

## Greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition

Quarterly meeting  
April 17th, 2024, 10:00 – 12:30

### Notes

- 10:00 Welcome and introductions (Mori)
- Will Joy, Sandy Hurlocker, Jacob Key, Eleanor Ludwig, Crystal Medina, Julie Hasty, Eytan Krasilovsky, Phil Howes, Jon Malvig, Carolina May, Esmé Cadiente, Porfirio Chavarria, Lawrence Crane, Ellis Margolis, Marissa Goodwin, Ryan Swazo-Hinds, Alan Hook, Jonathan Frenzen, Nathan Miller, Brent Bonwell, Ariel Patashnik, Mori Hensley, Abigail Plecki, Chris Tafoya, Alyssa Mineau
- 10:10 Brief review of the Resiliency Strategy Goals (Mori)
- Complete thinning and other forest management projects to increase forest fire resiliency.
  - Improve forest health and stand conditions, especially in high-risk areas.
  - Increase community involvement and buy-in for Fire Adapted Communities.
  - Maintain funding for land management projects and community outreach and education.
  - Reinforce wildfire response infrastructure, emergency alert systems, hazard mitigation programs, and working relationships with communities and individuals.
- Eytan gives context to the goals of the Resiliency Strategy, commenting that the Strategy has been helping in obtaining grants to implementing these goals, and a big THANK YOU to those that assisted in the development of the Strategy.
  - Sandy talks about reminding partners of the “why” of the goals, as they often fall to the wayside as implementation continues.
- 10:20 Partner Updates (All)
- **Julie/Mori (SFWA):** Currently underway with the climate masters program—aimed at the public, featuring field trips, expert lecturers, etc. Public hikes are scheduled throughout the summer, starting in July and ending in October. Sign-ups have been incredibly popular, filling up within 3 days. There is significant public interest in the field trips and the work being done across the landscape. Watershed Association is hosting a “Love your Watershed Day” on May 4th.
  - **Jacob (FS):** Powerline expansion to LANL is progressing. Recently, a deputy secretary of the FS visited the Fireshed and received a presentation on the partnerships and work performed here. Pile burns were conducted in March and April. Current focus in the Forest is on the upcoming field season rather than the Fireshed.
  - **Esme/Eytan/Alyssa (Guild):** Winter youth crew supported Hyde Park & Pacheco burn, as well as the NC pile burn. They created a story map showcasing their work. Several field trips into the watershed have occurred, highlighting the Fireshed's work. Home Hazard Assessment scheduling is underway, with 25 landowners signed up since the site launch.
  - **Caroline/Ellis (USGS):** LiDAR scans for Tesuque unit initiated to develop 3D Los Alamos models, demonstrating fuel and fire models for Rx applications. These models have been utilized for post-fire fuel models (atmospheric/terrestrial 3D models). The Santa Fe Fireshed will be

examined in the future.

- **Crystal (NMFWR)**: Collaboration technician is conducting informal assessment surveys for fuel wood needs in smaller communities in Northern NM. NMHU is also assisting in Wood for Life efforts in Northern NM. C4C resumed in January, developing their network to better connect with the Santa Fe area.
  - **C4C Santa Fe Newsletter Interest Form included below.**
- **Sandy & Jonathan (Friends of the SFNF)**: Friends and the FS signed an agreement for Friend participation in FS projects, facilitating connections with monitoring efforts for the Fireshed. Efforts to install fire cameras looking into the Fireshed for both Rx and wildfires are underway. Currently seeking university partners for funding, with primary interest on Tesuque Peak.
- **Porfirio (SFFD)**: City WUI surveys—940 household surveys (first was done in 2021), currently have ~280 returned. Reminder letters will be sent out soon, WiRE will update in the fall. More assessments and agreements have been conducted and signed, and are utilizing their labor-share program. They are working with 2 large landowners (around 30+ acres) to create open spaces. The Ambassador program has been more active, hosting several wildfire preparedness day events. Ready, Set, Go event scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church.
- **Will (TNC)**: Aztec Springs pile burn progress: 90% of the units completed over the winter. Increasing efforts for AHAL program and preparing for Rx season.
- **Phil/John (Glorieta camps)**: Managing 2300 acres, with 3 contracts with NRCS. 250 acres of additional thinning planned, crew is ready. Agreements with partners to utilize their teams for Rx burns. Recent mastication work for wildlife habitat and fire mitigation.
- **Ryan/Chris (Tesuque)**: Planned to burn piles on Aspen Ranch, burn plan developed and signed by BIA, but personnel constraints prevented the Rx. Collaboration with partners for other burns. Waiting for stand exam surveys and Mexican spotted owl surveys to continue. Training with FS on Spotted Owl surveys.
- **Lawrence/Marissa/Abigail (State Forestry)**: Working on NFF grant, tree cutting to take place in the fall. Working on grant to assist heritage surveys, clearing acres with future treatment. More funding (\$10 million over the next ten years) allocated from the forest & watershed restoration act into the Fireshed. CWDG cycle 2 awardees announcement pending, time to apply for cycle 3 funding. Working with the Superintendent office of Insurance to make insurance more accessible to high fire risk areas.
- **Alan Hook (City Water)**: Intermountain West Joint Venture toured the watershed. Mitigation assessment due by next December, focusing on how to transport water in case of a power shut off. Mitigation work required around several tanks, likely in the fall. Infrastructure improvements to pick up in July for the dam. Expecting 124% runoff, river may flow from May–October. Fishing derby status uncertain.
- **Ariel (SFCT)**: Gearing up for more management efforts. Received cost-share funding for planning. Partnering with the Guild, youth crew did thinning and piling, planning to burn 30 piles next year.

- **Nathan Miller:** Exploring policy for Alert Santa Fe. Broader conversation needed for PNM summer power cuts.
- **Several partners discuss PNM power shut-offs**, highlighting the need for a broader conversation. Abigail encourages feedback and increased voices on concern.
  - **Feedback form included below.**

#### 10:50 Committee Updates

- Implementation & Monitoring Committee (Jacob)
  - Units in Tesuque, mastication in the Camps, other funding up in the air, 750 acres of heritage survey. North Aztec Springs planned in the fall (August/September), Agua Sarca second entry broadcast. More public meetings coming. NFF funding may be crucial in getting monitoring efforts underway. Soil monitoring research is moving forward.
- Communications Committee (Sandy & Jonathan)
  - Working with Implementation & Monitoring committee to get more members of the public into the Fireshed.
  - Fire Cameras can be a good outreach tool to increase interest in the Fireshed, and can be used for Rx.
  - Signs will be put up around control lines to prevent hikers and bikers from using them (Fat Tire Society might have funding to support).
  - Developing a story map to show the work being done across the landscape.
- Steering Committee (Alyssa)
  - Updated Operating Principles
  - Potential vote to amend Operating Principles
    - ❖ Moved, seconded, and approved the updated Operating Principles

#### 11:45 Planning for Field Trips

- July 17: Tijeras, takes the place of the Quarterly meeting.
  - Alyssa, Jacob, and Lawrence will coordinate and give out information as we get closer to the meeting.
- October 16: Mountains Landscape: meeting and field trip.
  - Meet at the Hyde Park lodge, move around the landscape afterwards.
  - Alyssa will reserve the lodge and coordinate locations on the landscape.

#### 12:15 Final Remarks (All)

#### 12:30 Adjourn

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**PNM Public Safety Power Shutoffs  
Wildfire Mitigation Feedback**

1. How satisfied are you with the timing of PSPS communications as explained in the presentation?

<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>
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2. In what ways do you think we can make communication time better?

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3. Do you have any specific recommendations for improving this part of the plan?

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4. How effective do you find the communication methods presented in the meeting?

<b>Very Effective</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<b>Very Ineffective</b>
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5. What is your preferred method of communication for PSPS alerts?

<b>Text</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone Call</b>	<b>Social Media</b>	<b>Traditional Media</b>
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6. Do you have any other suggestions for communication channels that we didn't cover?

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7. Are there any specific practices you believe should be added to our communication strategy?

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8. To what extent are the community resources discussed adequate to meet the community's needs during PSPS?

<b>Fully Meet</b>	<b>Partially Meet</b>	<b>Do Not Meet</b>
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9. Are there other resources you believe should be included?

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10. Are there other stakeholders who should be engaged in this process?

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**PNM Public Safety Power Shutoffs  
Wildfire Mitigation Feedback**

11. How confident are you in the emergency preparedness plans discussed in the meeting?

<b>Very Confident</b>	<b>Confident</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Not Confident</b>	<b>Very Not Confident</b>
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12. Are there any additional steps you think should be incorporated into the preparedness plans?

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13. Are there any specific supplies, plans, or tools you recommend for enhancing preparedness in such situations?

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14. How clear and understandable did you find the information presented during the meeting?

<b>Very Clear</b>	<b>Clear</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Unclear</b>	<b>Very Unclear</b>
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15. Were you comfortable to actively engage during the meeting?

<b>Yes, very much</b>	<b>Yes, somewhat</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>No, not really</b>	<b>No, not at all</b>
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16. Were the community resources presented easily accessible and practical for you?

<b>Very Accessible</b>	<b>Somewhat Accessible</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Not Very Accessible</b>	<b>Not at all Accessible</b>
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17. How satisfied are you with the opportunity provided to give feedback during the meeting?

<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>
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18. Overall, how satisfied are you with the PSPS community meeting?

<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Very Dissatisfied</b>
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19. Do you have anything to add or have any ideas for improvements that weren't included in the previous questions?

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20. (Optional) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Would you like to be contacted to follow up on your comments? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_