

Southern Colorado Fire and Forestry Collaborative Meeting 1
July 26 Headline Activity debrief
Colorado Springs

COCO facilitated a headline activity and asked participants in small groups to consider the following question: If together we are successful over the next 5 years, what would the headline look like telling the story after the next large wildfire burns in the Pike National Forest and surrounding areas? The groups created headlines and everyone voted for the headline which they can most get behind, the top three headlines with the most votes are shown below. Then, groups worked through the question of how do we achieve this positive headline, and identifying barriers which may get in the way. The barriers and solution themes that more than one group identified are also listed below.

The headline activity shows the common themes that can be used to further refine a collaboratively developed vision statement, as well as identify barriers and solutions to our future working together.

Top 3 headlines:

- Disaster averted! Lives and property saved due to successful collaboration of community partners
- Forest treatments save billions in losses. Officials say, the fire burned the way it should
- Waldo Canyon Fire 2.0? Not this time

Top barriers:

- Capacity (lack of time, and funding)
- Lack of cohesive strategy
- Community buy in / perception of risk exposure
- Lack of communication / trust between partners

Top solutions:

- Funding incentives
- Community education
- Better communication between partners
- Knowing partner needs/values
- Strategic planning

Transcribed headline activity notes

Headline Activity Part 1: Instructions

If together we are successful over the next 5 years, what would the headline look like telling the story after the next large wildfire burns in the Pike National Forest and surrounding areas?

- Disaster averted! Lives and property saved due to successful collaboration of community partners. (23 votes)
- Forest treatments save billions in losses. Officials say, the fire burned the way it should (16 votes)
- Waldo Canyon Fire 2.0? Not this time (13 votes)
- A gender reveal went wrong but in the right forest! (8 votes)
- Collaborative fire partnership allows firefighters to save Monument. (8 votes)
- Through cross-boundary collaboration, the large wildfire maintained forest health minimizing impact on local communities (5 votes)
- 5 year collaborative landscape mitigation strategies adverts catastrophic wildland fire outcomes; no loss of life or structures occurred! (4 votes)
- Wildfire successfully reintroduced in Colorado- catastrophic wildfire suppressed! (4 votes)

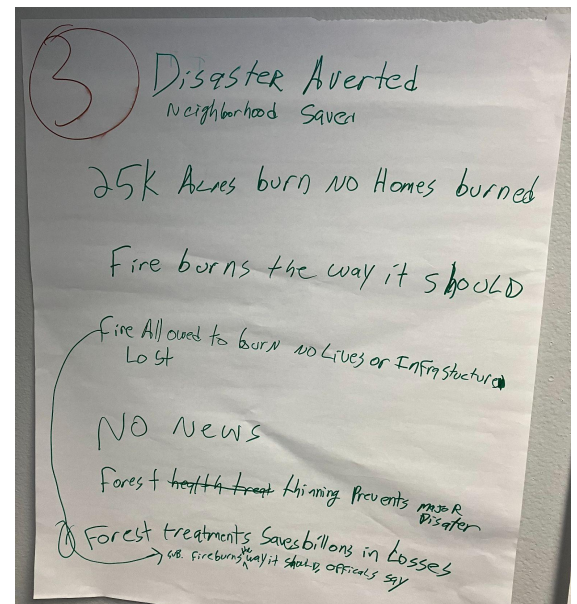
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Headlines Notes

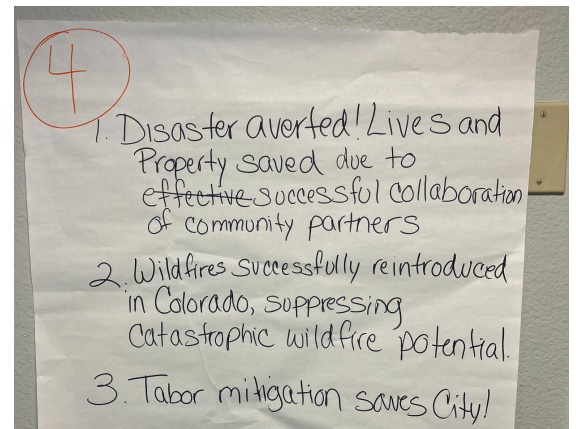
Group 3

- Disaster Averted Neighborhood saved
- 25k acres burn no homes burned
- Fire burns the way it should
- Fire allowed to burn no lives or infrastructure lost
- No news
- Forest thinning prevents major disaster
- Forest treatments saves billions in losses, fire burns the way it should officials say



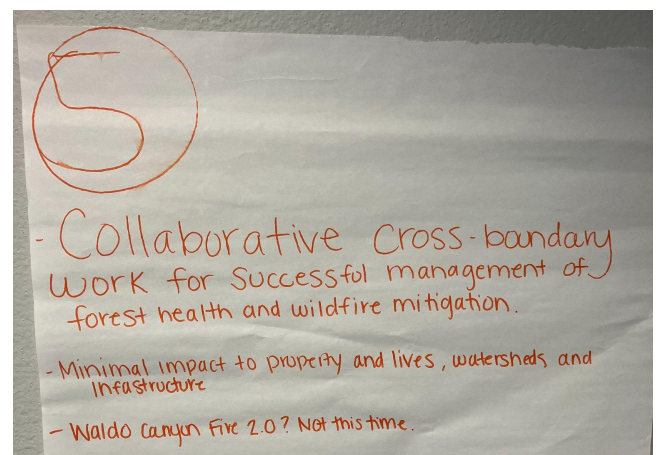
Group 4

1. Disaster averted! Lives and property saved due to successful collaboration of community partners
2. Wildfires successfully reintroduced in Colorado, suppressing catastrophic wildfire potential
3. Tabor mitigation saves the city!



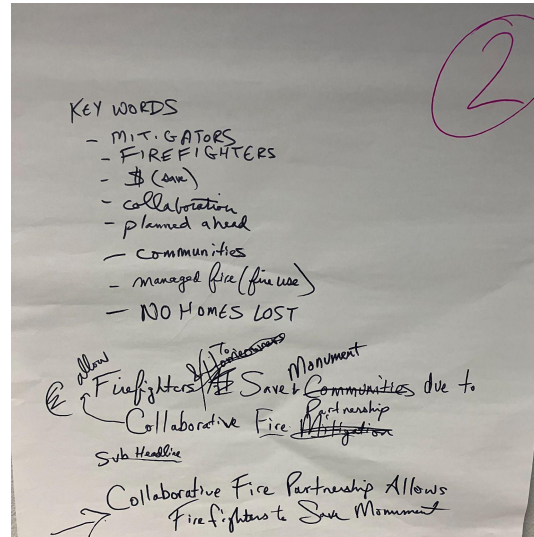
Group 5

- Collaborative cross-boundary work for successful management of forest health and wildfire mitigation
- Minimal impact to property and lives, watersheds and infrastructures
- Waldo canyon fire 2.0? Not this time.



Group 2

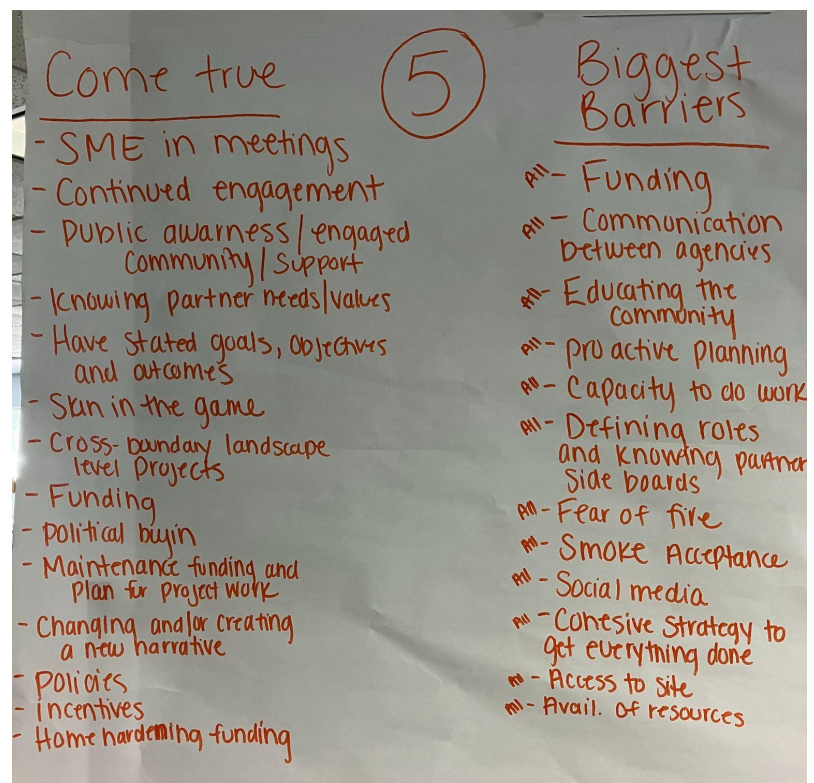
- Mitigators
- Firefighters
- \$
- Collaborating
- Planned ahead
- Communities
- Managed fire (fire wise)
- No homes lost



Group 5

Solutions

- SME in meetings
- Continued engagement
- Public awareness/engaged community/ support
- Knowing partner needs/values
- Have stated goals, objectives, and outcomes
- Skin in the game
- Cross-boundary landscape level projects
- Funding
- Political buyin
- Maintenance funding and plan for project work
- Changing and/or creating a new narrative
- Policies
- Incentives
- Home hardening funding



Barriers

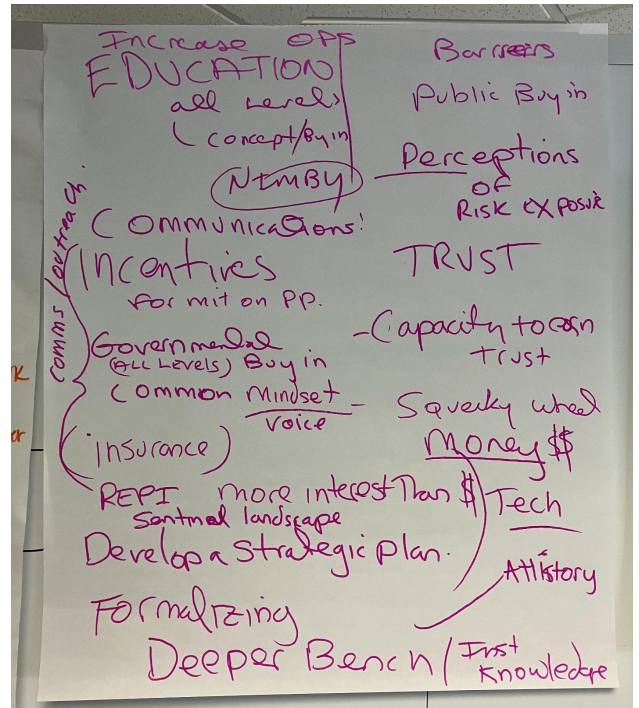
- Funding
- Communication between agencies
- Educating the community
- Proactive planning
- Capacity to do work
- Defining roles and knowing partner sideboards
- Fear of fire
- Smoke acceptance
- Social media
- Cohesive strategy to get everything done
- Access to site
- Availability of resources

Pink Group

- Increase ops
- Education all levels
- Concept buy in
- NIMBY
- Communications!
- Incentives for mitigation on private property
- Governmental buy in (all levels)
- Common mindset/ Voice
- Insurance
- REPI more interest than \$
- Develop a strategic plan
- Formalizing
- Deeper bench (Institutional knowledge)

Barriers

- Public buy in
- Perception of risk exposure
- Trust
- Capacity to earn trust
- Squeaky wheel
- Money \$\$
- Tech
- A History



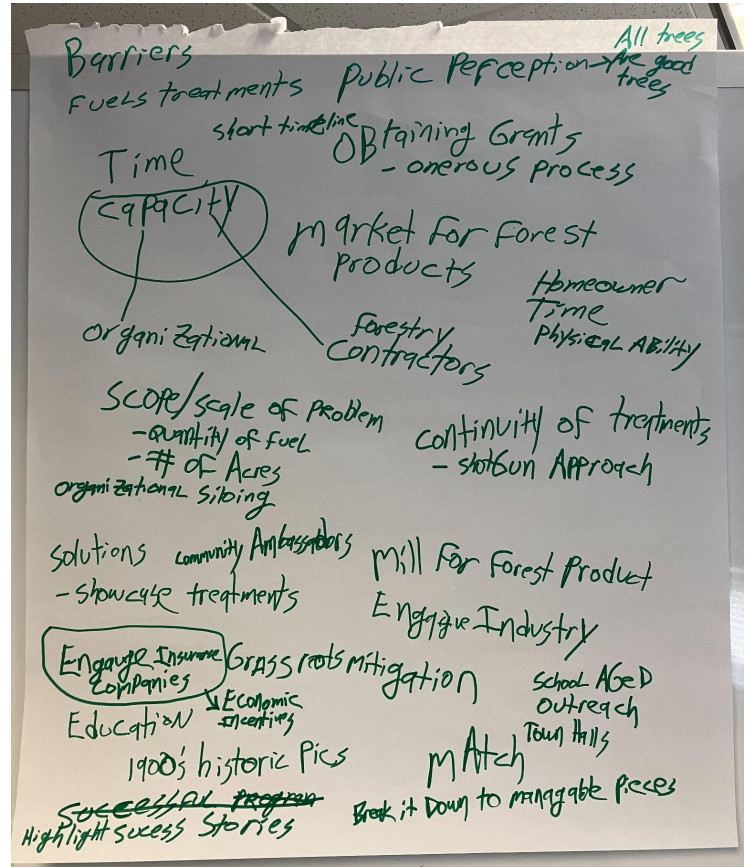
Green Group

Solutions

- Showcase treatments
- Community ambassadors
- Engage insurance companies
 - Economic incentives
- Grass roots mitigation
- Education
- 1900s historical pics
- Mill for forest products
- Engage industry
- Town halls
- Match
- Break it down to manageable pieces
- Highlight success stories

Barriers

- Fuels treatments
- Short timeline
- Public perceptions that all trees are good
- Obtaining grants is an onerous process
- Organizational capacity
- Forestry contractors capacity
- Market for forest products
- Homeowner time and physical ability
- Scope/scale of problem
 - Quantity of fuel
 - # of Acres
- Organizational siloing
- Continuity of treatments
- Shotgun approach- a scattershot approach to treatments.



Group 6

Solutions

- Build community partner relationships
- Planning
- Strategy
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Secure resources
 - Grants
 - Political support

Barriers

- \$ NFF
- voter referendum
 - CSFS, CUSP,
- Time
 - COCO contacts contacts
- Staff
- Lack of Collaboration
 - (FACO, COCO, CUSP, FPD)
- Lack of guidance
- Rotation of partners
- Industry partners
- Industry capacity
- Debris disposal
- Outdated policies
- Weather/ Fire Activity
- Talk to Action
- Interest -
 - FPD
- NIMBY -
 - FPD

