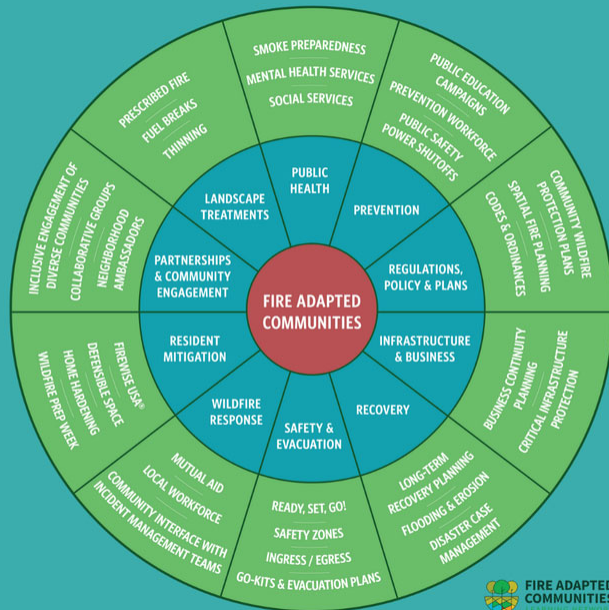


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Ravalli County, Rooted in Fire & Adapted to Fire...

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.

FIRC Meeting: Here's what you missed

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, you can view the **notes below**:

Fire in the Root Council Meeting

September 6, 2022

Facilitators: Anna Bateson/Kimberly Richards

Meeting start: 1910 (internet was out so Zoom participants attended via phone)

1. Introductions
2. Julia Berkey & Steve Kimball announced award of \$50,000 to Council for updating their CWPP
 1. Complimented Council on quality application.
 2. Next steps are that they will be creating an agreement between DNRC and County for funds transfer, and no money will be available until this is signed (likely November).
 1. County can solicit bids/quotes and work on an RFP (request for proposals) for consultants but cannot sign with one until agreement with DNRC is ready and signed.
 2. Suggested County/Council be specific in their RFP re: what they want consultant to do or data to use in order to make sure to get consultant that will help produce a CWPP of the caliber needed.
 3. DNRC will also be delivering, in addition to the guidebook already produced, wildfire risk data (MT Wildfire Risk Assessment data) and tips on what they would like to see in the process (collaboration, use of data, etc.).
 4. Emphasized identifying our "vision" for the process, highlighting outreach and education during the process, and using the document as a live document for additional funding in the future.
 1. Also stressed importance of providing proper framing/context in our discussions re: WUI/MWRA—highlighting the opportunities that they provide.
 1. MWRA data will not be at the parcel level so can't search by address.
3. Outreach & Education
 1. Judy explained Wildfire Risk Assessment Demo project to be held 9/8 and 9/10 (she and Frank handed out 130 flyers and received 13 commitments to attend). Demonstration will highlight process, HIZ components, and hopefully help viewers to be comfortable doing such on their own home and property or requesting an assessment.
 2. Fair was a success, had 20 people sign up for assessments.
 3. Apple Days is Oct 1, would love to have more volunteers sign up to help out. All day affair. If interested, contact Judy or fireintheroot@gmail.com.
 4. Funds were requested to print more tri-fold brochures, all in attendance agreed (\$200-\$300 for 1000 was estimated)
 5. Active Directory of Council members was proposed and agreed upon

1. Kristin will add a column to the sign in sheet to allow people to check yes/no if they would like their contact information available in a contact directory for the Council. This will allow members to reach out to one another outside of meeting times.
4. Roles & Responsibilities
 1. All items can be changed and moved as decided by the co-Chairs.
 2. Drew will be Lead of the CWPP Team (County employee)
 3. Kristin committed the DNRC FACC position to be the perpetual agency Co-Chair position, with no decision-making power.
 1. Anna Bateson will act in this role until the FACC position is filled, which might be a month or two given DNRC HR issues.
 4. Much discussion ensued about the non-agency Co-Chair position, including reluctance by many due to the time commitment (not amount, but regularity of it), but Judy stepped forward to offer to be the non-agency Co-Chair temporarily to see if it will be a good fit for her and the Council. Thank you, Judy!
 1. Julia suggested making sure to outline the FACC role well in the CWPP to help secure future funding for it.

Meeting end: 2130

[Link to PDF version of notes](#)

Next Fire in the Root Council Meeting:

Tuesday, October 4th from 7:00pm-8:30pm

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



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