

## **June 15, 2017 Lincoln County FireSafe Council Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees; Ed Levert, Lincoln Co Forester; Bill Swope and Louis Kuennen, Flathead Economic Policy Center; Dawain Burgess, North End Representative; Larry Miller, Upper Yaak RFD; Connie Buegge, McCormick area representative;**

### **Round Robin:**

**Kuennen-** Lou has written 8 new fuel reduction grant proposals.

**Burgess-** Dawain said that he had the FireSafe Council's trailer at the Eureka Home and Garden Expo. Received 3 FireWise assessment requests at the expo. Pretty marginal interest by participants. Significant number of dead trees on FS lands south of Rexford and around Glen Lake. Needs publications for the trailer and FireWise assessment forms. (Ed to pursue)

Dawain discussed the need of the county to clean up fire hazard along road easements. The general consensus was that this would be a difficult task through private property.

**Swope-** Bill covered the efforts of the Flathead FireSafe Council in preparing an updated CWPP.

**Miller-** Larry said that it has been quiet in the Yaak. The FS has been burning piles in the S. Fk of the Yaak.

**Buegge-** Connie introduced herself and planned activities this summer at the McCormick FSA.

**Levert-** Excellent presentation on May 31st by Byron Bonney and Ray Prill on the Roaring Lion Fire. Approximately 40 in attendance. Byron is sending out a copy of their presentation.

Bill Swope and I made presentations at the Fisher in the Pines Sub-division meeting on June 2. Hard to measure the interest of the group in having assessments done or interest in grants, etc. I had met with Connie Buegge and fire chief, Trevor Pelling to discuss doing a FireWise presentation for the community along with a BBQ. It is tentatively scheduled for July 29.

### **New Business-**

#### **State Farm Insurance Grant-**

We discussed possible projects that might compete for the nationwide \$25,000 grant. One idea was to develop bike trails in the Libby area. Another was a community hall at McCormick. Unfortunately, there was not enough time to prepare any sort of reasonable

proposals. It was suggested that we carry forth this opportunity this in the minutes and look at a proposal in 2018.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:30.**

**Next Meeting- July 20, 9:00 AM**

**Action Items-**

**Ed order FireWise puublications**

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Ed Levert, Chair