

Friends of the Tonto National Forest

Board Meeting 26 August 2019

Attendees: Pete Allard, Patti Fenner, Brian Stultz, Scott Wood, Eric Yamane, Elizabeth Butler

Vice President Brian Stultz called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

Introductions

Bec Veerman, South Zone Partnership Coordinator

Brooke Wheelock, SO Partnership Coordinator

Matt Quinn, MRD Volunteer Coordinator

David Ettelson, member

Executive Director's Report - Patti

\$100 donation for someone at McDowell

Kellie Mott-LeCroix - will work with Friends on water development inventory wants to attend training, week of 10/17 is open

Grants, Agreements and Supplemental Project Agreements - Brooke Wheelock

Grants, agreements and SPAs have become centralized at the regional level and how they are administered has changed significantly from what Friends was told to do previously.

Brooke is not sure that a Challenge Cost Share is the appropriate tool for Friends. It has start and end, for example in five years)

SPAs are not needed yearly! SPAs are only necessary if the Forest needs to be involved, or if Friends is bringing in third party contractors. SPAs are unusual. Brooke will let Friends know if we will need a SPA.

Friends does need to provide the following documents to the FS yearly:

- Program of Work (POW)

- Financial plan

FLT meets quarterly (or maybe bimonthly) and will need to approve the Program of Work.

Volunteer coverage by FS Workers Compensation

What if Friends calls Dispatch and notifies staff about going out and doesn't get a response, can we still go? (and be covered). **Brooke will check with Clarence and let Friends know.**

Staff would have to respond if Friends makes any change to the plan.

Under a *Volunteer Agreement* volunteers only qualify for FS Workers Compensation if FS person there, signs people in, provides tools, and does training. if use 301 form then they are covered

With Challenge Cost Share, FS partners are expected to provide own insurance for volunteers

Currently Friends is under 301, but that needs to change, FS presence is usually required for 301s

NEXT STEPS

Friends

provide the FS (Brooke, who will provide to FLT)

2019 POW

2019 Financial Plan

2020 POW

2020 Financial Plan

Brooke

provide Friends the date of next FLT

get Friends POW on the agenda for the next FLT

let Friends know whether they may attend the next FLT

upload Friends 2019 POW

upload Friends 2019 Financial Plan

write (or have Clarence write) a statement that Friends has insurance coverage for the remaining two years under the Challenge Cost Share

provided Friends the process TRAL used to develop and get POW accepted by the FLT

Public Lands Day

Bec described the MRD plans for Public Lands Day and encouraged participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Butler, Secretary