



*Our mission is to prevent deaths, injuries, property loss, and environmental damage resulting from wildfires in Deschutes County.*

**January 15, 2019 – Steering Committee – Regular Meeting – 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM  
APPROVED Minutes**

**Steering Committee Members & Staff Present:**

	Vacant	Fire Rep 1	
	Doug Green	Fire Rep 2	Bend Fire Dept.
x	Gary Marshall	Fire Rep 3	Deschutes Rural Fire Dist. #2
	Dan Daugherty	Fire Rep 3	LaPine Fire Dept.
x	Gary Githens	Insurance Industry	Brown & Brown
	Vacant	Business Community	
	Erica Pelley	Marketing	High Desert Museum
x	Chris Perry	911 Service District	Deschutes County
x	Zechariah Heck	Community Development Dept.	Deschutes County
x	Dan Galecki	Private Forestry	Spin Drift Forestry
x	Patti Gentiluomo	HOA Rep	Sunriver HOA
x	Dave Gibson	HOA Rep	Black Butte Ranch HOA
x	Dean Richardson	HOA Rep	Upper Deschutes River Communities
x	Craig Letz, Vice-Chair	HOA Rep	Tree Farm
X	Nathan Garibay	Sheriff's Office - Emergency Mgmt.	Deschutes County
X	George Chesley	Citizen Rep	At Large - Retired
	Vacant	Citizen Rep	
X	David Morman	Citizen Rep	At Large - Red Cross
	Gordon Foster	Oregon Dept. of Forestry	ODF - Unit Forester
	Alex Robertson	US Forest Service	USFS
X	Nicole Strong	OSU Extension Service	OSU Ext
X	Paula Simone	Central Oregon Comm. College	COCC
	Vacant	Environmental Community	
X	Ed Keith, Chair	County Forester	Deschutes County
	Phil Henderson	Commissioner	Deschutes County
X	Jodie Barram	Contract Director	Project Wildfire/FireFree

Public Present:

Jim Baker, Lane Knolls  
Joyce Baker, Lane Knolls  
Greg Bryant, Deschutes River Woods  
Monte Dammarell, UDRC  
Georgia Hill, Ridge at Eagle Crest  
Carl Jansen, UDRC  
Stella Larson, Woodside Ranch

Nick Lelack, Deschutes Co. CDD  
Bob Madden, Bend Fire Dept.  
Ray Miao, Woodside Ranch  
Boyd Turner, Homeowners at Eagle Crest  
Helen Webre, Woodside Ranch  
Rick Williams, North Rim HOA

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was opened by Ed Keith, Chair. Introductions were made by those in attendance (name/affiliation).

## **AGENDA, PAST MINUTES AND COORDINATOR UPDATE**

The agenda was briefly reviewed. Meeting minutes from December 18, 2018 were approved by consensus with a correction to the spelling of an individual's last name.

**Jodie Barram** - Provided an update of her activities over the past month. She met with the sub-committee tasked with reviewing and presenting the updated Project Wildfire 2019 Goals and Program of Work. She has been meeting with participants of last year's CWPP processes and key partners throughout the county, gathering information for residents, identifying potential Firewise Sites, updating the Project Wildfire and Fire Free websites, engaging in the FAC Learning Network Podio platform and posting on social media.

## **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Ed Keith and Craig Letz were nominated and reappointed by consensus for 2019 as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

## **2019 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES & PROGRAM OF WORK REVIEW**

Carl Jansen commented on including business communities, including Sunriver Chamber of Commerce.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Gary Marshall discussed evacuations, choke points, voiced concerns about single vs. double roundabouts during transportation planning, would like emergency management as future topic for Steering Committee meeting. Greg Bryant is on the CTAC and will bring up this issue. Nicole Strong asked if there was fire representation on the committee.

Stella Larson raised awareness about the area with a new school being planned by Knott Landfill. Feels evacuation planning is important. Nathan Garibay mentioned planning occurs for all emergency responses, wildfire is included in that. Nick Lelack offered that there are ways to design.

Ray Miao felt that transportation planning is reactive, we have a voice but are not making the decisions. Land use development experience would be welcome on the Steering Committee. Gary Githens brought up that resorts need planning, transportation plans, and evacuation planning for property loss and human exposure.

## EVACUATIONS

Gary Marshall said that most deaths occur during evacuations. Dave Gibson suggested a good After Action Review of Cache Mountain and Saddle Back evacuations could be helpful. Nathan Garibay explained the system update they are going through and using Everbridge for tourists in areas like Sunriver. Dean Richardson wants to engage property management companies, getting information to renters. Black Butte Ranch was a wake up call.

## AWARENESS

Georgia Hill liked the emphasis on public awareness and keeping people engaged in Goal 3. Gary Marshall would like awareness and education around red-flag warning days.

## FIREWISE

Rick Williams and Georgia Hill asked for explanation of the 4-star Pilot Program. Gary Marshall answered explaining it is a drive by evaluation with a 4-point 'star' rating system. Dean Richardson asked if it's only done in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). Gary answered that it's available to all Firewise USA Sites in Deschutes County.

## ROUNDTABLE

**David Morman** – Red Cross report that Alaina Mayfield went to OEM, Carrie Sammons is the interim.

**Patti Gentiluomo** – Winter projects underway for tree removal, coordinating with Sunriver Police Department on evacuation preparedness.

**Nicole Strong** – Fuels reduction workshop last Nov. success is leading to putting more on this year. Working on Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project 5 year follow up public opinion survey, Wildland Urban Interface, fire risk, and will share here. Ext program submitted for hosting natural resource professionals in Sunriver next year.

**Monty Dammarell** – Upper Deschutes River Communities is having Jodie at this month's meeting, Nathan Garibay may be in March.

**Georgia Hill** – Ridge CWP almost completed, MOU with BLM, on evacuations to Hwy 26, begun treatment operation of 70 acres of East ridge common area, completing activities for FireFree May 3-12.

**Jim Baker** – Lane Knolls, located 3.5 miles SE of Costco, 48 homesites, 2-4 acres, common area, sagebrush, bitter brush, last 3 years thanks to FEMA grant removing fire fuel, county administrated, thanked Ed, goals to become Firewise, spring cleanup planned, neighborhood private lots & common area, HOA will pay for removal of debris, Ward road for evacuation.

**Zechariah Heck** – Westside transect zone looking like it'll be approved, incorporates significant wildfire mitigation plans for each subdivision, few items from building side, rural Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) legislation at state level looking to require wildfire mitigation standards built into the code, Ed Keith and Nick Lelack are providing input to this effort. State is looking at adding additional building code standards related to wildfire under the residential code R327.4 – Deschutes County has weighed in to the Building Codes Division that it is especially important to have local control, commissioners are undecided on whether or not to adopt the code locally if the Building Code Division approves it at the state level. Commissioners don't want one size fits all from state. Will provide group updates from state level and local Community Development Department work relevant to Project Wildfire, will let transportation planner know Project Wildfire is interested and report back on projects.

**Rick Williams** – North Rim HOA – began Firewise treatments in 2015 and in 2017 did about 70 acres, starting a program because of the way the community is designed requiring 55% native plants, HOA implements Firewise through HOA fees, start a contract to work through 1/3 of ownership each year and continually run through community on a 3-year cycle, monitor treatments, stay ahead of it.

**Dean Richardson** – We know what worst case scenario is, drought, wind, structure to structure ignitions, evacuations, Upper Deschutes River Communities pilot program to help most vulnerable residents with defensible space.

**Ray Miao** – Woodside Ranch preparing for Firewise assessments participation, upcoming workshop.

**Greg Bryant** – Deschutes River Woods – For an upcoming association meeting they'd like to have Jodie present, of 2200 residences their side is only 166.

**Ed Keith** – Board of Forestry approved changes to smoke management plan, which asks communities that commonly experience smoke to develop a Community Response Plan related to smoke impacts and public health. That plan will likely be developed by a subgroup sometime before prescribed fire season.

**Dan Galecki** – New publication, 2018 Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire recommendations on City of Sisters webpage.

**Nathan Garibay** – Grant updates, going back to drawing board on getting fund for preparedness and fire training and interagency coordination will work with Paula Simone, wrapping up guide to disaster preparedness, launching mass care plan that is typically given to Red Cross, want to incorporate and work with rather than pass off, tackle at local level.

**Craig Letz** – Tree Farm - Bloomberg News is going to interview several people for an article, Alex Robertson and he are working on fire simulation April 16<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:00 for City Club and show the group all the collaboration and coordination that goes in to a fire response.

**Gary Marshall for Bob Madden** – City of Bend is watching what has happened in Paradise, City Council wants a work-session with the Bend Fire Department, Bob will present the CPAW recommendations to them which includes a CWPP specific to the City of Bend.

**Carl Jansen** – Sunriver Chamber partnering with UDRC, expanded to about 2,000 sq.ft., shared Sunriver magazine for tourists, residents, businesses, put in a map with UDRC areas, will have articles about fire situations, prints in April, invited people to come down and visit, working with LaPine chamber and see if Ed can get tied in, radio station in LaPine too, need additional awareness in LaPine.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m. The next meeting will be February 19, 2019, 8:00 a.m. in the DeArmond Room.