

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

Minutes of October 4, 2022 meeting

Facilitated by Kimberly Richardson began at 7pm. with brief introductions

OLD BUSINESS

CWPP Update:

- (Drew) The RFP is still in the development stage. Likely won't have consultant prior to January.
- (Kristin) the role of the Fire in the Root will be support. The County is taking the lead to drive the CWPP and decision making. Drew has been directed to take the lead on the CWPP team. Other members of the CWPP likely to happen in January after a consultant/facilitator is hired.
- (Drew) recommended review of other counties CWPPs like Missoula and surrounding communities and review the 2006 version of Ravalli County because the 2009 version was not approved.

Outreach & Education Update:

- (Judy) 13 households attended one of the two demonstration wildfire risk home assessments in September. Households were given a blank assessment to do their own homes. Several requested a professional team to perform the assessment for them.
- Fire in the Root booth at Apple Days Farmer's Market produced 7 more requests for home assessments. (Anna) so far this year 71 assessments have been completed compared to 30 for last 3 year average.

Fuels Update:

- (Byron, Fuels Team Lead) the DNRC has 30 projects representing 300 acres already in the works for this year and 25 applications for another 800 acres for next year. Application process is open year

round. Grant fund is running a low so applied for more grants that do not require updated CWPP.

- (Matt Young) local fires are winding down so more focus on prescribed burning and budget planning. There was a joint project in partnership with the County of 130 acres of fuel reduction in the Chaffin Creek area.

NEW BUSINESS

Finalizing Membership:

- (Rich) Hours spent on Fire in the Root accepted projects would be advantageous when requesting grants.
- The Council decided *20 hours/year minimum would be a fair expectation of participation*. Hours attending Fire in the Root meetings have potential to add up to 18 if a person attended 12 meetings in a year so they would only need to work an extra 2 hours/year to meet the bare minimum qualifications for membership. *Members will have voting rights (with the exception of state and federal government agency personnel)*.
- *A written commitment* signed by participating members for each year beginning in January and ending in December was decided. For those who join later in the year, they can sign a commitment when they choose to and begin accumulating their participation hours to earn voting rights.

Decision Making:

- Now that membership is defined, decisions will be made by *majority rule for those in attendance* in the meeting where items will be decided. *Items that require a decision will be noticed in advance of the meeting* via the advance agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

[Link to PDF version of notes](#)

[Link to the meeting recording](#)

Next Fire in the Root Council Meeting:

Tuesday, November 1st from 7:00pm-8:30pm

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



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