

Save Our Bosque Task Force
EMNRD, Forestry Division, Socorro District Office
Hwy 60 West (in back of Ark of Socorro Veterinary Clinic)
Tuesday, June 10, 2014 Minutes

Present, Doug Boykin- Chair, Matt Mitchell- Vice chair, Chris Hill-BLM, Nick Smokovich- NMSF, Cynthia Connelly- Healthy Kids Socorro, Priscilla Cora Gwin- Citizen

9:00 AM Save Our Bosque Task Force Meeting

1. Approve Agenda with no corrections, Chris made the motion to accept the agenda, Cynthia second, all in favor, passed.
2. Approve Minutes from April and May 2014 with one change, 4/1/14 minutes under # 4 – changed Dusting Armstrong to Dustin Armstrong. Matt made a motion to approve, Priscilla second, all in favor, passed.
3. Treasurer's report Please see attached treasurer's report in meeting package, explains current grants and budget as well as new grant from F&WS Partners program. Current balance = \$6,061.36. Approved, with thanks to Nyleen.
 - a. Account activity see monthly statement
 - b. Bills no bills needing payment
4. Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Project Doug, Nyleen and Will have been working with Socorro County to get the application in for Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management grant funds based on past emergency declarations for fuelbreaks and defensible space projects along the Bosque. SOBTF will be technical assistance if Socorro County receives grant. Application is long and tedious but progress is being made. Short description of the project is attached below. Matt will help Will get the landowner pages approved as needed (see attached).
5. Project Updates
 - a. Rhodes Project Pass
 - b. Partners for Fish & Wildlife Projects Two grant in place, one for Rhodes, Saavedra, Mitchell in progress, new one just signed this week for Gonzalez and an unknown landowner in the amount of \$49,800. Rhodes is complete, Saavedra has \$6,091.11 still to be utilized and Mitchell will wait till after 9/1 to start work.
 - c. Riverine Parks/SNA Bosque Ribbon project on standby till after 9/1. See past notes for good things happening at the nature area. Magdalena Teacher contacted Chris and will have 50 kids out there this coming Thursday.
 - d. Healthy Kids Socorro Cynthia asked if there is signage material to put ¼ mile markers on the trail between Escondida Bridge and the Diversion Channel, we still have SOBTF carnonite signs and Chris will get the number stickers.
 - e. Other
6. Website update check out sobtf.org
7. Calendar nothing new to report
8. Other Agenda Items
9. Individual Reports
10. Adjourn next meeting 7/1/14

Project/Activity Description (Block # 1)

300.2 Vegetation Management - Wildfire

Characters = 2,997

The Socorro Valley Bosque Hazard Mitigation Project (SVBHMP) is designed to mitigate critical wildfire threats to homes, businesses, critical infrastructure and a unique and diverse natural habitat type found only in the middle Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico. Projects that will meet this objective are located between the northern boundary of Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in the south and the Priscilla Arroyo, just north of the small east side community of Pueblitos on the north, a distance, in river miles of approximately 20 miles. Projects proposed include 1) developing fuel breaks in and around critical urban-interface areas and infrastructure assets, 2) restore monotypic stands of salt cedar and Russian olive adjacent to these fuelbreaks to resemble the historical Bosque mosaic of riparian woodlands, riparian scrublands, and salt grass meadows that are less susceptible to catastrophic wildfire and more resembles the historical dynamic patch mosaic, 3) restore Cottonwood/willow stands, (remove salt cedar and Russian olive in the understory) adjacent to fuelbreaks to make them less susceptible to catastrophic wildfire and 4) assisting landowners in critical areas with defensible space/fuels reduction projects. The Middle Rio Grande valley is home to a diverse and unique vegetation type, known locally as the 'Bosque'. Historically, it was made up of a mosaic of Riparian Woodlands (made up of Rio Grande Cottonwoods, New Mexico olive and native willows), Riparian Scrublands (made up of dry land willows, Four-wing Saltbush and other various shrubs), Emergent Strands (Regeneration of various tree age classes) and Wetland Marshes, and Salt Grass meadows. Intermixed with these vegetation communities, there were ever-changing large sandbars on river bends and gravel scools near the mouth of the numerous arroyos that drained into the river from the adjoining uplands. Fire played a minimal role in the development and structure of these vegetation types due to the moist nature alongside the Rio Grande. When lightning did start fires during the summer thunderstorm season, these fire would be primarily ground fires and burn small areas due to the complicated matrix of vegetation types, age classes and proximity to a relatively high water table. Seasonal flooding from the Rio Grande (from snow melts, or summer thunderstorms) was the main driver in the development, establishment and recycling of all these vegetation types. These natural conditions started to change with channelization, water diversions and large scale farming, resulting in, by the 1950's, a narrow river channel, a perched river bed that could not move back and across the historical flood plain, and the influx of fire adapted species which include Salt Cedar and Russian Olive. These two species have introduced a new disturbance to bosque which can be both catastrophic to the natural vegetation as well to the adjacent wildland urban interface areas close by.

SECTION 3

Property Information Form (Complete one form for each property)

Property Address			
Name of Property:			
*Physical Address:			
*Latitude and Longitude:			
*City	*State	County	*Zip Code
	New Mexico		

Owner Contact Information			
*First and Last Name			
Physical Address:			
*Mailing Address:			
*City:	*State:	New Mexico	*Zip Code
*Phone:	*Fax:	*Other:	
*E-Mail:			

Co-Owner/Additional Holders of Interest Contact Information			
<i>(If different than property address above)</i>			
*First and Last Name			
Physical Address:			
*Mailing Address:			
*City:	*State:	New Mexico	*Zip Code
*Phone:	*Fax:	*Other:	
*E-Mail:			

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*First and Last Name			
Physical Address:			
*Mailing Address:			
*City:	*State:	New Mexico	*Zip Code
*Phone:	*Fax:	*Other:	
*E-Mail:			

Primary Mitigation Action	Secondary Mitigation Action(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of Vacant Land	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of Vacant Land
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition/Demolition	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition/Demolition
<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition/Relocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition/Relocation
<input type="checkbox"/> Elevation	<input type="checkbox"/> Elevation
<input type="checkbox"/> Floodproofing	<input type="checkbox"/> Floodproofing
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe Room/Wind Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe Room/Wind Shelter
<input type="checkbox"/> Seismic Retrofit	<input type="checkbox"/> Seismic Retrofit
<input type="checkbox"/> Wind Retrofit	<input type="checkbox"/> Wind Retrofit
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Property Information			
Year Structure Built		Parcel Number	
Property Tax Identity Number		Property Locator Number	
Legal description of property:			

Structure Information		
Structure Type	Foundation Type	Type of Residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Family <input type="checkbox"/> Manufactured Home <input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 Family <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Dwelling (5 or more Units) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-residential-Private <input type="checkbox"/> Non-residential-Public <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Land <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Slab on Grade <input type="checkbox"/> Crawl Space <input type="checkbox"/> Basement <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated on Piers, Piles, Posts or Columns <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Land <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> Owner Occupied-Primary Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Owner Occupied-Secondary Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Rental <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

Damage Information	
Pre-Event Fair Market Value and Source	
Percentage of Damage (Fair Market Value/repair cost)	
Insurance Company Name and Contact Information	
Does this property have a NFIP Policy Number?	
If yes; What is the Policy Number?	
Number of Losses:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount of 2-3 insured losses cumulatively if less than the building Fair Market Value
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount of 2-3 insured losses cumulatively if more than the building Fair Market Value
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amount of 4 or more insured losses since 1978
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable
Repetitive Loss structure	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Mapped Hazard Information	
Is the structure mapped in the floodway?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is the structure mapped in the floodplain?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<i>If yes to either of the above:</i>	
Base Flood Elevation	First Floor Elevation
Flood Source:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Closed Basin <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Basin	<input type="checkbox"/> Riverine Flooding <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater Runoff Other
Is there a Flood Insurance Rate map (FIRM) for this specific property?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If yes, what is the Flood Zone Designation (X, A, C, etc.)?	
Is there a different hazard map available for this specific property?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If yes, what is the other hazard type designation?	