



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

January 16, 2024 – Steering Committee – Hybrid - in person and virtual – 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Meeting Minutes

Steering Committee Members & Staff Present:

X	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
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
	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
	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	Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator	Deschutes County

Public Present:

Susanne Holmes - Elkai Woods Fractional HOA
Heather Miller - OSFM
Adrianna Weickhardt - Sisters Ranger District
Shela Boynton - Nottingham Square
Kelly Esterbrook - Skyliners Community
Boyd Turner - Eagle Crest
Christina Maier - Tollgate
Jessica Smith - Elkai Woods Fractional
Kim Durkee - Broken Top
Todd Peplin - DSWCD
Jeff Puller - SCSFD
Georgia Hill - The Ridge at Eagle Crest
Carolyn Dahlberg - Tollgate
Sherrie Moen
Jodie Barram - Oregon Living with Fire
Lon Leneve - Awbrey Butte
Craig Letz - Tamarack Consulting

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:

- Sweat equity - bins
 - 13 communities have signed up
 - Republic and the Deschutes Landfill are working together with our department and pricing bins at \$200/bin for the 30 yard bins.
 - Questionnaire will be on the website.
 - Working with Cascade to match the cost that Republic is providing for the bins.
 - Will be timed with Fire Free days
- We are still looking at doing other sweat equity projects such as fuel removal and chipping, more information to come.
- We will be sending out a questionnaire for other sweat equity projects through Project Wildfire
- BLM Community assistance agreement grant will be officially announced.
 - \$90,000

- 3-4 projects
- contracted services with Deschutes County
- reporting due 2025
- eligible projects
 - defensible space
 - ingress/egress
 - no firewise component necessary to be eligible
- BLM announcement for grant opportunity to protect BLM land, lands that are adjacent to BLM.
 - Announcement to come
- In the process of filling steering committee seats with 6-9 vacancies at the time of the meeting. Once seats are filled/renewed we will be planning a steering committee meeting.
 - If you or someone you know is interested please contact Corinne.

MEETING TOPIC 1 - 2024 PW Topics and Program of Work

Corinne opened up discussion for 2024 topics of interest for presentations and shared the topics from November's meeting. Those include:

1. Hazard trees - ODOT
2. La Pine Fire Department update
3. Marin County outreach programs
4. Butte County - Campfire lessons learned
5. State Fire Marshal code guidelines and differences with Firewise guidelines
6. State update on SB-762 and HB-80
7. City of Ashland guest speaker
8. DCFP update
9. HOA grants - where is state funding going?
10. OSU Fire Resistant Plant Guide presentation
11. OSU Forester presentation
12. Insurance industry on homeowners insurance in Oregon
13. Bend Parks and Rec hazardous fuel reduction topics
14. Fire Weather
15. Wildfire Workforce Partnerships - COIC
16. Local Fire districts and how the committee can help assist those who can't do their own fuel reduction work.

New topics presented:

1. Contractors and/or tree service companies
2. Home hardening/defensible space
3. IBHS - Wildfire prepared homes program
- 4.

Project Wildfire is planning on hosting a BBQ for the June meeting this year, we will keep everyone updated on the details. We will be asking for RSVP's in order to accurately plan the

proper amount of food. We would love to acknowledge accomplishments and get everyone together.

Andy Meeuwsen with Country Financial, and a member of our steering committee, is going to present on home insurance in February. If anyone has any specific topics or questions they would like addressed, please send those to Andy before the Feb 20th meeting.
andy.meeuwsen@countryfinancial.com

Project Wildfire and Fire Free websites are currently being worked on and updated due to errors. If you need meeting minutes you can request them from Corinne. Video recordings can be found on youtube on the Project Wildfire channel.

If you have any topic ideas to share please send them to Corinne at Corinne.Heiner@deschutes.org.

ROUNDTABLE

Bob Widgi Creek - Got approved for Firewise recognition. Their three year plan is heavily focused on defensible space.

Craig - Doing a lot of work in Tetherow common areas. Other HOA's are doing various other projects, such as mapping with Awbrey Butte.

Lon - Working with Craig in Awbrey Butte, has done assessments for nearly half of all properties, and working towards completing the remaining properties.
Thursday afternoon is the PWNC meeting at the Road Department at 2pm.

Commissioner Adair - Is still working on getting rid of Junipers!

Dean - Kudos to Awbrey Butte on their assessment efforts.

Greg - DRW is in contact with Heart of Oregon to do some property work.

Andy - Provided email for specifics to be addressed at the February meeting.
andy.meeuwsen@countryfinancial.com

Carolyn - Working with Upper Deschutes Watershed marking Juniper trees for removal in common areas in Tollgate.

Heather - Is happy to come do presentations for anyone on defensible space, keep your eyes out for classes and events coming up.

Todd - DSWCD is going to have a partnership meeting Feb 6, 1-3 and Feb 14 1-3 at the Eastside Library. This meeting is for DSWCD to discuss their role and find gaps that they can fill. Open to all partners. More information can be found on the website.

Kevin - Deschutes County submits a community response plan report every year. Some highlights this year included no smoke intrusions. The qualified pool for contractors is open right now for the year. Anyone interested in being a part of the pool can contact Kevin directly. Kevin.Moriarty@deschutes.org.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.