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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.

Fire in the Root Council 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 [recording here](#) and notes below.

Fire in the Root Council Meeting Notes

February 7, 2023

Facilitator: Judy Anderson

Meeting start: 7pm Meeting end: 8:30pm

Attendees were reminded to sign the attendance sheet so hours can be tracked by team leaders for voting rights. Introductions for in-person and several Zoom attendees took place prior to Jorista's introduction and welcome.

CWPP TEAM UPDATE

Drew shared that DJ&A out of Missoula was chosen as consultant for guiding the CWPP. The Core CWPP Team:

Ken Brewer (representative from Fire in the Root) RC&D

Forest Service Ravalli County Fire Chief

Ravalli County Sheriff DNRC

Commissioner Jeff Burrows (as available)

Anticipate at least 3 public meetings (North, Central and South Valley). Steve Kimball/DNRC Missoula suggested gaining public buy-in by helping them understand the information is beneficial to them rather than complicating their lives. Fire in Root Outreach/Education team remains available to support communication efforts of CWPP Team.

FUELS TEAM UPDATE

Byron reported the two fuels teams merged together in order to have fewer meetings to coordinate fire projects between all agencies. The teams met this week with productive results.

A forest resilience bond/grant is available for fuel mitigation work to get started more quickly than other grant options that could take over a year to receive. It could involve \$5- \$10 million dollars this year concentrating on the West Fork/ Darby area. Concerns/questions over no development of methodology to capture verifiable carbon

sequestration data appears to be in the plans ahead of doing major overhaul of the forest. Climate change and soil impact questions may be important, but this Council is unable to address those in the timeframe of this meeting. The solution offered: put concerns in writing and pursue them outside of this forum.

BNF (Bitterroot National Forest) offered details on 17,000+ acres they expect to perform various fuel reduction treatments on this year.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION UPDATE

Kristin provided a financial status report on funds available to spend on Outreach & Education. \$9,500 is available to spend by June/July and an additional \$9,000 in grants for this year.

Council was provided information on potential emergency preparedness event on March 11. The Outreach/Education Team will follow up to see whether there are sufficient volunteers to staff a booth before deciding whether to participate.

List of potential expenses

- tourism/relocation magazine ad (\$325-\$2000)
- burn permit magnet reprint (\$1200 for 3000)
- direct mailer, CWPP support, assessments, air quality program (up to \$4000)
- brochure reprint (\$700 for 5000)
- identity wear for team & handout
- host event (workshop, seminar series, extra CWPP meetings, etc)

Council input:

Pursue free space in tourism magazine for public service before paying for

¼ page ad. Otherwise approve ¼ page ad.

Pursue reprint of brochures & magnets, emphasize home risk assessments (billboards, postcards, insert mailers), and look into continual loop video of Byron's short video on Roaring Lion hopefully for free.

No objections to short disclaimer (for education purposes) on Facebook postings.

Please read and comment on Communications Plan prior to next meeting.

[Link to Voting Rights Commitment Contract](#)

[Link to the Notes](#)

[Link to the Meeting Recording](#)

Next Fire in the Root Council Meeting:

Tuesday, March 7, 7:00pm-8:30pm

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



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