

MEETING NOTES

UPPER COLORADO WATERSHED ASSESSMENT

STAKEHOLDER MEETING #1

Date: March 3, 2009 1 to 3 PM

Title of Meeting: Upper Colorado Watershed Assessment Stakeholder Meeting #1

Location: Fraser Historic Church, Fraser, Colorado

Attendees: Attendee list is attached to this document

There were 10 people that attended this meeting, representing many of the stakeholders in the Upper Colorado Watershed. The agenda for the meeting and a map of the Upper Colorado Watershed is attached to this document.

Brad Piehl lead introductions and then presented the goals for the day and the project. Chuck Dennis of the Colorado State Forest Service gave some background on the project. Then Brad Piehl presented the watershed assessment process/schedule and the watershed assessment technical approach using the Upper South Platte Watershed test case as an example. Chuck Dennis of the Colorado State Forest Service followed by describing the Critical Community Watershed Wildfire Protection Plan (CWP²) process. Brad Piehl finished the presentation by talking about next steps. The presentation is available at www.jw-associates.org.

A question and answer session followed with several questions on how the process fits into other planning efforts. Some comments were offered that generally supported this watershed assessment effort. Several people provided additional stakeholders that were not on the initial list. The local involvement aspect of this project was very appealing. There was also some discussion about the wildfire risk component of the assessment. One comment was that past and current efforts directed at wildfire risk reduction were not presented. Therefore, this effort might be seen as the first attempt at wildfire risk reduction. It was suggested that the past and current efforts be displayed at the beginning of the presentation.

Attachments:

1. Attendee list
2. Agenda from 1st meeting
3. Upper Colorado Watershed Map distributed during meeting

For additional information please contact Brad Piehl, JW Associates, 970.406.0085 or bpiehl@jw-associates.org. Additional information, background documents and schedules for future meetings are available at www.jw-associates.org.