**Co-Facilitators**: Julie Bell and Catie Freels

**Note Taker**: Kathy Croll

**Group Participants**: Mark Varien, Jacob Dance, Julie Colmen, Susan Bryson, Sean Larmore

* Sean asked federal agencies what the big of their situation was.

Julie Coleman discussed her following issues:

* Talked about the McPhee reservoir and how the changing water levels are impacting both previously recorded and unrecorded sites. The area is a National Register District and there is no monitoring happening (there was a monitoring plan developed after the DAP project, but never implemented).
* In 2017 the Heritage/Rec program will be cut by 50% on the San Juan National Forest. Heritage program has three main targets: NHPA Sec. 106, NHPA Sec. 110, and Native American Consultation that they are having a hard time meeting. Could private foundation help? (SJMA). Varien asked if the targets will be dropped; Coleman said regional office not willing to give them a break on targets despite funding cuts.
* Varien asked how targets are generated. And they include acres surveyed for archaeology sake (Sec 110) and changing sites from an unevaluated status to an eligible or ineligible status.
* Can oil/gas pay for work? Yes on BLM (pays for Sec 106); oil/gas development has dropped on Forest
* DAP- Varien suggests volunteers do the work around the reservoir, and asks if that would count for Sec. 110. Says that VEP volunteers want to do survey, and have conducted survey on private acres. Coleman states that to do work on FS land they would require professional oversight.

Varien suggests Dian and Bob McBride for volunteer survey (7-8 people)

* Coleman asks Larmore and Varien if Universities would be interested in a field school? Masters thesis – they answer yes.
* CHS grants, but forest has hard time with matching funds –non-profits could help there – SJMA? Or a larger corporation; Also there is the Bureau of Recreation that could help, but they do not believe that reservoir fluctuations are an adverse effect.
* MOU saying FS is responsible for the archaeology
* Army Corps has paid for surveys around reservoirs

Utah – Freels:

* ATV, looting/vandalism on the rise again
* Do not have man power to monitor all sites and are bogged down doing Sec 106 survey all the time
* Lots of discontent bw the government and locals
* Reach targets through public programs such as wilderness volunteers and PIT programs

Varien:

* Initiatives in Utah to do something like monument status: National Trust, Friends of Cedar Mesa, Navajo (Diane McBride)
* Utah congressional – bottom up from county commissioners

Freels:

* Heritage Expeditions where people pay to do/see archaeology. No model.

Varien:

* Could do a pilot program with state/grant funding

Croll:

* Suggests programs like Earthwatch- Crow Canyon, Beef Basin
* Someone suggests working across state boundaries/agency boundaries

Heather Baileys new CHS office near Liquor World.

Dance:

* Recently archived collections from the 1970s and it took 10 years to rebox and catalogue in a database
* Next they need to develop a catalog system for reports
* Need a GIS database of sites

Varien:

* How is Tribal Park interfacing with the THPO?

Dance:

* They are separate
* Park turns paperwork into the THPO (Terry Knight)
* Jim Potter and PaleoWest wrote grants to fund the THPO office.

Varien:

* Crow Canyon would love to partner with the Park or Ute Mountain Ute.

Dance:

* Veronica and Terry often but heads.
* The park does not have a GIS database

There were suggestions that this could easily be grant funded; Crow Canyon would love to collaborate with that.

* Tribal Park has no ofically marketing but they do tours for ~ 2000 people per year.

Varien:

* Crow Canyon Research Institute lauched in February 2014; Visoin raise 11 million and fund infrastructure, have visiting scholars that bring own funding.
* This is directed to Coleman: To revisit the McPhee Res/DAP conundrum- to resurvey the shoreline, need developed protocols – CHS Assessment grants could help.
* Maybe pick one big site for the grant and use the site update/visit to develop protocols.

Bell:

* BLM struggling with how to be proactive
* Dismantling of service first put hardships on the program
* The Heritage program is very expensive bc of both the number of sites and the complexity of the sites
* ACEC will be an addendum to protect an area on the north escarpment of Mesa Verde.
* Hamm Canyon – oil/gas well locations in area of large site density, 2014 lease sale is on hold

Varien:

* Ute origins project – how to start this? Would traditional vs archaeological knowledge be a roadblock?

Bell:

* Hamm Canyon – Cultural landscape need to prove before designation
* Approximately 1000 acres of survey for about 35000$

General Discussion:

* Need to figure out how to make the cultural resources relevant to the general public, agencies, and government officials
* Catie expresses the need for lobbying in Washington D.C. for funding and more intersect to the resources – threatens to quit job and do this
* Senator seem to be more interested in natural resources and historically funding for archaeology comes from First Lady initiatives that are not present in today’s administration

Bryson:

* Ruth’s initiatives? Business consortium to fund
* Talked about an initiative with the Durango train that gives .50¢ to a heritage fund that could hopefully be tapped in the future by collaborating with them on a Christmas tree sale that SJMA will hold for the second year.