



FLAGSTAFF WATERSHED PROTECTION PROJECT (FWPP)

UPDATE

July 10th, 2013

1) **Agreements -**

- a) **State (ASF)** – The overall Agreement has been signed by all parties and is now in effect.
- b) **US Forest Service** - The first Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA) for the initial Demo project work has been signed.

2) **Tribal Outreach** – We are attempting to orchestrate an on-site meeting with Navajo officials regarding their 140-acre in-holding within the Dry Lake Hills area.

3) **Planning Group –**

- A) **USFS** – The planning team continues to work through issues raised during the Proposed Action (PA) comment period, with a goal to have the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) completed by early spring.
- B) **State** – Efforts are underway to complete the Current Status Report (SCC) of all State parcels, and the FY14 Annual Work Plan, by mid-August.

4) **Communication Group –**

- A) In early June, an update was provided to the Friends of the Rio at their monthly meeting.
- B) On June 21st, Staff met with the Lockett Ranches Homeowner Association to discuss the FWPP effort, and what forest treatments private landowners could implement on their property to support the overall effort.
- C) Last week, Forest and City staff met in the Dry Lake Hills area with a representative of the Center of Biological Diversity to discuss plans and options.
- D) A water bill insert summarizing the project has been developed and will soon be distributed to all city water customers.
- E) A brochure has been developed and is now available – it will be used at community events, meetings, and other venues as appropriate to inform and educate individuals and groups about the project.

5) **Implementation Group** – As indicated above, work to test equipment capabilities and resulting impacts on the initial Demo project site will soon be implemented. An RFQ was issued by the City, with a site tour held shortly thereafter for interested parties: the result was selection of a local (greater Flagstaff area) vendor being selected to do the work. That contract is now signed, and work is scheduled to begin, and be completed, by the end of July.

6) **Monitoring Efforts** – Plans are underway to refine the focus of potential city-funded monitoring efforts, and to develop the planned scope of work accordingly. A series of additional meetings with interested parties will occur throughout the summer.

7) **Upcoming Events & Outreach (tentative and not complete):**

Summer (TBD) – City Boards & Commissions (City), City Employee lunch, Navajo Nation tour of Dry lake Hills;

Aug – Meeting with Mormon Lake residents;

Oct – Presentation at regional workshop on innovative watershed projects (Phoenix);

Nov – Presentation at national Firewise Conference (Salt Lake City)