

MEETING NOTES

WILDFIRE SUBCOMMITTEE - CHELAN COUNTY CWPP UPDATE

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

- **Chair:** Patrick Haggarty, Cascadia Conservation District
- **Vice-Chair:** Bob Keller, Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition
- Brandon Asher, Fire District 7 - Lake Chelan
- Brian Brett, Fire District 1 - Wenatchee
- Nolan Brewer, DNR Southeast Region Forest Health and Resilience Program
- Alma Chacon, Café
- Andy Day, RC3
- Ben Eddings, USFS
- Walter Escobar, DNR Southeast Region Wildfire Program
- Jana Fischback, Sustainable NCW
- Rachel Hansen, Chelan PUD
- Jake Hardt, DNR Community Resilience Coordinator
- Adam Jones, Fire District 8 - Entiat
- Mike Kaputa, Chelan County NRD
- Kris King, Fire District 9 - Lake Wenatchee
- Lexy Lieurance, Chelan Douglas Health District

- Lauren Loebak, WDOT
- Whitney Machado, BLM Community Coordinator
- Rich Magnussen, Chelan County Emergency Management
- Juan Perez, DNR Southeast Region State Lands Program
- Jeff Pierce, Holden Village
- Mike Smith, Fire District 3 - Leavenworth
- Russ Truman, Citizen

MAY 16, 2024

2:30 PM

LOCATION: CONFLUENCE TECHNOLOGY CENTER

CONSULTANT TEAM

- Kenzie Hartt - TEA
- Dr. Meg Matonis - TEA
- Christina Wollman - Perteet

AGENDA

1. Sign in
 - a. Rachel Hansen, Jana Fishback, Mandy Maxwell, Isobel Woolner, Mike Smith, Whitney Machado, Lauren Loebak, Walter Escobar, Meg Matonis, Kenzie Hartt, Cary Gooding, Bob Keller, Kris King, Hillary Heard, Russ Truman, Jacob Hardt, Patrick Haggerty, Arnold Baker - CCFD 5, Brandon Asher, Ben Eddings, Joshua Jamu - WAOWF USFS, Jeff Pierce, Nolan Brewer, Christina Wollman
2. Public Comment
 - a. None
3. Minutes from Past Meetings
 - a. Amendments: None
 - b. Motion: Bob Keller, Second: Kris King, Outcome: Passed as is
4. Motion for Patrick to take over as Chair
 - a. Motion: Bob Keller, Second: Jeff Pierce, Outcome: Passed
5. Meeting schedule
 - a. Discussion: What schedule would work better for folks?
 - i. Switching from bi-monthly meetings to monthly meetings.

- ii. 3rd Thursday of each month 1.5 hrs now
- 6. Zone Group Updates
 - a. Progress and Needs for each zone
 - i. A: NPS not on committee, need to check in with folks there; need to engage Bob Nielson (sp?) & FMO for NPS (Scott Ellis).
 - ii. B: (Jeff Pierce) need to engage cabins via Chelan Boat Club; Holden village Als but resource poor when it comes to finance and volunteers to do work; Joe Hill & Patrick did 3rd part eval of Firewise & produced recommendations --> helpful for legitimacy; a month ago awarded grant through Chelan County for making skirts of building ember-resistant; have needs that require funding for materials and people.
 - iii. C: no update; barrier is link issue & time.
 - iv. D: need to reach out to fire chief (Patrick to do).
 - v. E: updates in sheet; emailed it out for more feedback by today (nothing came in) & will remind people to give feedback (need USFS & county input); making decent progress.
 - vi. F: DNR updated sheet; Nolin will reach out to FD.
 - vii. G: notes are from last workshop; highlighted are from conversation with the chief; need to clean up the sheet but doing good.
 - viii. H: filled out sheet; a lot of cross-over from different plans.
 - ix. X: mostly about looking at shape files; action: everyone should take a look at this one.
 - b. Next review: 4 weeks from now have this done
 - c. Discussion: Best time for driving assessments in each Zone
 - i. Far out planning; training session followed by a drive to get photos & feel for what is in each zone via notes & survey; recommend someone from each fire district to do this.
 - ii. Looking for opportunities to do more mitigation
 - iii. Timeframe: April would have been great; potentially a fall activity
 - iv. Idea: let's look at existing data & see what is missing vs. collecting all new data
 - 1. Hillary & Patrick willing to help figure this out (maybe Ben too?)
- 7. WUI Discussion
 - a. WUI definition implications for Chelan
 - i. Implications vary from place to place so it makes sense to define WUI based on context
 - ii. WUI Planning and Prevention Map vs. WA-WUI DNR Map (for building code usage)
 - 1. Planning & Prevention Map can be created & defined by this committee
 - 2. OR this committee can petition for changes to the WA-WUI DNR Map (this is an opportune time to do this) & use that instead
 - 3. Someone from DNR (Ashley) will explain this better in the next meeting
 - 4. There is a disconnect between the document & state map-->need for the group to be educated on the meaning, legality, etc.
 - a. Questions that are coming up here are being asked across the country
 - b. It is ok to have multiple maps as long as it is clear what they are being used for

- iii. Importance of defining human presence, wildland vegetation, proximity to wildlands = WUI
- iv. Importance of making intentional decisions about WUI delineation & documentation on why you did what you did (science-based decisions + community values)
 - 1. For litigation & for generally making a solid, informed decision on WUI
- v. Opportunity to use a customized, hybrid approach in creating the Chelan WUI
- b. Discussion: what the WUI means you
 - i. WUI as a definition vs. a map
 - ii. Want to better understand constraints WUI could be putting on Forest in terms of certain funding
 - 1. Related to CWI funding w/in WUI
 - iii. How much does this group want to be involved in throwing a wrench in WA-WUI DNR Map? Be involved in zoning and codes?
 - iv. Come up with WUI delineation that is better for FS projects
 - v. Be liberal with the WUI definition
 - vi. Potential for situation-based exemption from WUI code requirements?
 - vii. Ongoing discussion