

Lincoln County Firesafe Council Meeting Notes

Location - LIBBY FIRE HALL 119 E 6th St

Date- Feb 21, 2019

Time-9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Note Taker: D.Turman

Round Robbin:

Mike Sanders/Yaak FSA – Has two new firefighters

Brent Teske/Lincoln County EMA – The theater is available for the presentation during Loggers Day/\$150.00

Working on updating the growth policy for the county, looking at major issues facing the county, such as wildland fire risk.

Logan Sandman/MT DNRC – reorganizing the seasonal work force to allow them work within the Good Neighbor Authority and Trust Lands programs meeting timber targets, all the seasonals from last year will be returning this year.

Jennifer Nelson/Lincoln County Forester – Assisting with the update to the growth plan for the county, working to beef up the subdivision regulations, updating the CWPP. Going to a fire adaptive community workshop. Working on the FEMA grant that would replace fire hydrants on the northside of the elementary school, replacing a drain pipe at the elementary school.

Jeremy Rank/New Service Forester MT DNRC – Reviewed his responsibilities of the public assistance within the Montana DNRC. Gave an update of current timber sales on the unit, currently Clay Banks and Cripple Horse are inactive. Developing a timber sale on the west ½ of the Pipe Creek section.

Kip and Connie / McCormick – Gave an update on the newly formed McCormick Firewise Community, working to put up a new firewise community sign.

Bill Swope/Flathead Economic Policy Center – no major updates, work will continue in Lincoln County until current fuel grants projects are finished. Bill will be stepping down soon

New/Old Business:

- Buy Laws - LCFS Council continued to review a drafted document.
- Resizing the Libby Community Firewise area - Discussion occurred, reviewed a list of areas that would be targeted for smaller firewise communities. This list was developed by Steve Lauer, in 2019 landowners in the Northwood, Bighorn Terrace, and Cherry Creek Bluff areas would be contacted.
- Springtime projects - Wildfire Preparedness Day – On May 4th Scouts will be bused out to Fairview Guard Station and spend the day learning what it takes to prep structures to increase their odds of survival in a wildland fire.
- Loggers Day – The theater is available for a presentation from Byron Bounty/Changing Fire Environment and Fuel Mitigations. Money has been secured to put on Byron's presentation. Also, the Lincoln County Firewise trailer would be placed down at the park
- Grants – Update from Bill Swope
- CWPP – Reviewed a draft CWPP from Flathead County.
- Keep Montana Green – Look for an opportunity to support this program next year.

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