



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

**July 20, 2021 – Steering Committee – Zoom Meeting – 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  
DRAFT Minutes**

**Steering Committee Members & Staff Present:**

	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
		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
X	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
	Gordon Foster	Oregon Dept. of Forestry	ODF - Unit Forester
	Kevin Stock	COFMS US Forest Service	USFS
	Ariel Cowan	OSU Extension Service	OSU Ext
	Paula Simone	Central Oregon Comm. College	COCC
X	Ed Keith, Chair	County Forester	Deschutes County
X	Patti Adair	Commissioner	Deschutes County
	Nick Ahnen	Marketing	At Large
	Brandon Fogelman	Business	
	Jessica Laberge	Business	
X	Robert Pohly	Citizen Rep	At Large Retired
	Boone Zimmerlee	Director	Deschutes County

**Public Present:**

Beverly Halcon – Crossroads  
Boyd Turner – Eagle Crest  
Chris Paul - OSFM  
Frank Ammirata – Tillicum Village  
Georgia Hill – Ridge at Eagle Crest  
Greg Bryant – Deschutes River Woods  
Jane Merrow - North Rim HOA  
Jodie Barram – Independent Contractor  
John Condon - Skyliners  
Kelly Esterbrook – Skyliners  
Ken Kennedy – Wild River  
Mary Quackenbush - Skyliners  
Mike Mulligan – Ridge at Eagle Crest  
Nicole Mardell - City of Sisters Planning  
Rick Unzueta – Black Butte Ranch  
Robert Newey - COFMS  
Suzanne Butterfield – Awbrey Park  
Todd Peplin – Deschutes SWCD

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were 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 or himself directly if they found any needed changes.

Ed- Welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded folks to mute themselves and do introductions through the chat.

Ed – Covered monthly program of work update. Boone is on a fire assignment at the Bootleg fire. One of the main activities over the past month was getting the 2021 revision of the Greater Bend CWPP to a [draft available for public review](#). In addition a community meeting is planned for this coming Thursday, July 22. The CWPP is available for comment through the end of August.

In addition and to help set the context for this CWPP revision, as well as future CWPP revisions a new CWPP story map is now available that describes the 7 CWPPs in the County and provides several interactive maps where people can explore the plan boundaries, vegetation types and several data layers related to risk. You can find the CWPP story map here: <https://bit.ly/DeschutesCWPPs>

Ed then transitioned from the monthly update to the monthly topics for this month.

## **Meeting Topic**

### **Evacuations in Deschutes County – Nathan Garibay, Deschutes County Emergency Manager**

Nathan shared the Ready, Set, Go evacuation guide. Oregon follows a three level system throughout the state. Level 1 is Get Ready, Level 2 is Get Set, and Level 3 is Go Now. There are occasions where areas might jump to a level 2 or 3 evacuation immediately, depending on the proximity to the fire, and levels can change rapidly.

Nathan encourages everyone to register for [Deschutes Alerts](#) and update their profile regularly and as their details change. This is especially important to tie your cell phone number to your physical address.

Emergency alerts are only sent to the affected area. Only the addresses within the area of concern receive the alert, people outside of those areas do not get alerted, this allows direct focused messaging.

If you or people you are aware of have special evacuation needs or situations consider leaving early, conducting additional preparations, and practicing evacuation in advance. These include: mobility impaired, no driver/no vehicle, medical needs, pets, large animals and kids at home.

The most common evacuation route will be the route you use to enter and leave your neighborhood on a daily basis. It is good to be aware of alternate routes if the primary route is blocked, but if it is not blocked, the primary travel route is likely going to be the best one to use. Nathan also advises people to consider leaving early to avoid congestion and other transportation issues.

There are multiple methods for evacuation notifications. These can be put into two groups, those that are being evacuated, and those that are not evacuated but are interested. For the evacuated, methods include Deschutes Alerts, local media, social media, door to door (if possible) and the interactive map at [deschutes.org/emergency](https://deschutes.org/emergency). For those that are interested they can follow the local media, social media, [centraloregonfire.org](https://centraloregonfire.org) and [Deschutes.org/emergency](https://Deschutes.org/emergency).

### **Grant opportunities for Deschutes County Communities – Ed Keith, Forester**

Ed gave an overview of last years discretionary grants for Firewise Communities. There was \$20,000 available and those funds were awarded to 11 communities, ranging from \$1000 to \$2000. Communities had very successful projects that involved nearly 500 lot owners and communities contributed \$39,715 in cash and \$109,565 in volunteered time to reduce fuels and create defensible space in those communities.

This year there will be a total of \$100,000 in grant funding and the application and award process will be similar to the past years. There will be an announcement that opens the grant application process in the next two to three weeks. At that time we will also announce an opportunity for community representatives to attend an informational meeting detailing the grant process and the criteria that will be used to evaluate the applications, with an opportunity to ask questions. This will be announced through the media as well as direct outreach to local Firewise sites.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

David Morman – Red Cross – has been working on both the Grandview and Darlene evacuations in coordination with the Sheriffs office.

Robert Newey – COFMS – Robert is the new Fire Management Officer on the Bend Fort Rock. The Darlene and Swamp Wells fire are downgrading in complexity as the containment increases. Additional resources are staged locally for anticipated response.

Nicole Mardell – City of Sisters - The City of Sisters is wrapping up its Comprehensive Plan 2040 document. Several policies relate to development and reducing wildfire risk and fuel. Policies can be viewed on Page 13 (Goal 6.2) here:  
[https://www.ci.sisters.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning\\_commission/meeting/packets/21641/07.15.21\\_pc\\_packet.pdf](https://www.ci.sisters.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/planning_commission/meeting/packets/21641/07.15.21_pc_packet.pdf)

Oliver Tatom – Thanked Boone for his assistance, Sundance has now be recognized as a Firewise USA site, even in the absence of an organized HOA.

Jodie Barram – Has taken a co-coordinator role with Oregon Living With Fire.

**Note that we are planning on resuming in person meetings beginning in August in the DeArmond room of the Deschutes Services Building. There will also be a virtual attendance option for those that prefer that as a way to participate. Look for details in the next meeting announcement.**

At this time, Ed thanked everyone for joining and closed out the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.