

Lincoln County FireSafe Council Meeting Notes

Location - LIBBY FIRE HALL 119 E 6th St

Date- Nov 15, 2018

Time-9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Note Taker: Doug Turman

Round Robin-

Yaak FSA – House fire last Monday, helped with fires this summer and fall.

Grants Update -Completion numbers on the upswing, working to finish the grants in the North end of the county by the end of the year. A list of 20 property owners has been developed for future work available grant money, another 15 property owners in the Yaak looking for grant money.

Libby RFD – Working on the Kootenai River Road station, should be completed by the first of the year. Have a couple large poly tanks available from the EPA/2500 gal. Fall burning season was good,

DNRC/Fire – The slash burning on Flower Creek 20 section was a success. To burn in the month of November a lot of planning occurred with the County, USFS, and MT DEQ. The DEQ exception event rule was not needed. Burning also occurred in the McGinnis Meadows and Colonite areas.

McCormick RFD – Prepositioned several poly tanks within the McCormick RFD boundaries, and burned several slash piles for private land owners. Had a successive barbeque for the open house for fire

County Forester – Applied for a CPAW Grant/Communities Assistance Planning for Wildfire Grant and was not successful, the hosting group indicated that there might some available assistance later. Will have to rethink the rewrite of the CWPP. Will submit a proposal for the FEMA-Hazard Mitigation Grant targeting areas related to the West Fork fire, may have an opportunity to incorporate neighboring areas.

County EMA – Multi Mitigation Hazard Plan draft is out for comment, wildfire is the number concern in the plan. Here is a link to the project website www.countypdm.com Select: Lincoln County / Password: Libby / Select: Draft Plan. County Coop meeting on November 30th/Ponderosa Room at 6p.m.

DNRC – The proposed Cripple Horse timber sale will be awarded later in December. Clay Banks TS looking for some activity next year. Have started working on the Pipe Creek TS to be sold next year.

New/Old Business

LCFS Council draft by-laws - Reviewed the draft and came up with some edits. Will get the latest draft out.

FY2019 State Fire Assistance Grant update – Current funding is obligated, will need to track any more requests. Future grant requests for Lincoln County will be submitted by the county.

MT State DEQ /Exception Event rule – The DNRC burn in Flower Creek went will and did not require the MT DEQ “Exception Event Rule”.

CWPP - No discussion on how the CWPP will be updated.

KFRI - Contacts have started for the landowners that requested some assistance.

Libby Firewise - The current area is too big to be effect in managing the program, a suggestion was made to make smaller more manageable areas. Steve Lauer will be getting with Ed Levert to validate the current size, then the council would work together to identify those geographic areas that make sense.

DNRC Forestry Assistance – The links listed are to two documents that will have an influence and guide 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>

Next meeting will be January 17th / 9:00 am Libby Fire Hall