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FOLLOW-UP



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 Notes

December 6, 2022

Facilitator: Kimberly Richardson

Meeting start: 1905

I. Introductions

a. Attendees: Nate-Bitterroot National Forest (BRF), Thayer-MT Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC), Rick D., Jeff-County, Laura J., Kory-BRF-Stevensville Ranger District, Sam L., Brandon B-PayneWest, Ken B., Andrew-County, Byron-Bitterroot Resource Conservation & Development (BRCD), Reagan-Hamilton Fire Dept., Hayden-Right to Farm-Ranch, Albert-Right to Farm-Ranch, Anna-BRF, Kristin-DNRC

II. Team Updates

a. Outreach –

i. Byron showed example of 24"x18" yard signs for BRCD to put on properties they have completed mitigation work on.

1. Will be ordering 25 for Ravalli County.

2. Council approved adding Fire in the Root logo to the sign and suggested QR code for BRCD website to be added.

ii. Kristin discussed creating a Communication Plan for the Council to provide the Outreach Team with messaging content and guidelines.

1. There will be an Outreach Team meeting Jan. 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor's Office and via Zoom to go over a draft Plan and work on a version to propose to the Council (if the Team decides to do so).

b. CWPP –

i. RFP will be out next week

ii. There was a brief discussion revisiting the CWPP process, County administration of funds from grant, and how the Council will play a role in the process (Council will have a representative as member of the Core Team).

c. Fuels Mitigation Coordination –

i. Next coordination meeting will be end of January 2023

ii. BRCD – received \$110,000 from Joint Chiefs grant and have applied for \$843,000 from Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) for Missoula County and \$478,000 from Forest Action Plan \$ for Ravalli County

iii. DNRC – Still working on Skalkaho Good Neighbor Authority project, many projects on hold waiting on contractors, DNRC has hired two more grant personnel. Will better idea in Feb re: DNRC implementation of Infrastructure Bill funds.

d. Kristin provided update on Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator (FACC) position: it has been flown and we have four applications submitted so far. Waiting on another then will probably move forward with interviews. Hoping to have in place late Jan??

III. Team Lead & Member Roles & Responsibilities

a. Team Lead and Member responsibilities were discussed and agreed upon—nothing was added to either list presented by Anna B.

i. Anyone interested in participating as lead or member of a team should reach out to Anna, Judy, or Kristin

b. CWPP Input Team

i. Ken Brewer accepted Lead position, and Laura J, Frank P., and Brandon B. requested to be added as members.

ii. Agency reps will be on Team in advisory roles

c. Fuels Team

i. Rick and Laura would like to be added as members.

d. Outreach Team

i. FACC can be Lead, and Kristin will serve as Lead in the interim.

e. Risk Assessment Team

i. FACC will be Lead. If workload is too much, then will find another Lead for Outreach as risk assessments are primary for the state to coordinate.

1. FACC will be full time and based out of Hamilton, no remote unless emergency, so individual will have more time and be more available.

f. Discussed minimum term for members and term limit for Leads

i. Council agreed that there should not be a minimum term for members...don't someone on a Team that doesn't want to be there.

ii. Council agreed to a 1 yr-term for Leads, with option to renew.

iii. Anna will create and send out to Leads a spreadsheet with Team membership and contact info.

iv. Question about limiting Council size was raised, but many indicated not wanting to limit and felt that high membership would be a mark of success of Council/good problem to have.

IV. As meeting adjourned, Kristin asked group to read through the Bitterroot CWPPs- both, but especially the 2006 version as well as look at some recent/updated CWPPs (Missoula Co) so that members are familiar with content and can help provide input.

Meeting Notes

Council Structure

Voting Rights Commitment Contract

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Next Fire in the Root Council Meeting:
Tuesday, February 7th from 7:00pm-
8:30pm

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



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