

Work Meeting Minutes, NFMAD, December 14, 2018

Call to Order: 11:00 am, at Rain Klepper's home.

Present: Rain Klepper, DeeDee Durrance, Glenn Austin, Chris Tschinkel

Agenda: The purpose of this work meeting is to transfer essential information of NFMAD operations from Chris Tschinkel, for the new operations manager. Chris has resigned after 6 seasons of serving the District, and thank you, Chris, for all your service!

Review of physical mitigation burning projects for 2013-2018, and list for 2019. Doug Fritz, the Fire Chief of the Hotchkiss Volunteer Fire Department continues to be a staunch ally of NFMAD. The list of completed projects was reviewed, and site evaluation for 2019 added to operations notes.

Review of incomplete backhoe, trackhoe, and other physical mitigation means occurred. The budget will not extend to private property mitigation without the participation of the landowner, unfortunately. Two properties in Hotchkiss were reviewed for 2019 mitigation, despite being on the border of the District service area. New information was brought forward about a rerouting of a road by the County and Public Works, eliminating all but a small area of concern.

Most of the "possible" physical mitigation major projects have been completed. There are 8 areas that remain on the list, but these will require the cooperation of several agencies, including Delta County, the state of Colorado, the Union Pacific Railroad, and the Army Core of Engineers. Due to financial and legal constraints, NFMAD will have to continue to adulticide these areas where possible.

Enlarged grid maps and operations notes of "hot spots" throughout the District were reviewed.

Lunch was served, and the meeting adjourned at 2pm.