

WILDLAND FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

4/25/2018

DNR SE Region Large Conference Room

713 Bowers Road

Ellensburg, WA

Committee Members Present:

Cody Desautel – Tribal Nations Representative
Gary Berndt – Wildland Fire Liaison, Chair
Dave Johnson – Fire Commissioner – *conference call*
Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt – State Land Trust Beneficiary
Tony Craven – Small Forest Landowner
Dave LaFave – Fire Chief (Westside) – *conference call*
J.D. Marshall – Industry Landowner (Timber) – *conference call*
Rodney Smoldon – Federal Fire Agency
Randy Johnson – Fire Chief (Eastside) – *conference call*
Joe Gardner – County Commissioner (Westside) – *conference call*
Lee Hemmer – Industry Landowner (Range)

Committee Members Absent:

Jim DeTro – County Commissioner (Eastside)
Chuck LeBlanc – State Fire Marshal
Tom Bugert – Statewide Environmental Representative

Guests/Other Attendees:

Loren Torgerson, Wildfire Policy Advisor
Ken Elliott, Wildfire Division
Chuck Turley, Wildfire Division Manager
Kara Karboski, WA State Fire Adapted Community Learning Network

I. Opening, Roll Call

Chair Berndt call the meeting of the Wildland Fire Advisory Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. on April 25th, 2018 in Ellensburg, WA.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair Berndt called for approval of the minutes from the March 28th, 2018 committee meeting. Committee member Dave LaFave moved to approve the minutes, Committee member Dave Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Old Business

- a. Chair Berndt spoke about the final AAR doc/matrix.
- b. Loren gave an update on Wildland Strategic Plan along with a Power Point presentation. He spoke about the positive results of the surveys and workshop

attendance. Wenatchee workshop is 4-30/5-1/2018 and the Tacoma workshop is 5/21/2018.

- c. Lee Hemmer gave an update on Rangeland Protection, stating there is no availability for fire grants or excess equipment due to a legislative bill failing to pass.
- d. Chuck Turley spoke on 3rd party DNR fire billing numbers and the difficulty in gathering all needed information from DNR regions and fire districts.
- e. Chuck Turley also spoke about Wildfire systems improvement. He will bring a plan to the next WFAC meeting he attends with an overview.

IV. Chairman Report

Chairman Berndt presented a written Chairman Report

V. DNR Update

DNR Update presented by Chuck Turley, as well as a discussion about the matrix and archiving complete items.

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- c. Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt spoke about Insurance company roles in fire mitigation issues and read a report with California's information.
- d. J.D. Marshall spoke with Tom Schultz about forming a Rangeland Fire Protection Association, possibly using Oregon's current model.
- e. Gary Berndt is talking with Rodney Smolden about doing a field day to Colville sometime in July.
- f. Kara Karboski encouraged the committee to pursue the insurance issue, as well as the Smoke Management Plan update.

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held at the Southeast Regional office, 713 Bowers Rd, Ellensburg, WA 98926.