



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

**July 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
X	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
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
	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:

Elie Gaines - Deschutes River Woods
Kelly Esterbrook - Skyliner HOA
Jim Larsen - Upper Deschutes River Coalition
Susanne Holmes - Elkai Woods Fractional HOA
Heather Miller - Oregon State Fire Marshal
Adrienne Weickhardt - Sisters Ranger District
Jeanne Coulson - Elkai Woods Homeowners Association
Kevin Robinson - COFMS
Lars Santana - NRCS
Gabriela Riticova - Oregon Dept of Forestry
Robin Church - Three Pines HOA
Todd Peplin - DSWCD
Lauren Street - Central Oregon Wildfire Workforce Partnership
Bob Crain - Snowy Skyliners Subdivision
Jeff Puller - Sisters/Camp Sherman Fire
Craig Letz - Tamarack Fire
Ross Huffman - Oregon Department of Forestry
Greg Bryant - Deschutes River Woods
Bill Boos - Bend Fire
Melissa Steele - Bend Fire
Erik Kropp - Deschutes County

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 and told zoom attendees to please introduce themselves via the zoom meeting chat.

AGENDA AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Fall Firewise grant funding deliverables are due to Kevin, was due June 30th
 - include in email:
 - photos of work done
 - descriptions of work
 - discuss with Kevin if you need an extension
- Will create a form for deliverables for the Spring 2023 Grant coming soon
 - report due August 30th
 - no extensions
 - creating fillable form for reporting

- OSFM \$500,000 grant award meeting in Salem on July 11th, Corinne and Kevin attended
 - Central Oregon group is coordinating projects together
 - County is managing the grant
 - Sweat equity projects coming soon.
 - Underserved communities funding information to come
 - Applying with ODF for the next round
 - Focus on underserved communities
 - Road right of ways treatment and evac route improvement

- Project Wildfire Neighborhood Coalition Subcommittee
 - Subcommittee to aid in information sharing among HOA's and individuals who are looking to become Firewise and need assistance and mentorship during the process.
 - Meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the County Road Department from 2-4pm.

Corinne Introduced Gabriela Riticova, Oregon Department of Forestry, Forest Pathologist

MEETING TOPIC - FOREST PATHOLOGY

Gabriela introduced herself and the topic for the day. We focused on the area from the west crest of the cascades east to Bend. Precipitation has a steep gradient from 100 inches precipitation to less than 20 inches across the state of Oregon as you move east from the cascade crest. This is important because the species composition varies greatly across the state. From year to year and decade to decade you can have high precipitation and low precipitation.

Major conifer diseases in Central Oregon

- Upper Montane
 - Mt Hemlock, western white pine, lodgepole, whitebark pine
 - Laminated root rot (mountain hemlock)
 - White pine blister rust on 5-needle pines
 - Dwarf mistletoe on lodgepole
- Wet mixed conifers
 - Western larch, western white pine, grand fir, Doug-fir, ponderosa, and lodgepole pine
 - Dwarf mistletoe on all, except western white pine
 - Armillaria root disease (grand fir and Doug-fir)
 - Heterobasidion root disease (grand fir)
 - White pine blister rust (western white pine)
- Dry mixed conifers
 - Grand fir, Doug fir, ponderosa pine
 - Dwarf mistletoe on all
 - Armillaria root disease (grand fir and Doug-fir)

- Heterobasidion root disease (grand fir)
- Lodgepole pine (low elevation, also mixed forests)
 - Dwarf mistletoe
 - Stem rusts; western gall rust, comandra blister rust, stalactiform rust
- Ponderosa pine zone
 - Dwarf mistletoe
 - Armillaria root disease (grand fir and Doug-fir)
 - Heterobasidion root disease (grand fir)
 - Stem rusts; western gall rust, comandra blister rust
 - Foliage diseases; Diplodia, Elytroderma

Common Diseases in Central Oregon

- Root Diseases
 - Caused by fungi
 - Several different types in Oregon
 - Move below ground from root to root
 - Can also spread by spores above ground
- Stem Rusts
 - Specialized obligate parasitic fungi
 - Multiple stages in a complex life history
 - Can have two hosts
 - conifer and leafy host
 - Most rusts affect foliage
 - Most important rusts cause galls and cankers
- Dwarf Mistletoe
 - Parasitic plants
 - Decays structural roots
 - Spreads by seeds from upper to lower canopy
 - Causes witches brooms
 - Host specific
 - 12 types in Oregon

A healthy forest requires a healthy amount of disease.

I have provided the slides from today's presentation which includes Gabriela's contact information. If you have any questions from the presentation or about Forest Pathology in general feel free to reach out to Gabriela.

Gabriela answered questions and then wrapped up the discussion.

ROUNDTABLE

Kevin asked if anyone had anything to share for roundtable

Bend Fire - Just got a type 6 engine for the department, Bill Boos last day is the coming Monday after this meeting. Bend fire went to the grant meeting in Salem. OSFM has a new website

www.oregondefensiblespace.org that has assessment sheets and lots of great information. Deschutes rural district was given a grant to do work in DRW and Bend Fire is working on creating projects.

Dean Richardson - Upcoming board meeting for UDRC.

Kevin Stock - Public use restrictions are in effect, all lands outside of the Ochoco forest are under restrictions. The amount of people causing fire issues have required this to take effect.

Ross Huffman - Gordon Foster is back as the Unit Forester, Ross is moving positions temporarily as the Prineville sisters unit as Forest Manager 1. Wildfire Defense grant application is moving forward. Will share more information about that when available.

Greg Bryant - Attended meeting for OSFM grant in Salem, will be using funds for fuels projects in DRW.

Kevin Moriarty thanked everyone for their attendance and Gabriela for her Pathology presentation.

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