



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

**August 15, 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
	Kyle Collins	Community Development Dept.	Deschutes County
	Dan Galecki	Private Forestry	Spin Drift Forestry
	Patti Gentiluomo	HOA Rep	Sunriver HOA
X	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
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	Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator	Deschutes County

### **Public Present:**

Elie Gaines - Deschutes River Woods  
Susanne Holmes - Elkai Woods Fractional HOA  
Georgia Hill - The Ridge at Eagle Crest  
Lars Santana - NRCS  
Robin Church - Three Pines HOA  
Todd Peplin - DSWCD  
Bob Crain - Snowy Skyliners Subdivision  
Greg Bryant - Deschutes River Woods  
Alex Bokish - Revelle Fire and Felling LLC  
Simone Codery-Cotter - OSFM  
Diane Holmes - Bridges at Shadow Glen HOA  
Sherrie Moen - Widgi Creek  
Erin Kilcullen - DSWC  
Frank Ammirata - Tillicum Village HOA  
Horace Ward - Pacific Power  
Jackie - Pacific Power  
Mary Ann Kramer - Widgi Creek  
Don Kramer - Widgi Creek  
Jeff Puller - SCSFD

### **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 and Kevin - Covered the agenda for the meeting and gave updates and announcements which included:

- Will create a form for deliverables for the Spring 2023 Grant coming soon
  - Report due August 30th
  - No extensions
  - Report has been created
  - Email to submit report was sent out to recipients
  
- Fall Grant, August 20- September 20th application available
  - \$70,000 in Funding
  - \$25,000 from OSFM grant

- \$45,000 from discretionary funding from County Commissioners
- Sweat equity program to come
  - Funding available from OSFM grant
  - What would your community use?
    - Chipping
    - Debris removal
    - Bin rentals
  - Questions will be included in fall grant application for need
  - Used for defensible space
- 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.
- Be sure to sign up for Deschutes County Emergency Text Alerts
  - <https://www.deschutes.org/911/page/sign-deschutes-alerts>
  - Links can also be found in the Project Wildfire Newsletter each month

Corinne Introduced Horace Ward, Senior Emergency Management Specialist, Pacific Power

## **MEETING TOPIC - Pacific Power Emergency Response**

Horace shared his screen and began his presentation on PacifiCorp Preparedness

PacifiCorp covers 6 states and has a service area of 143,000 square miles. The emergency management structure has been growing within the company over the last few years, and includes meteorologists, emergency management specialists, and program managers.

Robin asked if the company had any plans to shift to underground lines, Horace stated that any new lines are being built underground, but also that overhead lines are being updated to be more resilient.

Grid hardening, resource allocation, customer notification, external coordination, and PSPS decision making and activation are all pieces of the wildfire mitigation program to reach the end goal of PacifiCorp.

Customer notifications are being utilized to inform customers of outages and other information, the website is also a great resource for more information, you can also sign up for alerts there. Horace is building relationships with county partners to keep communities informed and to maintain cooperation throughout the service area.

The meteorology team is using in-depth information and systems to forecast potential fire weather to mitigate any catastrophic events, such as wind events that can cause major fire risk.

Horace played a video that goes over the mitigation efforts that PacifiCorp have been taking, here is the link: <https://youtu.be/LThzWoYGLRs>

In Central Oregon PacifiCorp has identified 18 circuits that are of special concern and have higher monitoring rates as these are being invested to upgrade and are being carefully watched for risk. This is a daily process.

Meteorology issues a daily 5-day forecast to identify potential outages and weather hazards. The forecast includes a matrix of threatening hazards and expected outages as well as assessed wildfire risk, and a weather discussion. PacifiCorp is installing their own weather stations, 426 are currently installed with 760-total planned to be installed.

Community resource centers are being established when communities are affected by PSPS, these resources include shelter from the environment, air conditioning, water, charging stations, and other needs for those being affected by outages.

Horace then took questions from the group.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

There was not a roundtable at this meeting due to longer discussion and engagement with our presenter and many great questions. The video recording of this meeting can be found on our Project Wildfire youtube channel.

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