



Thank you everyone who joined us at the last Fire in the Root Council meeting. We greatly appreciate everyone's time and participation. If you missed the meeting, recordings can be found on the Fire in the Root- Ravalli County [YouTube Channel](#).

### Meeting Highlights:

- Last meeting we continued our discussion on Council organization and structure.
- We voted on a mixed hierarchical and team based structure for our organization.
- We decided to start with two co-chairs supported by committees, and committee leads.
- It was requested last meeting that we identify roles, responsibilities, and potential time commitments that might be expected of the co-chairs.
- This information is being produced and will be sent out before the next meeting to review in preparation.
- Next meeting we will continue with this discussion of organization and structure and we hope to identify two co-chairs and split up roles and responsibilities for each position.

*Disclaimer: this structure is meant to be fluid, and can be modified and updated as needed while we progress and move forward. We must work to be flexible and recognize that things will need to change as we grow and evolve. Change is good, it gives us the opportunity to examine lessons learned from past mistakes and then readjust as needed to be more successful in future endeavors.*

### Upcoming Events:

- Ravalli County Fair—August 31st—September 3rd 11:00am-7:00pm
- Apple Days—Saturday October 1st, 2022 from 9:00am - 3:00pm

**We are still looking for volunteers for both of these events.** If you are interested in volunteering please contact Anna Bateson at [anna.bateson@usda.gov](mailto:anna.bateson@usda.gov). There will always be two people at each event, so if this is your first one, there will be someone there to train you!

### Updates:

- Huge shout out and great thanks to all those that volunteered their time to be part of the CWPP update funding application. The CWPP update funding application has been submitted. We are unsure of when we will hear about the funding but we will share that information as soon as we hear anything. If you did not receive a copy of the application before last meeting please see that attached [HERE](#).
- Beginning in September, we will host the first Coordination meeting, at **6pm prior to the next Fire in the Root Council meeting**. This meeting will be open to everyone but the focus of this meeting is going to be for various Agency

partners to share, and discuss projects they are working on and identify opportunities for crossboundary coordination.

- Lastly, our County Forester Drew, in partnership with the DNRC, Bitterroot National Forest and Fire in the Root, designed a mailer with local wildfire information that went out to several homes in the wildland-urban interface. For a copy of the mailer please follow this link [HERE](#).

## **Next Fire in the Root Council Meeting:**

***Tuesday, September 6th***

*6:00pm-7:00pm Agency Fuels Project Coordination Meeting \*\*\* new quarterly meeting planned*

***7:00pm-8:30pm standard FiRC meeting***

**Location: Victor Fire Department, 2383 Meridian Rd, Victor & Zoom**

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BITTERROOT  
FRONT PROJECT

FIRE IN THE ROOT  
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LION FIRE

BUILDING FIRE ADAPTED  
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PREPARING YOUR  
HOME IGNITION ZONE

# RAVALLI COUNTY

SUMMER 2022



PREVENT &  
PREPARE

THE ROARING LION FIRE

was reported on July 31, 2016 at approximately 2:20 pm about one mile west of the Roaring Lion Creek trailhead.

## Living in the Woods: A Privilege and a Responsibility

Blog by Anne Marie Scott, Team Rubicon, Ravalli County Resident, and fellow Fire in the Root Council participant



I am lucky enough to live in the foothills of the beautiful Bitterroot Mountains. It's a privileged position—and like most privileges, it comes with responsibilities. I firmly believe one of those responsibilities is to make our property as 'firewise' as possible. I use the term 'firewise' because there is no way to make a forested property truly fire safe. Especially since the safety of my property relies on my neighbors to do their part. It also requires a lot of luck—a fast, super-hot fire is pretty difficult to survive.

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## **What does the Science Say?**

Check out this interesting research exploring different perspectives of 'resilience' and how acknowledging different types of resilience may help us to better address the wildfire crisis.

## Rethinking resilience to wildfire

David B. McWethy <sup>1\*</sup>, Tania Schoennagel<sup>2</sup>, Philip E. Higuera <sup>3</sup>, Meg Krawchuk<sup>4</sup>, Brian J. Harvey<sup>5</sup>, Elizabeth C. Metcalf<sup>6</sup>, Courtney Schultz<sup>7</sup>, Carol Miller <sup>8,9</sup>, Alexander L. Metcalf <sup>6</sup>, Brian Buma<sup>10</sup>, Arika Virapongse<sup>11</sup>, Judith C. Kulig<sup>12</sup>, Richard C. Stedman<sup>13</sup>, Zak Ratajczak<sup>14</sup>, Cara R. Nelson<sup>3</sup> and Crystal Kolden <sup>15</sup>

“Record-breaking fire seasons are becoming increasingly common worldwide, and large wildfires are having extraordinary impacts on people and property, despite years of investments to support social–ecological resilience to wildfires. This has prompted new calls for land management and policy reforms as current land and fire management approaches have been unable to effectively respond to the rapid changes in climate and development patterns that strongly control fire behaviour and continue to exacerbate the risks and hazards to human communities. **Promoting social–ecological resilience in rapidly changing, fire-susceptible landscapes requires adoption of multiple perspectives of resilience, extending beyond ‘basic resilience’ (or bouncing back to a similar state) to include ‘adaptive resilience’ and ‘transformative resilience’, which require substantial and explicit changes to social–ecological systems. Clarifying these different perspectives and identifying where they will be most effective helps prioritize efforts to better coexist with wildfire in an increasingly flammable world” (McWethy 1).**

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# Be Prepared This Fire Season



During fire season in Montana, it's important to protect your health from smoke exposure. The following list contains things you can do to prepare for periods of wildfire smoke:

- Stock up on HEPA filters with a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) of 13 or higher.** Put one in your HVAC
- Build a DIY filter** using a HEPA filter and box fan (2012 or newer). Visit [montanawildfiresmoke.org/diy-fan-filter.html](http://montanawildfiresmoke.org/diy-fan-filter.html) for instructions on building a DIY box fan air filter.
- Create a clean room in your home.** Seal windows and doors to prevent outdoor smoke from entering, add an air purifier or DIY box fan filter, and make sure the room is free of particulate causing activities like cooking or frying foods, smoking, vacuuming, burning candles or incense, and using aerosol sprays like air fresheners
- Get an air purifier and a humidifier** if you don't already own one.
- Keep doors and windows of cars and buildings closed** to prevent particulate matter from entering.
- Ask a friend or relative if they would be willing to let you stay with them** during periods of elevated smoke or in an emergency.
- Know where to get information about fires in Montana.** Visit [mtfireinfo.org](http://mtfireinfo.org) for information about fires and protecting your health from smoke.
- Know where to check the air quality index (AQI) and check it daily** to plan your activities around periods of elevated smoke. Visit [svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair](http://svc.mt.gov/deq/todaysair) for more information about air quality.
- Pack an evacuation bag and have it ready for leaving at a moment's notice.** Make sure to include a supply of medications.



Visit [mtfireinfo.org/pages/smoke](http://mtfireinfo.org/pages/smoke) for information about protecting your health this fire season.

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## Bitterroot National Forest Projects

## Ever wonder where you can find information about projects happening on the Bitterroot National Forest?

The Schedule of Proposed Actions provides a list of proposals that will begin or are undergoing environmental analysis and documentation so that people can become aware of and indicate their interest in specific proposals. The Forest publishes a Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) four times a year: January, April, July and October. To view the current and past SOPAs, visit the Forest Service SOPA page for the [Bitterroot National Forest](#).

### Forest Service Schedule of Proposed Actions for the Bitterroot National Forest

#### Current SOPA Report

(NOTE: The SOPA report opens in a separate browser window.)

[Click to view the current SOPA Report](#)

*The current SOPA Report contains a list of proposed actions that will begin or are currently undergoing environmental analysis and documentation. Questions and comments regarding projects listed in the SOPA should be directed to the Project Contact shown in the SOPA.*

*For more specific information related to the Bitterroot National Forest, please visit their local [Home Page](#).*

[Click Here to Access Bitterroot National Forest Projects](#)

## 2022 Fire Information Resources

[MTFireInfo.org](#)

[BITTERROOT DISPATCH CENTER](#)

[NOAA- Fire Weather](#)

[View Current Burn Activity](#)

# Homeowner Resources

**Outdoor Burning in Ravalli County is by Permit Only**

For a new permit or to activate  
an existing permit:



SCAN ME

<https://app.egovmt.com/burnpermit/>



Remember, one less spark  
is one less wildfire!

Activate Ravalli County Burn Permit



**Wildfire Risk  
Assessment**

Request A Free Home Wildfire Risk Site Visit



Fuels Mitigation & Forest Health Grants



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