



FLAGSTAFF WATERSHED PROTECTION PROJECT (FWPP)
FHC UPDATE

Sept 12, 2013

Activities – Summer 2013

- 1) **Agreements** – Three: The State (ASF & SLD) Master Agreement; GFFP Public Engagement FY 14 Annual Work Plan (AWP); and The first USFS Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA) for the initial Demo project work.
- 2) **Tribal Outreach** – Continuing to attempting to orchestrate a dialogue with Navajo officials (Dry lake Hills in-holding) – looking toward Ron Lee C-of-S for Rep Kirkpatrick to help facilitate.
- 3) **Planning** –
 - A) **USFS** – The Interdisciplinary Team effort continues: addressing issues raised during Proposed Action (PA) comment period as well as operational items – Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) release early spring.
 - B) **State** – Completed *Current Condition Report* for all State parcels, as well as 1st Year AWP.
- 4) **Communication Group** –
 - A) Public outreach events:
 - 7 completed: Friends of the Rio, Lockett Ranches HOA, DLH field tour, Mormon Lake (ML) area property owners, Democratic Women, Salt River Project, Demo site field visit
 - 6 planned (next two months): ML area field tour, Festival of Science hike, Investment Strategies workshop, Firewise conference, ML property owners field tour, Federal land managers site visit
 - B) Water bill insert distributed to all water customers (15,000+).
 - C) Brochure completed – general info: use in community events, meetings, and other venues
 - D) Video shot and being processed – Demo project (FWPP website).
 - E) Kiosk – Placed at DLH trailhead.
 - F) Focus Groups – Working w/Univ of MT: will be in area to conduct these workshops soon.
 - G) Headwaters Economic Institute – they are developing a case study on this issue, and plan to use FWPP as the model.
- 5) **Implementation Group** –
 - A) Demo project – Equip Operability, Site design, Contract and SPA process. Work completed - Report forthcoming.
 - B) Exploring cable logging systems and locations, equipment options.
 - C) Treatment:
 - Completed - 30+ acres in DLH area;
 - Planned –
 - Federal – Orient Timber Sale and rebuild of FR 420 (Schultz Pass Rd);
 - State – Equestrian parcel (southwest side of town).
- 6) **Monitoring:**
 - A) Plan – Focus on voter questions
 - Spring – two large group workshops (25-50 participants) helped frame three key issues:
 - Fire risk/behavior reduction
 - Hydrologic response
 - Socio/economic awareness/support and impact
 - Aug-Nov – series of small group focused meetings underway: *what monitoring is already planned or underway, are voter questions being answered, where do gaps exist, what needs to be done/funded?*
 - B) Leverage Report: Jan –Jun 13 = \$770K cash/in-kind provided by partners