

## ***Lincoln County FireSafe Council Meeting Notes***

Location - LIBBY FIRE HALL 119 E 6<sup>th</sup> St

Date- Jan. 17, 2019

Time-9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Note Taker: Doug Turman

### **Round Robin-**

**County EMA** – Had a good LEPC meeting, the Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation plan is in draft and to be reviewed by FEMA.

**Mt DNRC**- A secondary water tender from the unit was delivered to the West Kootenai FPC, the Forestry Assistance bureau rolled out Forest and Focus 2.0/see the links below. Requested a large chipper for the DNRC and County to use. Will advertise for a firefighter and dispatcher position. Will ask for Zook money to be used in the County.

**McCormick RFD** – Quiet, have been doing some training. Willing to help with KFRI as needed.

**County Forester/Jennifer Nelson** - Met with Bill/Carol, had a discussion related to the grants. Did some training with MT DEA and FEMA. Working to secure some grants, will update the group on CWPP later in the meeting

**Bill Swope/FEPC** – Reviewed status of current grants, money obligated to about 70 agreements, have about 30 to 40 waiting for money if it becomes available, Bill will be stepping down soon. Working in the CWPP for Flathead County.

**Lou Kuennen** – reported on agreements, 15 agreements completed since November, about ½ of the original 80 agreements have been signed off.

**Yaak FSA** – One medical call, did some research and they have 13 ½ minute response time.

**Ed Levert** – remainder of the workshop here in Libby this spring

**DNRC** – The Cripple Horse and Clay Banks timber sales are inactive, looking for some activity this spring and summer. Have started working on the Pipe Creek TS to be sold this summer. Looking to have the Service Forester position hired by late February.

## **New/Old Business**

**LCFS Council draft by-laws** - Reviewed the draft and came up with some more edits. Jenifer Nelson will come up with the duties for the Treasurer. Please review and submit any edits to be reviewed at the February meeting.

**CWPP** – Looking for a way to jump start the rewrite of the plan. Will need to develop a plan that is more operational in nature.

**Libby Firewise** - The current area is too big to be effective in managing the program, a suggestion was made to make smaller more manageable areas. Will need to continue have this discussion, a suggested project for the Libby Firewise area is to bring in Bryon Bonnie/Changing Fire Environment and Successes of Fuel Mitigation. Brent and Logan will be looking into see what it will take to bring Bryon to Libby and have a public prestatation at Libby Loggers Days/June 22 and 23rd. Report out at then next meeting in February. We need to explore the need to put something on for the “Wildfire Community Preparedness Day/May 4

**DNRC Forestry Assistance** – The links listed below are to two documents that will have an influence and guide to a lot of the work being done by the Forestry Division/DNRC, setting the foundation for a more across boundary collaborative effort in the years to come to address forest health issues and wildland fire concerns

<https://www.fs.fed.us/sites/default/files/toward-shared-stewardship.pdf>

[http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance/forest-in-focus/FIF2.0\\_Plan\\_FINAL\\_Website.pdf](http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance/forest-in-focus/FIF2.0_Plan_FINAL_Website.pdf)

**Next meeting will be February 21<sup>th</sup> / 9:00 am Libby Fire Hall**