

PINE-STRAWBERRY FUEL REDUCTION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS
NOVEMBER 30, 2011

Joy Hafford of the Payson Roundup took a picture for her Pine/Strawberry article of Walt and Mike Brandt with Dave Burkhart presenting Walt a check to the FRC in the amount of \$1600 from the SCAF sponsored Telebration. Walt thanked all involved with getting sponsors and putting on the event.

To help publicize the FRC meetings, Joy Hafford agreed to include meeting dates and times in her Payson Roundup articles. Mel will look into having meeting dates and times placed on the bulletin board that is outside the community center next to the 87.

The thinning of the Gould Property in Strawberry, which was using money from the original 90-10 grant, has been completed. Jim Armstrong and Bob Lee & Sons were the contractors who did the work. The property owner is responsible for burning the slash piles. However, an agreement was reached to allow the PSFD to do pile and broadcast burning on the property for training purposes and to give their firefighters an opportunity to renew their burning certificates. A win/win for both.

In order to clear the hurdles the State has placed in front of FRC's "new" WFHF grant, the "old" 90-10 grant was amended to completely remove Camp Lo Mia and 97 acres of 2+ acre properties were added.

Then the "new" grant was amended so it will now be for the sole purpose of Camp Lo Mia's 197 acres. Although both need to be signed off by the State, it is anticipated this will be done within the next couple of days which will allow bids to go out for Camp Lo Mia. Thinning Camp Lo Mia is a major step in reducing the risk of catastrophic fire in Pine Creek Canyon and increasing the safety for the girls who visit the camp each summer.

Fire On The Rim bike race will hold its first public meeting for chair people and new and returning volunteers on January 24, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Pine Senior Center. Those who volunteered last year know what a terrific experience it was. Anyone new who would like to see what you can do to help with this year's race and activities can get information at this meeting.

Already, Junction 87 has been contacted to perform on Friday and/or Saturday September 14th and 15th with many more attractions planned for those days and Sunday, September 16th. Join us in helping to grow this annual event for Pine and Strawberry.

The return of the brush pick-up is close!!!! After going through many revisions to satisfy the State, the paperwork for release of funds has been sent and received. It's anticipated the paperwork will be signed and brush pick up could begin as early as the week of December 12th.

The FD's grant, that will be paying for picking up our brush, is estimated to last until February 2013. At that time it is extremely unlikely further grant money will be awarded for brush pick-up. The FRC is currently working on ways to publicly support the continuation of the brush pick-up program. Future FRC meetings will have this topic on the agenda. For information and input on how to make this work, come to the Fuels Reduction Committee meetings starting the New Year on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Pine Senior Center.

Our next meeting will be January 25, 2012.

***UPDATE:** The FRC and FD grants were both signed and became effective as of Friday, Dec. 2. Is that the brush truck I hear coming down my street?*

Merry Christmas and enjoy this Holiday Season with you family and friends.