



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

**July 21, 2020 – Steering Committee – Zoom Meeting – 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
DRAFT Minutes**

Steering Committee Members & Staff Present:

X	Ken Kehmna	Fire Rep 1	Redmond Fire Chief
	Gary Marshall	Fire Rep 2	Deschutes Rural Fire Dist. #2
	Dan Daugherty	Fire Rep 3	La Pine Fire Dept.
	Doug Green	Fire Rep 4	Bend / Sisters Fire
	Vacant	Insurance Industry	
	Chris Perry	911 Service District	Deschutes County
X	Zechariah Heck	Community Development Dept.	Deschutes County
	Dan Galecki	Private Forestry	Spin Drift Forestry
X	Patti Gentiluomo	HOA Rep	Sunriver HOA
X	Dave Gibson	HOA Rep	Black Butte Ranch HOA
	Dean Richardson	HOA Rep	Upper Deschutes River Communities
X	Nathan Garibay	Sheriff's Office - Emergency Mgmt.	Deschutes County
X	David Morman	Citizen Rep	At Large - Red Cross
X	Oliver Tatom	Citizen Rep	At Large
X	Gordon Foster	Oregon Dept. of Forestry	ODF - Unit Forester
X	Alex Robertson	COFMS US Forest Service	USFS
	Vacant	OSU Extension Service	OSU Ext
	Paula Simone	Central Oregon Comm. College	COCC
	Vacant	Environmental Community	
X	Ed Keith, Chair	County Forester	Deschutes County
X	Tony DeBone	Commissioner	Deschutes County
	Nick Ahnen	Marketing	Serv pro
	Brandon Fogelman	Business	
X	Jessica Laberge	Business	
X	Robert Pohly	Citizen Rep	At Large Retired
X	Boone Zimmerlee	Director	Deschutes County

Public Present:

Georgia Hill – Ridge at Eagle Crest
Greg Bryant – Deschutes River Woods
Stacy Lacey – USFS COFMS Prevention Mitigation Specialist
Alexis Scharff – Broken Top Community Association
Alison Green – Oregon: Living With Fire
Jeff Amaral – Bend Parks and Recreation
Ray Miao – Woodside Ranch
Doug Johnson – COFMS Fire Staff
Jodie Barram – Ready, Set, Go
Lars Santana – NRCS
Scott Lewis – Ochoco NF Prevention
Trish Connolly – Bend Fire
Paul White – Touchmark at Mt Bachelor
Jenna Trentadue – National Fire Plan Coordinator ODF
Phil Henderson – Deschutes County Commissioner
Patti Adair – Deschutes County Commissioner
Emily Troisi – FAC Learning Network
Tom Moor – Sunriver Fire
Sheldon Rohden – Prineville BLM
Catherine Smith – Aperion Management
Craig Letz – Fire Management Consulting
Kevin Stock – COFMS FMO
Caleb Thomas – Visit Redmond

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were done through Chat

AGENDA, PAST MINUTES AND UPDATE

Agenda and past minutes were sent out in a previous email. Ed solicited for any input and reminded folks to email Boone directly if they did find any needed changes.

Boone- Gave update on program of work.

CWPP's- Greater La Pine CWPP is out for signatures. Sunriver CWPP was recently presented to Sunriver Owners Association and Sunriver Service District and is in final draft available on the Project Wildfire webpage. Sunriver CWPP will be entering 30 day review period.

Firewise communities – working with property management group to bring in more communities to Firewise recognized. In Sundance working to get community engagement and build network within the community. This will attempted be using a letter mailed to residents inviting them to a talk with local experts discussing resources available to the community including becoming Firewise. Oliver Tatom had minimal response utilizing the Next Door app, this will be a different approach.

Fire Adapted Communities work plan solicitation included 2 story maps. One story map to tell the story of CWPP's within Deschutes County and draw out similarities between CWPP's and provide flexibility to show uniqueness of each planning area. The second Story map would be

for Firewise communities. This is aimed at sharing success stories and a place to share resources between communities.

Meeting Topic

Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer (OWRE)

Boone Zimmerlee – Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator, Deschutes County

Boone- OWRE was a project between OSU, ODF and USFS. Much of the data behind the OWRE is from the Quantitative Risk Assessment that was conducted using fire modeling across all of region 6 (Oregon and Washington). Boone showed the landing page for the OWRE and what layers were turned on when you first open the map and how to identify what you are looking at.

With the map Zoomed into the Sunriver area Boone showed how some of the tools worked including how to find definitions of the different layers and the use of the slider function for transparency between layers. Boone used the example of fuel models and overall wildfire risk to show how the transparency slider tool worked.

Next we looked at how to generate an advanced report for planners. There are several advanced report options you can choose from, county wide, watershed, drawn in area or uploading a shape. Using the draw option, an approximation of the Sunriver CWPP area was drawn for the process of report generation. This included a brief discussion of outputs that are available to add to the report. We then viewed a report and covered the outputs that are in the final report for the Sunriver Area.

Next we walked through the process of generating a report for homeowners. We used the Deschutes County Office on 27th street as an example. We covered the components of what is included in the homeowner report including wildfire risk, resources available to homeowners and others. The limitation of the 30m pixel size and limitation of the model not taking in consideration of any defensible space measures you may have taken already around your home was discussed.

Boone also walked through creating a PDF map for an area of interest. Several layers were explored and displayed on a hypothetical map including fire history, fire cause and overall fire risk.

Ed- Summed up the presentation- We are aiming to make people aware the OWRE is out there and has many data layers with tools to create maps, complicated reports, and simple reports. The OWRE is very useful and not everyone is aware that it is out there and available. The hope is the data continues to be updated and we will continue to be able to use the OWRE into the future. It is important to remember the scale and be aware that at a fine scale the data may not be representative of the site you are interested like a single parcel. This is generally aimed at landscape scales.

Ed- Solicit for questions- Ken Kehmna VIA chat –Where are the data layers coming from for live large fires? – This is coming from feature service that compiles all fires across the nation into one system.

Ray- VIA Chat – Please provide links if possible. (Provided at bottom of minutes)

ROUNDTABLE

Zechariah Heck- CDD has partnered with U of O to prepare a community involvement plan specific to WMAC out comes. U of O will provide report plan in August

Chief Tim Moor- Thanks to Boone for attending board meeting and answering questions about the CWPP.

Bob Pohly- Has a donated sign for his neighborhood for Firewise outreach when they staff the gazebo and hand out brochures. They distribute handouts on Tuesdays and Saturdays. They also have fuels mitigation project they are getting bids on. Hoping to have done by end of August.

Ray Miao- Nothing to report from Fire Dist. #2. Woodside Ranch is still concerned about camping off China Hat road. This has both sanitation and fire concerns.

Phil Henderson – Appreciate the presentation on the OWRE. Hope communities stay alert to the risks.

Patti Gentiluomo- VIA Chat- She has made a lot of effort in the Sunriver CWPP. They are still cleaning up from the recent wind storm.

Nathan Garibay- Excited to hear there is momentum in Sundance. There has been some discussion about a secondary exit. Has been occupied with COVID. Grant has come through to help update Natural Hazard Mitigation plan update. This update will kick off next month. A home risk assessment program just got funded by FEMA. Deschutes County has an emergency evacuation map. (Link below) Please register for Deschutes Alerts and share with all friends' family and community groups. Ed – We also have a fuels mitigation part of the FEMA grant we will be working on.

Paul White – They have been busy in Touchmark conducting fuels mitigation work. Working on relations with Mt Bachelor HOA about work that needs to be done that poses a risk to both communities.

Lars Santana – Currently use OWRE data to inform decisions on planning projects. USDA released solicitation for next Joint Chiefs proposal, due in October.

Ken Kehmna – Would like to have demonstration of OWRE to COFOG and COFCA. If possible would like to get it set-up.

Jodie Barram- Working with IFAC using Project Wildfire as an example for the 4 communities she works with (Forest Hill Ca., Leavenworth WA, Monument Co, Medford Or). Updating RSG guides, CWPP's and evacuation planning. Been busy with COVID working in the joint information center and weekly meetings. Still on IMT watching for a fire to pop-up.

Gordon Foster – We are well into fire season things are very dry. Human cause fires are the issue to watch for. Closing out Whychus grant around Sisters. Still have funding in Southern Deschutes County.

Greg Bryant- County grant is complete. Annual meeting has been canceled due to COVID

Dave Gibson – Has some trees dying that have been hard to diagnose the cause of.

Georgia Hill – Completed installation of evacuation gate, “89th street” exit. Prior to this gate that area only had one evacuation route. Had media coverage of the gate installation.

Doug Johnson- National preparedness level is 3 of 5. Regional preparedness level is 2, this means we have abundant resources, but likely to change with the hot and dry weather. IFPL is

2 on BLM and USFS lands, possibly going to 3 soon. Public Use Restrictions are also in place right now. Rosland Road fire is managed by type 3 fire, 393 acres, fuels treatments helped firefighters to catch the fire. Joint Chiefs proposals are about to go in. There will be a large fire simulation this Thursday. This season the USFS will be working to minimize the potential for large fire. Question from Ray- Who to call if there is an illegal camp fire? – Doug - 911, Nathan Garibay– non emergency line is 541-693-6911, in the China Hat area they typically have someone on in that area and refer enforcement to USFS LEO.

Dave Morman – Continuing to work with County and Tribal authorities to plan for emergency events and non-congregator sheltering. Looking at temporary evacuation sites. Working on contingencies of where to send people for evacuation strategies.

Alexis Scharff- No major update, Broken Top is feeling caught up on projects for this year as we enter fire season. Ed – Added, Boone put together a blog post that can be found on Project Wildfire discussing the process Broken Top uses to plan projects. (Link below)

Alison Green- Save the date for an outdoor screening of Rebuilding Paradise, a Ron Howard film. Showing will be at Deschutes Brewery. (Link Below) Alison will be doing an interview discussing the fuels work that has been done in and around Newberry Estates.

Ed- Updated everyone on George Chesley's passing in the past week. Recognized George for all his contributions to Project Wildfire and the greater Central Oregon area.

Solicited for go backs.

Bob Pohly- ROATS water district cut water back and may be out of irrigation water in mid-August. Very concerned for his and surrounding communities.

Links-

OWRE - <https://oregonexplorer.info/topics/wildfire-risk?ptopic=62>

Link to additional OWRE tutorials –

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dp_FXLDA2_I&feature=youtu.be

Deschutes County emergency evacuations map - www.deschutes.org/emergency

Project Wildfire Blog - <https://www.projectwildfire.org/blog/>

Rebuilding Paradise Screening (August 7th) -

https://www.bendticket.com/events/107806864/bend-film-pop-up-drive-in-rebuilding-paradise?fbclid=IwAR2Io1r5Zm08BeSV-Fn84Re0OfSAcDiUuPoNI_sNtwPGyHizTVwg8wOxqBk

The meeting adjourned at 9:2016 am.