



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

**April 18, 2023 – Steering Committee – Hybrid - in person and virtual – 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM  
Meeting Minutes**

Steering Committee Members & Staff Present:

	Tom Mooney	Fire Rep 1	Redmond Fire
	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
X	Andy Meeuwsen	Insurance Industry	Country Insurance
	Chris Perry	911 Service District	Deschutes County
X	Kyle Collins	Community Development Dept.	Deschutes County
	Dan Galecki	Private Forestry	Spin Drift Forestry
X	Patti Gentiluomo	HOA Rep	Sunriver HOA
	Dave Gibson	HOA Rep	Black Butte Ranch HOA
X	Dean Richardson	HOA Rep	Upper Deschutes River Communities
	Nathan Garibay	Sheriff's Office - Emergency Mgmt.	Deschutes County
X	David Morman	Citizen Rep	At Large - Red Cross
	Oliver Tatom	Citizen Rep	At Large
	Ben Duda for Gordon Foster	Oregon Dept. of Forestry	ODF - Unit Forester
	Shawn Jaca for Kevin Stock	COFMS US Forest Service	USFS
X	Ariel Cowan	OSU Extension Service	OSU Ext
	Paula Simone	Central Oregon Comm. College	COCC
X	Kevin Moriarty, Chair	County Forester	Deschutes County
	Patti Adair	Commissioner	Deschutes County
	Nick Ahnen	Marketing	At Large
	Brandon Fogelman	Business	At Large
	Jessica Laberge	Business	At Large
X	Robert Pohly	Citizen Rep	At Large Retired
X	Corinne Heiner	Director	Deschutes County

**Public Present:**

Emily Curtis - Discover your Forest  
Gregory Byant - Deschutes River Woods  
Diane Holmes - Bridges at Shadow Glen HOA  
Matthew Martin - City of Sisters  
Susanne Holmes - Elkai Woods Fractional HOA  
Ray Miao - Woodside Ranch HOA  
Suzanne Butterfield - Awbrey Park HOA  
Elie Gaines - Deschutes River Woods  
Georgia Hill - The Ridge at Eagle Crest  
Elie Gaines - Deschutes River Woods  
Lon Leneve – Awbrey Butte HOA  
Kevin Robinson - COFMS  
Heather Miller - Oregon State Fire Marshal  
Carolyn Dahlberg - Tollgate HOA  
Bob Crain - Snowy Skyliners Subdivision  
Craig Letz - Tamarack Wildfire  
Kim Durkee - Broken Top Club

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Corinne - Welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an introduction to the meeting and outlined the agenda. She asked everyone to introduce themselves starting with the room introductions and told zoom attendees to please introduce themselves via the zoom meeting chat.

## **AGENDA**

Corinne - Covered the agenda for the meeting and gave updates and announcements which included:

- Oregon State Fire Marshal Grant for \$72,000
  - Applications are under review
  - Money will be funded by June
  
- “The West Is Burning” film screening event, which will be held at the Sisters movie house on April 20th at 6:30 PM.
  
- Fire Free 2023
  - Bend Knot Landfill
    - May 6-21
  - La Pine, Sisters and Redmond Transfer Stations

- June 3-17
- Sunriver Compost
  - May 5-6
- Jefferson County Box Canyon
  - May 13-14 and 20-21

Corinne introduced Sarah Worthington, Deschutes County Public Health Regional Climate and Health Coordinator

## **Meeting Topic - Smoke and Public Health**

Sarah introduced herself and began her presentation on wildfire smoke and explained that when we talk about wildfire smoke we are talking about particles that are very small (PM 2.5).

Everyone is at risk from health impacts related to smoke but some people may have worse symptoms such as the elderly, children, people with underlying health conditions and pregnant women. Symptoms include watery or dry eyes, coughing, phlegm, wheezing, scratchy throat, irritated sinuses, headache, shortness of breath, asthma attack, irritated lungs, irregular heartbeat, chest pain or fatigue.

The Air Quality index is based on numerical values. Good air quality is between 0-50, moderate is 51-100, unhealthy for sensitive groups is 101-150, unhealthy is 151-200, very unhealthy is 201-300, and hazardous is 301-500.

Some recommendations for what to do when it is smokey include limiting your exposure to smoke, keep indoor air as clean as possible, limit activities that pollute the air in your home, and if you must go outside use a NIOSH-approved N95 or P100 respirator.

The Central Oregon Fire Info website, [www.centraloregonfire.org](http://www.centraloregonfire.org) has resources for the public regarding wildfire smoke, and readiness. Sarah shared the PSA on Smoke and Health which can be found on the Central Oregon Fire website.

Deschutes alerts is an emergency notification system that sends out notifications regarding emergency evacuations, severe weather, flooding, gas leaks, police activity and more. You can sign up to receive these alerts via phone call, text or email. Your information will not be shared with anyone else and will only be used to notify you in the event of an urgent situation. Click this link to sign up: <https://member.everbridge.net/892807736723736/new>.

Some clean air resources can be found at <https://www.deschutes.org/health/page/indoor-air-quality-iaq>

Sarah then thanked everyone and took a few questions.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Corinne asked if anyone had any updates for the committee, starting with going around the room, then Zoom attendees please enter any updates in the chat.

NRCS - is planning on getting more involved with Project Wildfire, would like to give an official NRCS update in the future. Collaborates with the FS often and is interested in possibly doing a short presentation.

Lon - Is involved with the new PW subcommittee and announced that we are looking at involving more members of communities and told the group to let him or Corinne know if they wanted to be included in updates and meetings. Lon explained that they have grant funding that will be used to hold disposal events. Also is kicking off assessing training on May 3rd. Was involved with a pilot program that involves a 360 view of the home and gives a report for fuels assessment around the home. Will give more updates as they become available.

Georgia - Ridge at Eagle Crest's annual FireFree event is planned for May 1-12. To prepare for this, homeowners will be able to place prescribed yard debris and yard collection bags roadside April 22-30 for collection in May. In addition, 2 dumpsters will be available to residents May 1-9 for disposal of additional debris during FireFree.

Other updates were missed on the recording due to technical issues experienced in the meeting. My apologies for the issues. As always feel free to send me any updates and information that should be shared, I can add it to the monthly newsletter. Thanks!

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.