

Lincoln County Firesafe Council Agenda

Location – Zoom Call

Date- October 15th, 2020

Time-9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Note Taker: Logan Sandman

Introductions:

New/Old Business:

- Montana Forest Action Plan
 - Jake Jeresek has already put in comments from the Kootenai Forest.
 - ***Action Item: Create a subcommittee to meet next Monday for public comment on the plan.***
 - Assigned to Jennifer Nelson – Lead, Jeremy Rank, Jodi Turk, Derek Luchik, Steve Lauer and Jake Jeresek
 - **Timeline: Already Completed**
- Fall Burning
 - 5 burning proposals from Stimpson have gone through.
 - You must write an emergency designation letter to Jake Mertes for burning in November (Airshed).
 - ***Action Item: We need to coordinate the burning that is proposed in the Flower Creek area.***
 - Assigned to Logan Sandman – Lead, Jennifer Nelson, Jake Mertes, Steve Lauer
 - **Timeline: Already Completed**
- Subdivision Regulations
 - Identify work that still needs to be completed.
 - Fire Risk Assessment
 - Vegetation Management plan
 - ***Action Item: Create two subcommittees to complete the above-mentioned tasks.***
 - Assigned to:
 - Fire Risk Assessment – Logan Sandman (Lead), Jake Jeresek, Steve Lauer
 - Vegetation Management Plan – Jennifer Nelson (Lead), Jeremy Rank, Derek Luchik
 - **Timeline: Spring 2021**

- Lincoln County FireSafe Website
 - \$7,500 grant has a termination date of March 31st, 2021.
 - We need to get the framework built for the Lincoln County Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator (FACC). Take a look at Kalispell FireSafe, Fire in the Root, etc.
 - The FACC will start in November. They will be the lead on completing this project.
 - Continue to compile a list of needs for the website. We will plan to bring the FACC up to speed at our next meeting.
- Lincoln County Burn Website
 - We will have a subject matter expert at our November meeting for the MT website.
 - **Action Item: Please compile a list of questions for the SME. The site we are looking at is customizable. We should utilize the SME to make sure this website will suite our needs.**
 - Assigned to: Everyone
 - **Timeline: November Meeting**
- Lincoln County Fire Assessments
 - What is the end state we have with these fire assessments?
 - We need to figure out what we are going to use the information for other than as an education tool.
 - We would like to be able to compile home assessment information and use the new fire risk tools to identify grant funding needs.
 - The end state should drive what information we need to have on the form. As long as folks are capturing that information, consider letting folks use the forms they are accustomed to.
 - If we are going to utilize Situation Analyst Montana (SAM), identify what fields need to be entered into SAM on the form.
 - **Action Item: Come up with a plan for utilizing home assessment information.**
 - **Assigned to: FACC and Jennifer Nelson**
 - Timeline: Spring 2021
 - **Action Item: Identify SAM inputs on the assessment form.**
 - Assigned to Logan Sandman
 - **Timeline: November Meeting**
- CWPP
 - **Action Item: Get back to work on the CWPP. Jennifer will email out a Zoom invitation to the core group.**
 - Assigned to Jennifer Nelson
 - **Timeline: November/December**
- Grant Updates
 - KFRI
 - Phase one is going well.
 - 5 folks are working on getting contractors for the work.
 - Contractors have been a little hard to get ahold of.
 - Phase 2 has kicked off.
 - Jeremy Rank has done several wellness reports. 4 that are ready to go up

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- There are a few folks that have shown interest in the Swede Mountain area.
- Jennifer has received a lot of calls from people that have heard of the program by word of mouth. They missed the initial outreach.
- All in all, very pleased with the response from the public.
- If you know of any contractors that do fuels work, please send their contact information to Jennifer.

○ Beetle Grant

- We did not get the Beetle Kill Grant.
- There may be an opportunity to get funding with any money that is left on the table. Jennifer got a call last week that sounded promising.

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