



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

**May 16, 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
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
	Ben Duda for Gordon Foster	Oregon Dept. of Forestry	ODF - Unit Forester
X	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
X	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:

Gregory Byant - Deschutes River Woods
Dave Breuninger - Elkai Woods HOA
Susanne Holmes - Elkai Woods Fractional HOA
Robin Galloway - Lower Bridge Rangeland Fire Protection Assn.
Boyd Turner - Eagle Crest Estates HOA
David Trachsel - Ponderosa Pines Property Owners
Jodie Barram - Oregon Living With Fire
Georgia Hill - The Ridge at Eagle Crest
Ray Miao - Woodside Ranch HOA
Lars Santana - NRCS
Kevin Robinson - COFMS
Beverly Halcon - Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District
Erin Kilcullen - Deschutes SWCD
Heather Miller - Oregon State Fire Marshal
Carolyn Dahlberg - Tollgate HOA
Lon Leneve – Awbrey Butte HOA
Craig Letz - Tamarack Wildfire
Robin Church - Three Pines HOA

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 Spring Fuel Reduction Grant
 - 20 applicants were awarded
 - All awards were \$5000 or less
 - Waiting on two agreements to be signed
 - Money will be funded by June
- Awarded Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant through OSFM
 - \$500,000 awarded
 - 3 Year program
 - Sweat equity programs
 - Aid in funding the fall lottery grant
- Community Wildfire Defense Grant
 - Applying with ODF for the next round

- Focus on underserved communities
- Road right of ways treatment and evac route improvement
- LRP Landscape Resiliency Project
 - Applying with Shared Stewardship Alliance
 - More information to come
- CWDG Grant Application for CWPP
 - Applying for funding in June
 - Overhaul on current CWPP's to be more specific
 - Combine them into one, due to negative feedback and not being awarded grants because we have too many
- 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 Nathan Garibay, Deschutes County Emergency Management Services

Meeting Topic - Evacuation Preparedness

Nathan began his presentation with the evacuation section of the Project Wildfire website www.projectwildfire.org.

Level 1 - Get Ready - be ready for potential evacuation. There is danger in your area, monitor emergency service, websites, and local media outlets for information. If conditions worsen, emergency services personnel may contact you.

Level 2 - Be set to evacuate - You must be prepared to leave at a moment's notice. There is significant danger in your area. This may be the only notice you receive from emergency personnel, if you feel threatened by the situation, evacuate.

Level 3 - Go - Evacuate now. Leave immediately! Danger in your area is current or imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. This will be the last notice you receive! Do NOT delay leaving to gather belongings.

Be very cautious and prepared especially if you have large animals, or difficult egress routes. Be sure you give yourself plenty of time to leave and do not delay by gathering belongings if you have hit a level 3. You should be ready to go when you receive a level 1 warning.

When emergency services show up to a fire they are looking at situational awareness, fire behavior, and weather and are in communication with fire personnel and incident managers.

The sheriff is responsible for making the recommendation of evacuation. Sometimes fires move very quickly and you may need to leave before getting a warning. Always be aware of your surroundings and what is happening with a fire or other emergency. The following websites and resources are available for your monitoring.

www.centraloregonfire.org

<https://member.everbridge.net/892807736723736/faq>

<https://www.projectwildfire.org/evacuation/>

<https://oralert.gov/>

<https://www.redcross.org/local/oregon/about-us/locations/central-and-eastern-oregon-chapter.html>

Sign up for Deschutes Alerts from the everbridge website above. Oregon statewide alerts from OR-Alert.

Deschutes Sheriff Office also uses social media outlets for information.

Other tips include:

- Making sure to have an evacuation plan for large animals, such as livestock and horses.
- Be sure to have a full tank of gas in case of evacuation.
- Be signed up for emergency alerts.
- Be aware of when there is a fire in your area, or when a fire has the potential to spread to your area.
- Have an evacuation plan for your home and community.
- Prepare your home for wildfire with defensible space to give your home the best chance of making it through a wildfire.

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.

Robin Galloway - An update from the Lower Bridge Rangeland Fire Protection Assn (LBRFPA) is that our annual volunteer firefighter training will be held on May 23-24 at Dry Creek Ranch, Terrebonne. Questions can be directed to: LBRFPA@gmailcom.

Kevin Robinson - From Emily Curtis from Discover Your Forest: The West is Burning screening. Please join us at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 25 at the Embark Coworking Community and share this with anyone who may be interested!

Discover Your Forest, in partnership with the Deschutes National Forest, is hosting a screening of A Landmark Documentary film The West is Burning followed by a facilitated panel discussion with specialists in land management, forest/fire ecology, fire management, and adaptive communities. This event is being held not only to raise awareness about the current conditions of forests in the western U.S. and the history that led us here but to highlight the need for a

unified, community-based response that compels us to act now to generate positive change in our forests, watersheds, and communities.

Panelists include:

Holly Jewkes, Forest Supervisor, Deschutes National Forest

Bob Madden, Co-Chair of the Prescribed Fire Subcommittee, Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project

Robert Newey, Fire Management Officer.

Kevin Stock - Prescribed Fire season is here, 2,000 acres planned, expect more Rx Burns to come. Doing fuels work and vegetation treatments currently with more to come over the next ten years with more funding. There are around 350 firefighters this season for Central Oregon.

Dean Richardson - UDRC is working with communities on fuels work and community projects

Carolyn Dahlberg - Working on hardening perimeter in Tollgate HOA.

Craig Letz - Tamarack is working with communities on fire mitigation and fuels work.

David Mormon - Red Cross - Community engagement event was held on May 1st. Brought partners together to explain roles in disasters. Salvation Army, schools, council on aging, HOA's, insurance companies, Sheriff's office and more partners were present.

Heather Miller - OSFM is offering webinars for Wildfire awareness month (May). Teaming up with OSU extension and ODF for more workshops on defensible space and home hardening.

Lon Leneve - Holding a Fire Free month with disposal bins in Awbrey Butte through May, which is going well and the bins are filling up. Let Lon or Corinne know if you are interested in joining the Project Wildfire Subcommittee - PW neighborhood Coalition. We are looking for members around the county.

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