

# **Otero County WUI Working Group**

**September 16, 2015**

## **Summary of Minutes**

### **Participants**

Present – Rick Merrick, Dave Venable, Sue Dreikosen, Frank Silva, Kim Kuhar, and Vicky Estrada

### **Forest Plan Revision – Presentation by Heather Berman**

Heather presented information about the the data being gathered on the forest for numerous variables to determine desired future condition, as well as reference condition. She also provided general information about the planning process, timeline for public involvement and encouraged the group members to provide input into the assessment process.

### **Interagency Coordination and Prescribed Fire Capacity Building Project**

Rick Merrick mentioned that the Master Agreement for New Mexico Wildland Fire and Joint Powers was signed. This agreement between the RC&D and participating and host agencies will allow for funding of the host agency and provide prescribed fire training opportunities for agency participants.

### **NM Prescribe Burn Workshop**

Rick reviewed date, location and briefly touched on agenda items that would be presented at the Workshop scheduled for October 29 in Capitan.

### **Moving forward in Focus Area Work**

Vicky passed out the current Two Goats-High Rolls-Maruchi Partners and Stakeholders List and asked everyone to review and update any missing information. She also handed out the contractors list, which was created as a separate list from the partners and stakeholders. Working Group members were asked to review and update as well. Vicky then went over the maps and items currently in the allaboutwatersheds private folder and reviewed with the group, the steps to access this information

### **Timeline and Role for Vicky Estrada Participation**

Vicky went over possible activities that she could help the group accomplish before her departure in December.

Next Working Group Meeting will be Nov. 18, 2015 at 10:00am at Cloudcroft Ranger Station