**Connecting for Conservation**

**Luncheon**

**October 29, 2014**

Eat/ network 11:30 TO 12:00

PROGRAM 12:00 to 1:00

1. Introductions (10 min)
2. Recap Connecting for Conservation Workshop (10 min)
3. Brief panel (30 min)
   1. Kara, Cliff, Connie – 5 min each
      1. Reflections on C4C
      2. Projects for collaboration
      3. Where to go with C4C
   2. Open discussion
4. Wrap up and next steps (10 min)

Open discussion from 1:00 to 1:30

Attendees:

Pauline

Paul Morey

Gabby Morey

Mike Reid- CO Parks and wildlife

Kerry Ann Zimmel – SWCA

Kera Gildar – NEPA planner, SJNF

Connie Clemenson – BLM, Dolores

Heidi Steltzer – FLC

Kara Chadwick – USFS

Cliff Spencer – Mesa Verde

Gary Thresh –

Kevin – SWCC

Jimbo Buickarood- SJCA

Aaron Kimple – MSI, Project Man

Marcie Bidwell – MSI, ED

Gretchen Fitzgerald – USFS, Bayfield/Pagosa

Rob Blair – MSI Board

Mark Lambert – USFS

Jennifer Thurston – Weasel skin Institute

Ellen Roberts – State senator

Marty Moses – private lands biologist

Chris R. –

12:10: Paul M. – Went over evaluation results, Most were positive responses

Pauline –The panel will respond to:

* Reflections 6 mo. Later…
* What ideas do you or your agency have to reach out to this group?
* What ideas do you have for where we go with C4C?

12:20: Cliff – Working with neighbors to get things done. Ex: got a response from a private landowner about how he controls weeds. Agency🡪private landowners and vice versa, lets pool our resources and solve problems together.

12:25: Kara – I really appreciated meeting a bunch of partners all in one place. Really interested in working with private landowners, across regional boundaries,

Trying to build relationships to solve/work on issues. Interests in: Spruce/fir management, climate change arena, water, recreation. Get work done on the ground, but also build support.

12:28: Connie – Looking to local and state governments, beyond federal government. Communities coming together, sharing information. Agencies have the challenge of getting that info out into the community. There are so many more partnerships that we have available to us. Interests in Sage Grouse, GIS, Transportation needs, wetlands, fens, water issues.

12:31 – Pauline – What brought you back here today? Where do we go with this? Sub-committees for specific projects? Who wants to comment?

Gretchen:

* Missed C4C, attended the prelim. one.
* List of projects to pursue with partners
  + Climate change adaptability, riparian monitoring, treeline monitoring, biochar and working on restoration with biochar, reforestation

Pauline: Gretchen is good at leveraging

Chris R:

* Cross watershed network (XWN, Daniel Openheimer), Tamarisk Coalition – a good resource

Send out resources on the email list and the face book page!

12:40 Rob Blair:

* Possible project: set up photo stations on the San Juan Skyway, snap image, download image into archive, get citizens involved
* Benefits: monitor flowering times, volume of visitors, educational use, determine early warning changes
* A way of getting the public involved, could be a model for other skyways to use and do similar things

Pauline: Revitalize interest in the San Juan Byway, apps

Heidi: I do image analysis, you can have quantified analysis from images. Students can do this, they are very tech savvy.

* Climate change discussion from the C4C
* Integrated Ecological Social System
* Developed course at FLC based on these ideas, doing air quality monitoring on iphones, some of the things in the class could be used as a think tank for ecological resilience
* Dec 9th 2-4 students will be presenting posters from this class. Way to find students, learn about class.

12:49 Marcie: planning meeting, Wednesday, for these ideas (climate change discussion) sign up sheet near the door.

Jimbo: Solution Oriented Roundtable

* Spruce fir
* Economics
* Project Based
* Bring together pieces/ natural resources
* Looking ahead and working together
* Avoid litigation and jurisdiction
* Avoid piece meal of solutions
* Education
* Heidi
  + Monitoring helps increase knowledge
  + Idea integrates well with her efforts
* Proposed

Jennifer: Weaselskin

* “We are for real” and are a place for folks to connect
* Weaselskin is a place that can be left forever!
* She is here, and she needs partners and there is a place for these ideas to be preserved!

Aaron – Where do we go from here?

Kevin Heiner

* Goes back to 2008 where Kevin started developing partnerships….At C4C, Kevin met Marty and a project evolved re: invasive species treatment on 18-20acres from MULTIPLE sources!

Marty Moses

* Keep your eyes and ears open for opp’ys! Also, another partnership from C4C w/ TU (Matt Clark)

Marcie

* BIA forestry cooperated on a grant that came to fruition re: ecosystem resilience

Aaron

* Format, ideas?
* Lunch is great; Cara would like to see an annual meeting C4C2
* Listserve of people and their interests E.g., Cara has a watershed project…who has experience and resources to help? Consider using eco-regions to solve similar problems in similar areas with similar resources. May be a way to id working areas

Chris

* Network is on XWN!
* Kerrilynee: Annual meetings to build relationships
* Chris: 20-min brown bags?
* Gary: Places where folks can access information. Idea for a bigger, collaborative, landscape cross-boundary perspective! E.g., Animas Watershed partnership affecting Durango and NM
* Gretchen: A series of “workshops” on specific issues…issue-driven meetings designed to get to solutions!!
* Promote the FB page! Younger generation uses social media.
* Ellen: Reminds us of the Green Business Roundtable. Is this different or the same? Are we a new group that is doing the same thing as the existing GBR? Are we competing or are we different?
* Jimbo: GBR not as much of an ecological-based focus, so it seems different.
* Ellen: Find solutions Public/Private solutions for resource issues, which doesn’t overlap what we think is the GBR’s purpose.
* Jimbo: Can we be a place to test thoughts or concepts say, for Ellen?
* Ellen: Would like “practical” people to come to Capitol to testify, that are not a part of a particular interest. Good to have people who identify systemically. How do we keep folks from falling asleep re: fire issues, watershed protection, when we don’t have a large fire burning? Public education piece is HUGE. Fed, State Local and comm’y groups need to jointly put the message out and be working in the comm’y! Connections btwn Feds/State Agencies w/local commy groups is powerful!
* Jimbo: What is our role in educating the public? Annual meeting w/great presentations and partnerships, and what benefit they are to “regular” people. Everyone on the same page, carrying forward together.
* Gary: Educating the public, getting info to the folks that need to know is hard! E.g., Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary dust issue. A meeting was convened but all the right folks don’t show up. How to reach people? “One person at a time?”
* Cara: If we can show this is NOT partisan, we can reach out effectively to the public! WE (C4C) are a diverse group coming together looking for solutions!
* Aaron: $$$ is still an issue for bringing together lunch meetings, annual meetings
* Marcie: Help us keep track of in-kind contributions
* Kara: Keep it going! Ecological Resilience Group?
* Chris: Artist to interest kids in conveying ecological messages (e.g. basic river functions)