

Lincoln County Firesafe Council Meeting Notes

Location - LIBBY FIRE HALL 119 E 6th St

Date- Mar 21, 2019

Time-9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Note Taker: D.Turman

Introductions:

Round Robbin:

USFS – Fire Hire has been completed with 18 new permanent positions, Jeff will be detailing into the forest safety position next 120 days, Mike Burrows will be detailing into Jeff's position for the same time period. Guard School will be the week of June 3rd up in the Yaak, zone training list is out. Having trouble staffing Type3 teams during the 10 core weeks of the summer, working with the zone in developing a solution.

Lou Kuennen – Gave an update on the grants, the \$10,000 that was available went fast, 30 grants that need to be completed. The tight burning window has most of the grants stalled for completion.

MT DNRC/Jeremy Rank – Some piles up on the Pipe Creek section need to a be burned this spring. The purposed timber sale on the same section is slated to sell early this summer. Jeremy reminded folks of the stewardship training here Libby this spring.

FEPC – Bill Swope – The grant money went fast for Lincoln County, have some paper work for Jennifer related treated acres, electronic data on fuels treatment in the county. Bill will be stepping down soon and Deb Starling will be his replacement.

Lincoln Co OEM/Brent Teske – Hot topic is the potential flooding, so far so good, sand bags are available if needed. Lincoln County Coop meeting on April 5th. LARP table top exercise slated for time this spring. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is done an passed on for review by FEMA.

Lincoln County Forester/Jennifer Nelson – The Stewardship training the county will April 25th and 26th. Fire Adaptive Montana workshop was developed for the agencies to network, share information.

McCormick RFD/Trevor Pelling – Working on setting 6000-gallon tanks in place.

MT-DNRC/Logan Sandman – Some piles to burn this spring, training season will be starting soon, County Coop meeting on April 5th will have a discussion on Zook funding and review the Lincoln County Operating Plan. Setting up a fire restriction coordinating meeting this spring. Loggers Day presentation at the Dome by Bryon Bonnie is on track, firewise trailer will be out at the park for that day. Possibility of a TV maybe available for the trailer.

New/Old Business:

- LCFS Council review of the draft by laws reviewed the bylaws one more time some adjustments were made/
- Springtime projects –
 - Loggers Day update – on track everything is in place for the prestaton and the trailer out at the park for the day.
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 - Wildfire Preparedness Day update – Jennifer secured a grant of \$500.00 to assist in putting on the event. A group of scouts will be transported out to Fairview Guard Station to spend a day learning what it takes to fire wise a home and what it means to have a “Ready Set Go” process set up, DNRC and USFS will also assist with prestaton’s
- Grants – Nothing new
- CWPP – More discussion on what the County Wildfire Prevention Plan should look like
- Fire Adapted Montana Organization Workshop update
- FEMA Grant update

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