

Lincoln County Firesafe Council Agenda

Location - LIBBY FIRE HALL 119 E 6th St

Date- March 19th, 2020

Time-9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Note Taker: Logan Sandman

Introductions:

New/Old Business:

- **Lincoln County Subdivision Recommendations update**

Jennifer Nelson, Logan Sandman, and Steve Lauer met with the planning board on February 13th. We presented the recommendations that came from the Firesafe and CWPP group. Most everything was well received. We did volunteer to formulate a new, more objective Fire Risk Assessment form that would include a rating system for the assessors to use. We also included looking at a vegetative management plan or incorporating this into the Fire Risk Assessment.

There was some discussion, from the board, that developers had reached out to some departments for comment, in the past, and not received any comment back. We would encourage any department that is solicited input from a potential developer to respond. The Firesafe Council can be used to help anyone that has questions regarding this. We will also be developing a "chiefs list" to aid departments in the questions they should be asking of these developers.

We will plan to continue talks with the planning board and develop the documents listed above. I will attach the recommendations in the attachments. If anyone has anything else they would like to see discussed, please email myself, Jennifer, or Steve.

- **Lincoln County Home Assessment Form**

Kelly May will be sending out the Lincoln County Home Assessment form tomorrow. Please look at this form and see if it meets the mark. We can further discuss this form at our next meeting.

- **Home Assessment Training**

Lincoln County Home Assessment training has been planned for May 9th from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The training will be held at the Ponderosa Room in Libby. Logan will send out a formal announcement soon. **Any department that is doing home assessments must send the folks doing the assessments to this class.** The goal is to have everyone in Lincoln County speaking the same language and using the same forms when they engage with landowners. This training will be half classroom and half in the field doing assessments. **We will continue to evaluate the Covid-19 situation as we get closer for cancelation or rescheduling.**

- **Debris Burning Flyer**

A small working group was put together to try and come up with an information sheet regarding burning in Lincoln County. A burn flyer and map have been produced to try and aid folks in working with the public. After many edits, we have a final draft flyer that should help pass information to the public. If you could please look at the flyer, map, and provide feedback to Logan, it would be much appreciated. The flyer and map will be in the attachments. This flyer is mostly to help get rid of confusion regarding burning in and around the Air Quality Control District in Libby. You by no means have to use this flyer, if you have something that is already working for you.

- **Grant Updates**

KFRI – Phase 1 -I am currently screening the applications. Looking at value to the county which includes property protection (single vs multiple properties), egress (single vs multiple properties), property condition (need), location, number of acres, etc. I am still waiting on some applications.

Phase 2 – Public meeting is delayed due to Covid-19. Will contact some residents by phone.

State Fire Assistance WUI grant – Swede-McMillan – Ranked 26 out of 87 in reviewer's priority, application score was 41.5 out of possible 45. Ashley Juran felt we would likely receive funding when I spoke with her in February. Funding should be decided by early summer, arrive by late fall. This could be delayed now.

Fire Adapted Montana Learning Network – awarded \$7500 for county FireSafe website update. Ashley can help us find website designers. Should receive a draft contract from FAM soon. If people have a good web designer I should contact, please let me know. Also need ideas for content.

FEMA grant – need to decide whether to move forward with it. Only the fuel reduction portion will be allowed, which severely limits it worth. Working with Montana DES, but know they are busy with other things too.

Round Robbin:

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