

Otero County Working Group Meeting

July 29, 2015

Summary of Minutes

Participants

Present – Rick Merrick, Tony McWilliams, Jay Northcott, Mark Cadwallader, Sue Dreikosen, Frank Silva, Susie Galea, Pete Haraden, Dave Venable, Scott Lerich, Thora Padilla, Vicky Estrada and Kim Kostelnick

Agreements and Potential Funding Sources Presentation

Kim Kostelnick from New Mexico Forest Industry Association (NMFIA) shared information with the group about the organization, their objectives as an organization and then described the Stewardship Agreement between NMFIA and Region 3 of the USFS, how funding is used and how contractors are selected through a competitive process to receive funding through this agreement (See Summary document of Potential Funding Sources for more details).

Scott Lerich of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) shared information about the Stewardship Agreement between NWTF and Region 3 of the USFS and how the funding and selection process for projects works (See Summary document of Potential Funding Sources for more details).

Thora Padilla from Mescalero Department of Natural Resources (DRMP) shared information about the Tribal Participating Agreement. This is a new authority given to native American tribes to use funding to accomplish treatment of other federal lands adjacent to their boundaries. She described the potential options for using this authority on Lincoln NF lands (See Summary document of Potential Funding Sources for more details).

Next Meeting Items

Next Meeting of Working Group will be held at the USFS Supervisor's Office in Alamogordo on Wed. August 19 at 10:00 at Cloudcroft.