

October 23, 2014 Lincoln County FireSafe Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees; Lou Kuennen, Flathead Economic Policy Center; Katie Andreessen, Libby RD; Lisa Osborn, Three River RD; Ed Levert, Lincoln Co; Kirk Kraft, Lincoln County Sheriff's Dept. and Fisher River Valley FSA Dawain Burgess, Trego, Fortine, Stryker RFD; Mark Peck, DNRC.

Round Robin:

Kuennen- Lou has 58 signed agreements for fuel reduction projects to date. Lake Creek and W. Kootenai Grants are completed.

Andreessen- Katie is back to her fire prevention job. Participated in Fire Prevention Week activities. All seasonal will be gone next week. Lots of burning to do this Fall.

Osborn- Working on the calendar. Seasonal employees will be gone next week. The district is burning piles.

Burgess- TFS has had some calls on burns. FS is doing lots of burning. No house fires recently. Annual board meeting coming up. Participated in Fire Prevention Week activities.

Kraft- Fire risk mapping has been completed for Fisher River. They helped burn some slash piles. Some interest expressed in fuel reduction grants. They had a Chevrolet Tahoe donated to the district that Keith Kenelty will be able to use when doing assessments. Kirk is concerned about the impact on wildlife from the FS timber sale planned for Silver Butte-Allen Peak areas.

Kirk's work in the sheriff's office has been involvement with the response map and working outside of the fire districts.

Peck- Mark said they have been burning piles. Discussed the EPA activity based sampling for logging at the mine site and in the neighboring Jackson Creek areas. Still waiting for the report and expects it to be favorable for some logging activities.

Levert- I hope to contract out the McGrade School county property yet this Fall. Same way with the 7 acre parcel on the Kootenai River Rd. belonging to the Remp family. I discussed the status of the stakeholder involvement with the Oly project on the Three Rivers Dist.

Old Business-

FireWise Trailer- I mentioned that I would call Bill Naegli, DES coordinator for Sanders County and offer the use of our trailer for some of their events.

Calendar- Lisa said the calendar should be completed by November 13. The calendar will be dropped off by Lisa for the FireSafe Council meeting scheduled for on November

20. There are 2500 calendars. Dwain will get calendars for the North end of the county. The calendar is considerably more expensive(+\$5,000) than last year, but it will have much more information and photos.

Web Site- It was suggested that Doug Turman get the county emergency operating plan placed on our web site.

Title III- I went through our proposed 2015 priority list and the only change was to remove the teacher training course that was on the former list. Complaints had been expressed that it was an illegal expenditure of these funds.

Next Meeting- November 20, 2014 (10 am-noon)

Ed Levert, Chair