

PAB GFFP Monthly Meeting
February 16, 2010

Members in attendance: Anne Mottek Lucas-Mottek Consulting, Joe Seidenberg-ERI, Paul Summerfelt-Flagstaff Fire Dept., Steve Gatewood-Wildwood Consulting, Pascal Berlioux-AZFRP, Sarah Hurteau-TNC, Kristen Waring-NAU Forestry, Bruce Buttery-AZDEMA Camp Navajo, Keith Pajkos-AZ State Forestry, Harmony Hall-Coconino N.F., John Aber Coconino County, Scott Harger-CNCRD

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September's minutes approved
2. Financial
 - a. Account status
 - i. GFFP's request for funding from county has been reduced from 15K to 10K for FY'11
 - ii. Over all financial status of GFFP is positive
 - b. Service Agreements
 - i. The current spreadsheet needs to be adjusted to show \$1200.00 that will be issued to NAU School of Forestry student for a fire-modeling contract.
 - ii. Dollars (\$250) allocated to the "Airport Project Pre/post Treatment Monitoring" should be removed from the spreadsheet as supplies were not purchased by SoF.
3. Annual Work Plan
 - a. GFFP will be contributing \$250.00 towards the Spring Society of American Foresters Conference in Flagstaff.
 - b. \$400 each should be added to Monitoring: M_I, M_II and Airport Projects (summary current conditions/fire modeling)
4. Review & Discussion
 - a. PAB members were asked to provide comments on the GFFP Lessons Learned Report by March 8th. The target completion date of the report is March, 23 2010.
 - b. PAB members were asked to provide comments on the Mountaineer II Assessment; report and Appendices will be distributed again.

5. Updates:

a. ERI Organization Status

- i. Diane Vosick will be returning to the Ecological Restoration Institute as the Director of Policy and Partnerships.

b. Rocky Mountain Research Station

- i. GFFP's MOU with the Rocky Mountain Research Station has expired, but the two groups hope to work together on future projects, when appropriate.

c. Resource Advisory Council

- i. The applications for Resource Advisory Council members have been sent to D.C. for selection.

d. Airport Project

- i. Four bids have been submitted to thin the trees marked on this joint project between City Flagstaff, GFFP, AZ Game and Fish, and the Ecological Restoration Institute. A selection should be made by March 2, 2010.

1. The PAB discussed creating information signs that would be placed on the treatment area to due to the high level of use of the area by the public.
2. The BOD will also investigate opportunities to provide outreach session to a "Trail Riders Club" that frequents this area. One possible venue is Northland Motor Sports.

6. 4FRI Updates

- a. A general discussion/update on the activities of the 4FRI occurred between PAB members. Issues discussed were: whether GFFP should be act as bridge to bring together opposing stakeholders at 4FRI meetings (focus on overarching common goals); whether GFFP should develop an official policy on diameter caps solutions for reaching agreement between various stakeholders (how do we decide to use the exceptions [to the cap]? One idea: if there's no agreement, establish a monitoring/research project; other comments: Exceptions should be broad based, get off the size of the tree and move to age; "16" cap is a crude tool;" the importance of integrating science, social, and political issues into land management planning, etc.
- b. At the next PAB meeting, members will discuss whether GFFP should establish an official organization policy on the 4FRI process.

7. Roundtable

a. Hart Prairie EA – in review, comments due Mar 18th. Will be conducting a monitoring project on Aspen.