

Lincoln County Firesafe Council Meeting Notes

Location - LIBBY FIRE HALL 119 E 6th St

Date- April 18th, 2019

Time-9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Note Taker: Logan Sandman

Introductions:

Round Robin:

USFS –

- Slow spring so far for prescribed fire.
- There are some prescribed fire treatments planned up in Eureka and an aerial ignition planned for Troy.
- 1 false alarm was for fire response up in Eureka.

Lincoln County Forester/Jennifer Nelson –

- Quartz Creek burning planned to happen here soon.
- Some home owners still upset with the back burn that occurred during the West Fork Fire. Jennifer was going to go out and interface with the home owners.
- Starting to get calls from property owners interested in fuels treatments.
- All the grant money for 2018 has been spent. Still haven't heard back yet on the grant money that was submitted for the elementary school.
- Jennifer got invited to Flathead County's CWPP roll out. She will be attending.

Yaak Fire/Mike Sanders –

- 2-acre fire recently
- 1 medical call in April
- They have 2 new wings, that were recently built at the fire hall, to cover vehicles.
- Mike might be interested in using the Firewise Trailer on Memorial Weekend.

Brian Ressel –

- District conservationist stationed up in Eureka
- He focuses on private lands conservation – the priorities have been set in the past by local interest.
- See attached Edna Creek Document.

MT-DNRC/Logan Sandman –

- Seasonal crews will be starting in a week.
- Looking to focus our seasonal crew efforts in line with the National Cohesive Strategy. The crews will be being trained to be cross functional with GNA and Trust Lands projects.
- Jeremy Rank has been doing some property visits up Pipe Creek.
- Some pile burning was done at the gravel pit up Pipe Creek.

USFS/Paige Hageness –

- Waiting for seasonals to come on to start some thinning projects.
- A TV and speaker were purchased for the Firewise Trailer.
- Paige would like to go through the trailer and restock it for the season. She will be working with Jennifer on this.
- Dean or Paige will be in charge of making a video loop to play on the new TV for the trailer.

New/Old Business:

- LCFS –
 - Final LCFS plan passed out. Some contact information will be added.
- Brian Ressel
 - Brian will be using a targeted marketing approach for NRCS. In the future, Brian would like to focus on areas in coordination with the FireSafe Council, USFS, and State.
 - Edna Creek was chosen to be the focus. They plan to treat 1,600 acres with adjacent landowners. This was a large WUI area in Eureka.
 - There will be a meeting the third Wednesday in June at 1500 to set priorities. Brian would like to extend an invitation to all our cooperators and partners to be at the meeting. Contact Brian, if you have any questions about the meeting.
 - Applied for the Joint Chiefs Grant but was unable to get the grant.
 - The Enda Creek Project is attached in the email.
- Springtime projects –
 - Loggers Day update – This project is on the right track. Finalized using the Dome Theater. They have started advertising the event on their website and Facebook page. We will want to look at maximizing advertising for the event, once the date gets closer. We can utilize EMA, USFS, and DNRC Facebook pages. We will also be passing out information during the parade.
 - Wildfire Preparedness Day update – Jennifer secured a grant of \$500.00 to assist in putting on the event. We are having trouble getting interested kids with the baseball season kick off happening that day. Jennifer will call the elementary school to try and get more attendees. We may look at rescheduling the event, if we don't get enough participants.
- Grants – Nothing new

- CWPP – More discussion on what the County Wildfire Prevention Plan should look like. The current CWPP will be attached in this email. We are asking that everyone review it and have some comments ready for the next meeting. We have identified the core working group for the CWPP. We plan to have a working group meeting after the next FireSafe Meeting. The core group will include:
 - USFS – Mike Burrow
 - DNRC – Logan Sandman
 - County – Jennifer Nelson
 - EMA – Brent Teske
 - Industry – Bruce/Stimpson?
 - Rural Fire Rep – Steve Lauer

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