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FIRE IN THE ROOT
NEWSLETTER
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COUNCIL MEETING
REMINDER

FIRE IN THE ROOT

WHO IS INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY WILDFIRE ADAPTATION?

- Community Members (homeowners, renters, commuters, visitors, unsheltered residents)
- Local Wildfire Practitioners (Non-Profits, Fire Departments, Emergency Management)
- State/Local/Tribal Government (planners, elected officials, regulators)
- Public Health (EPA, hospitals)
- Researchers (academia, other)
- Land Managers (public, private)
- Business and Tourism (business leaders, insurance, chambers, visitor bureaus)
- Federal Agencies (USFS, BLM, BIA, FEMA)

Ravalli County, Rooted in Fire & Adapted to Fire...

The Fire in the Root Council's mission is to promote and facilitate the long-term reduction of risk from wildfire and adaptation to wildfire by communities and residents throughout Ravalli County.

Disclaimer: this mission is meant to be fluid, and can be modified and updated as needed while we progress and move forward.

Next Fire in the Root Council Meeting

Time: Tuesday, September 6th, 7:00pm-8:30pm

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

Next meeting we will go over old business including updates from the Education and Outreach Committee, CWPP Update, and we will discuss roles and responsibilities for Co-Chair and Team Leads.

If time allows we will go into membership and decision making process. We may have guests from DNRC announcing CWPP funding update.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/85963155729>

Dial by Telephone

+1 646 558 8656 or +1 406 444 9999

Meeting ID: 859 6315 5729

Find your local number: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/u/kbmr6CqoyS>

Follow the link **HERE** to the AGENDA.

Reminder: First Quarterly Fuels Coordination Meeting

Time: Tuesday, September 6th, 6:00pm-7:00pm

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

This meeting is for NRCS, DNRC, Bitterroot National Forest, Bitter Root RC&D, and County fuels specialists (Fuels Mitigation Committee) to coordinate crossboundary fuels mitigation projects, and opportunities. Anyone is welcome to join and listen but the focus will be on ongoing and future fuels reduction projects.

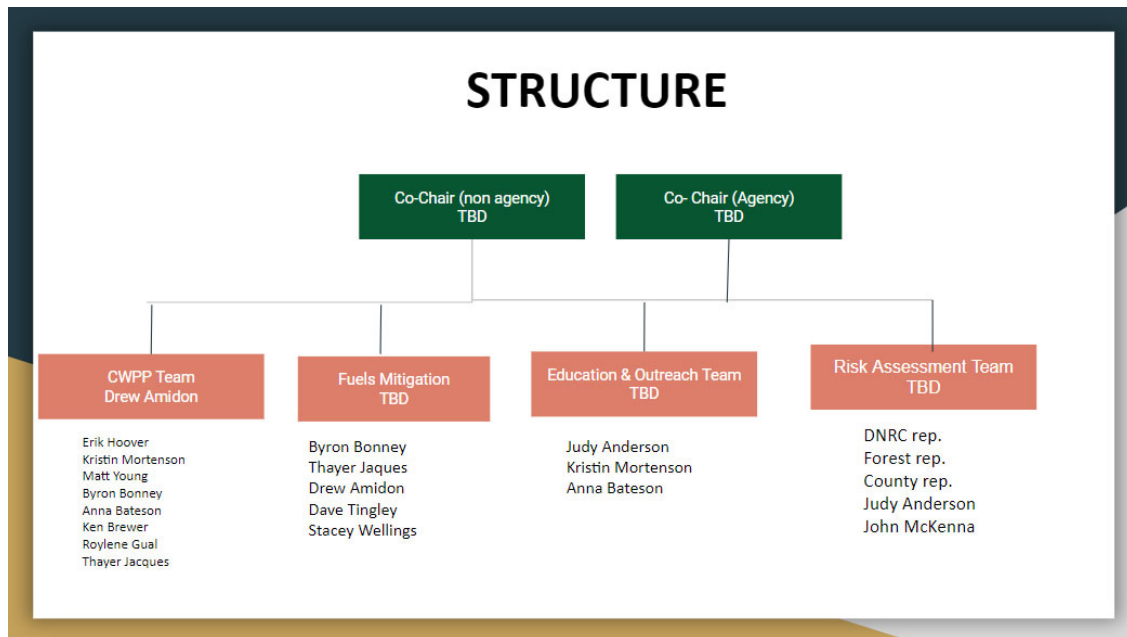
Council Member Suggestion

We received a draft/example by-laws from David Eutsler of the West Fork Fire Department. Please click [HERE](#) to review his suggestions.

I, David Eutsler, of the West Fork Fire Department have taken the time to create a simple Constitution/by-laws to aid in the completion of the business structure so as to be able to move forward with the true mission of the Fire in the Root Council. This is just a suggestion and in no way binding but it seems to be a good jumping off point, it can be changed and amended as needed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Draft Council Structure & Co-Chair Roles and Responsibilities

Per request at the last meeting we have outlined potential roles, responsibilities and time commitment. Please review these and come prepared with an understanding of your personal capacity to support the Fire in the Root Council efforts. **We plan to take floor nominations for the non-agency Co-Chair position.**



Meeting Roles & Responsibilities for Co-Chairs (~12 Total Hours Per Month)

Pre-Meeting: (~3.5-6 hrs)

- Ensure FIRC meetings are scheduled on the Victor Fire Hall Calendar (In person on the whiteboard calendar at the department-remember for 2023)
- Coordinate post-meeting debrief and pre-meeting planning (~0.5 hrs)
 - Coordinate with Co-Chairs and Facilitator
- Council Planning Meeting (~1-1.5 hrs)
 - Post-meeting debrief
 - Pre-meeting planning
 - Develop Agenda
- Create materials for meeting- (~2-4 hours depending on meeting content)
 - Create Meeting Folder in Google Drive for each month
 - Produce and store meeting materials here
 - Agenda
 - Powerpoint Presentation
 - Schedule presenters or invite specific personnel if needed (ex FireSafe Flathead/SWCA Environmental Consultants)
 - Send Meeting Reminder
 - Newsletter via MailChimp
 - Create Facebook Reminder Post

Meeting- (~3 hrs)

- Arrive ~6pm (meeting begins at 7pm everyone leaves by 9pm)
 - Set up Room, organize table into rectangle for better conversation
 - Get computer and projector ready
 - Login to Zoom
 - Pull up presentation (if there is one)
 - Set out sign in sheet and any other materials
 - Ensure meeting is recording and there is a flash drive to download recording
 - Meeting end at 8:30pm
 - Put room back how it was/clean up
 - Download Zoom Meeting Recording!!! (this sometimes takes a while to download)
 - Logout of Zoom and email (if signed in)
 - Ensure lights are shut off and Victor Fire Hall Door is closed

Post Meeting: (~2 hrs)

- Post meeting Newsletter Follow up-sharing information from the meeting if they missed
- Upload video recording onto website
- Share thank you on Facebook
- Start the process again with the Post meeting debrief and planning for the next meeting.

Other Roles & Responsibilities Total Hours ~14

- Coordinating Purchasing with DNRC or FS designated person (~1 hrs)
- General admin items (scheduling meeting location, printing agendas, securing snacks, etc.) (~1 hrs)
- Facebook, Website, Youtube, etc. maintenance and updating (~2 hrs)
- Monitoring and managing the email (~2 hrs)
- Keeps track of funds and spending, reports such at each meeting when changes (~1 hrs)
- Attends Ravalli Fire Council (report out) (~2 hrs)
- Attends RACC (Ravalli County Collaborative) (~2 hrs)
- Make sure teams are getting what they need (~1 hrs)
- Recruitment, relationship/partnership building (~2 hrs)

Farewell from Bridget

As my employment with the Montana DNRC comes to an end, I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to work with everyone that has participated in Fire in the Root. I thoroughly enjoyed my position as the Ravalli County Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator and look forward to seeing what this group can accomplish

together. Thank you for everyone's trust, patience and willingness to learn together as we try and tackle this enormous challenge.

While I'm excited about the new opportunity, there's also a big part of me that's sad to be saying goodbye. Though, I will still be around the Missoula area, and the Bitterroots are my favorite place to recreate so say hi!

Again, I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to work with Ravalli County, it's been a true pleasure getting to know everyone! I know Fire in the Root Council is going to accomplish some amazing work. Best of wishes, health, and happiness to all.

Your former FACC, Bridget Mancini



2022 Fire Information Resources

MTFireInfo.org

[BITTERROOT DISPATCH CENTER](#)

[NOAA- Fire Weather](#)

[View Current Burn Activity](#)

Homeowner Resources



[Request A Free Home Wildfire Risk Site Visit](#)



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