



PAB Meeting Minutes – 19 May 09
Meeting Held at the Arboretum at Flagstaff

1. **Attendees:** Paul Summerfelt (FFD); Mike Chaveas (USFS); Mark Brehl (City of Flagstaff); Steve Gatewood (Wildwood Consulting); John Aber (Coconino County); Scott Harger (Coconino NRCD); Carolyn Hull Sieg (RMRS); Anne Mottek Lucas (Mottek Consulting); Kris Haskins (Arboretum at Flagstaff); 6 voting members; Quorum not met.
2. **Review & approval of meeting minutes:** No quorum, so did not approve; will approve March, April & May at the June mtg.
3. **Financial Review:**
 - a) Anne ML. and Paul S. will present 2009 Annual Report and make 2010 request to Coconino County BOS on May 26; asking for \$15K again; received 09 \$15K in May.
 - b) **Account status:** Approximately \$39,500 in account; Steve passed around copy of the most current “Profit and Loss” Report for the GFFP; Roberta M. has created new format with more detailed info; will bill City & County for 2010 funding after July 1. Do we have a projection for end of FY status? No, but should still be just under \$40K so need to develop and fund projects.
 - c) **Grants report:** Paul S. provided updated report & discussed status. Stimulus requests denied, rest still pending. Still need Partners to take on several projects – monitoring, gap analysis, etc. For cost share, GFFP has distributed over \$216,000 to private landowners to treat 794 acres; also did Devils Head communications tower site; may have new Social Research Lab associated with NAU – environmental focus.
 - b) **Annual Work Plan:** Reviewed proposed projects and funding; these are general numbers that can change – we can shift \$ around as needed until an actual “service agreement” has been signed. Lake Mary Watershed is an example – City interest in area; court ordered “Technical Advisory Committee” for Walnut Creek has \$ to address flow issues; how can GFFP facilitate projects/studies & data analysis?
 - d) Discussion of the Hart Prairie project followed since it is outside GFFP boundary like Lake Mary watershed; what is status? What is status of GFFP expanding boundary to include it, Lake Mary, CWPP area, etc? Should put on the agenda for next month. Also the Community Conversation on Sustainability – Healthy Forest, Healthy Community report is coming out soon & as a follow up, FS is working on creating a Friends of the Forest group for the Peaks/Mormon Lake Ranger District; has Volunteer Position Statement been transmitted to CCS group? No, but will do when volunteer activity is needed.



4. **Project Updates:**

a) Anne ML is administering service agreements with ERI to get work done instead of cash; developing time estimates now; students committed to field work over the summer so may not get things done til fall, August earliest; seems OK since I is fire modeling & II is data entry & modeling; Smoke & health effort does need current support – Anne ML is writing report & can't wait until August for literature review; she is getting data out of ADEQ (wildfires above 100 acres), FS & FFD; Paul reviewed reason for Smoke & Health project.

b) **Status of Partners Mark:** Need to approve “final” prescription & get to June PAB for approval; Steve G. & Kristen W. need to finish language for Patty Ringle @ FS; Anne ML. Will evaluate “marking process” – avoid what happened last time; Timeline for cutting? Delayed for units I & II due to economy.

c) **Web Site:** Patrick McDonald has done a great job updating; some changes still to be made, such as just last 2 years of PAB minutes & no BOD minutes; also got quarterly report of web activity – about 400 individual users/month & ~1,000 pages/month.

d) **Biomass Energy:** Steve G. updated work with NAU on DOE grant, which is now an American Reinvestment & Recovery Act RFP/grant proposed liquid fuels project at NAU, but may not apply due to emphasis on fuels; would rather do electricity & syngass primarily & some liquid fuels – will continue to pursue that if don't go for ARRA grant; approached City & County about partnering, like land for facilities & purchase of biomass outtakes produced.

5. **Project Overview:**

a) **Four-Forests Accelerated Treatment Project** – Steve G. gave a progress update; 16” cap is still primary issue & how to provide for exceptions; several parties trying to resolve outside stakeholder process with side meetings; should have feedback/ideas into 4FRI process by May 26; Region 3 issued “Sources Sought” request in Federal Register to gauge industry interest in 300,000 acres of treatment over 10 years – shows FS commitment to process. Paul S. indicated that the BOD has addressed the MOU between the CBD, GCT & AZFRP, as well as several other issues between PAB meetings – it is a very dynamic process. Also discussed controversial language on biomass in the Waxman/Markey bill being developed – says cannot use biomass from federal land for renewable energy biomass plants.

7. **Future Events:**

a) Coconino County has been having forest health workshops – next one is June 9 on industry/utilization; City Council may be interested in attending.

9. **Adjourn @ 11:45am**

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 16, 2009
9:00 – 12:00, City Hall