

Lincoln County Firesafe Council Notes

Location – Zoom Call

Date- December 17th, 2020

Time-9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Note Taker: Marcel Getz

Introductions:

New/Old Business:

- **Montana Forest Action Plan – RFP Discussion**
 - Three projects, Libby Surround south of Kootenai river, Ollie by Troy, and Marston Bugs potentially.
 - Show one proposal for geographic area instead of multiple projects, this is to show cross boundary efforts that will boost application success.
 - The more collaboration and cooperation, the better.
 - Trout Creek has a project that could be added to the proposal, Jeresek will attempt to find out more info.
 - Joint Chief overlap is a good, strong point for the proposal.
 - Brian to meet with others to coordinate details on projects.
 - A limiting factor is administrator capacity to manage all the projects in the proposal.
 - The grant is purely reimbursement, no up-front money.
 - Planning cannot be counted towards the 15% match.
 - Jennifer will plan a meeting for next Tuesday for more RFP info.
- **Lincoln County Burn Permits Update – Marcel Getz**
 - Subcommittee is meeting the beginning of January to review questions answered by Megan.
 - Megan Gretch will soon be establishing a date to present the demonstration of the system.
 - After these two events, the subcommittee can then decide whether to pursue the state system, or build one from the ground up.
- **Burn Education Update – Marcel Getz**
 - Sanders County sent out surveys to better gauge the publics knowledge on burning, Getz will be sending out a version of it for Lincoln County before the spring season.
 - Before, during, and after photos of current and future projects should be shared with the council so they can be used for educational reasons.
 - Find a photographer/videographer to work on some of the RFP projects.
 - Engage with community VIPS to get signitures on education letters to aid in building

trust and support with the county.

- Tim Bumgarner has begun work to help write a letter template for educational outreach, possible draft ready in January.
- Utilization of Code Red and mailers to inform public on planned burns.
- Utilize social media, info brochures, local papers, and the website to share stories of fire and fire education. (i.e. Smoke Colom in the Flathead.)
- Era of Megafire video to be used on the website, as well as hosting a Webinar on the subject matter
 - After Covid, conduct a county tour with the presentation.
- Getz will contact Stimson to discuss how they may want to be involved with the campaign, and any education they can provide.
- We should create a press release pre-season of projects to help notify the public and keep them informed.
- **Lincoln County FireSafe Website Update – Marcel Getz**
 - Guroots has been selected to develop Fire Adapted Kootenai website.
 - It'll be a 1 month start up, will begin development after the new year.
 - Logo still in development. Will update all when finished.
- **Kootenai Shared Stewardship Initiative/Kootenai MOU – Jennifer Nelson**
 - This is a proposal to get the pace and work done on a bigger scale in the WUI.
 - First priority is the FAP grant, followed by the implementation team to come up with a plan to manage the WUI in the county.
 - Ideal to have the FireSafe Council as the Implementation team.
 - Mark would hire a facilitator to cover the coordination and documentation work, and the implementation team will work together to come up with the plans and projects.
 - A majority of the work on the federal side will be done through GNA. This will help GNA be successful as well as alleviate the work load on the forest.
 - This will still be supervised through the forest supervisor office, coordinated by the council, and private work leveraging between NRCS and the county.
 - For more info, contact Mark Peck or read the KSSI info email that was sent out to folks.
- **Grant Updates – Jennifer Nelson**
 - KFRI grant, \$430,000
 - 2 completed properties in the Eureka area, totaling 48 acres.
 - 109 acres under agreement.
 - \$73,000 under contract, \$27,000 spent.
 - Western State grant, \$263,000
 - Paperwork is in for cost share.
- **Past Action Items:**
 - Subdivision regulation sub-committees
 - Assigned:
 - Fire Risk: Logan Sandman, Jake Jeresek, Steve Lauer
 - Vegetation Management Plan: Jennifer Nelson, Jeremy Rank, Derek Luchik

- Timeline: Spring 2021
- Come up with a plan for utilizing home assessment information.
 - Assigned to: FACC and Jennifer Nelson
 - Timeline: Spring 2021
- CWPP
 - Regroup on the CWPP
 - Assigned: Jennifer Nelson
 - Timeline: November/December

Round Robbin:

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