities, etc.

Individual Reports -

From Forest Guild – they have four burns this fall, a broadcast burn in McKinley County and three pile burns in Santa Fe County (all private). They welcome volunteers; contact Eytan.

Next Meeting 10/14/15 Socorro County Annex 10:00 a.m.