

Appendix A – AGENDAs and MINUTES – BEACON ROCK CWPP

AGENDA Skamania & North Bonneville Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Meeting 1

North Bonneville City Hall, 214 CBD Mall, North Bonneville, WA 98639
Thursday, July 17, 2008 from 7:00PM to 9:00PM

GOALS:

- 1) Outline CWPP Process
- 2) Introduce Firewise Communities Program
- 3) Establish Goals and Objectives
- 4) Create a Risk Assessment
- 5) Create Steering Committee
- 6) Draft Mission Statement

Time	Speaker(s)	Topic
7:00-7:10	Fullerton, All	Introductions, agenda review
7:10-7:20	Fullerton	Community Wildfire Protection Plan Synopsis <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roles• Background• Process• Requirements• Completed Data Collection• Current Status• Main Limitations• Underwood CWPP Outline
7:20-7:30	Underwood Conservation District: Jamie Gomez	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beyond the CWPP: Firewise Communities
7:30-7:40	ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Questions
7:40-8:10	Fullerton, Cordell, All	Create an Underwood Risk Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History• Hazard• Values Protected• Protection Capabilities• Define Communities At Risk
8:10-8:30	Fullerton, Cordell	Review Underwood Planning Area <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Underwood Base Map• Locate items from risk assessment on map
8:30-8:40	Fullerton, All	Establish the Underwood CWPP Objectives and Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protection of Life, Property and Resources
8:40-8:50	All	Create Steering Committee
8:50	All	Schedule Next Meeting
9:00	All	Adjourn Meeting

Skamania and North Bonneville Meeting 1 Minutes

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 7/29/2008 at 7:00 PM
at North Bonneville Fire Hall, 52 East Cascade Drive, North Bonneville, WA 98639

Introductions and agenda review

10 people attended

- Vivian Mc Neil, Beacon Rock State Park Ranger
- Shane Cornish, SCFD #5, Chief
- Trevor Munsch, NBFD, Chief
- Ron Corl, Skamania Landing Owners Association (SLOA), Member, Retired Firefighter
- Jamie Gomez, Underwood Conservation District, Resource Technician
- David & Judy Martin, Community Members
- Chris Spangler, SCFD #5
- Jim Bradley, SLOA, Water
- Gail Fullerton, Skamania County Wildfire Prevention Planning Coordinator (WPPC)

Outline of Topics:

- Roles
 - WPPC
 - Steering Committee
 - Core group
- Background
 - Following Extreme Fire Years
 - National fire Plan
 - Healthy Forest Initiative
 - Healthy Forest Restoration Act
 - CWPP
 - Allow Communities to participate in planning process and take responsibility for their own welfare.
 - Require at least 50% of Federal Fuel Reduction \$ to be spent in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) as defined in the CWPP.
 - Access to grant funding
- Process
 - Completed:
 - Convene decision makers
 - Involve federal agencies
 - Engage interested parties
 - Tonight:
 - Establish a community base map
 - Develop a community risk assessment
 - Establish community protection priorities
 - Future meetings:
 - Make recommendations for and prioritize projects
 - Develop an action Plan
 - Finalize Steering Committee Membership
- Requirements
 - Collaboration (local, state, and federal)
 - Prioritize fuel reductions
 - Treatment of structure ignitability
- Completed Data Collection
 - Base Map-Road layer, homes, fire hydrants, gates, propane tanks, other structures
 - WUI homes completed, Interior data collection in progress
- Main Limitation: TIME
- Solution: Be as efficient and concise as possible

Underwood Conservation District-Jamie Gomez

- UCD Background
 - Based out of white salmon
 - A long history of landowner assistance
 - Many programs, multiple grants
 - FIREWISE Principals
 - FireWise Community's/USA
 - **FREE wildfire hazard home assessments**
- Contact info: (509)493-1936 ucd@gorge.net

Community Risk Assessment

- IGNITION RISKS
 - Man
 - BNSF Railroad
 - Cigarettes
 - Fireworks
 - Campfires
 - Arson
 - Stupidity / Accidents
 - Nature
 - Lightening(HIGH)
 - Drought
- HAZARDS
 - Winds (E not exclusively) Wind Tunnel Effect
 - Thunder Storms
 - Hot and Dry conditions in Summer
 - High Temperature
 - Low Humidity
- Fuels
 - Accumulation
 - Insects and Disease
- Topography
 - Slope
 - Steeper slopes more dangerous
- ASSETS / VALUES TO PROTECT
 - Family & Pets
 - Neighbors (HIGH)
 - Infrastructure (HIGH)
 - Reservoirs (HIGH)
 - Research Facilities (HIGH)
 - Escape Routes (HIGH)
 - Historic Structures (MEDIUM)
 - Beacon Rock Trail (MEDIUM)

Establish a community base map:

- Maps were posted showing
 - Fire History
 - Fire Regim
 - Topography
 - Aerial Photo
 - Existing Home Hazard Data (location of homes)
- Planning Area and values to protect were drawn on the maps
- **Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 7/29/2008 at 7:00 PM at North Bonneville City Hall, 214 CBD Mall, North Bonneville, WA 98639**

Adjourned

Skamania & North Bonneville CWPP Meeting 2

Tuesday 7/29/2008, 7:00 PM

North Bonneville Fire Hall

Goals:

- Write Mission Statement
- Identify needs and potential solutions
- Create list of projects
- Prioritize Projects
- Agree on a name for the CWPP

Time	Speaker	Topic
7:00-7:10	Helgerson	Introductions, agenda review, meeting minutes from 7/17/2008
7:10-7:20	Helgerson, All	Review goals and objectives Create statement of goals and objectives (put it into words)
7:20-7:30		Review Skamania & North Bonneville boundary on map (revise if needed)
7:30-7:35	Helgerson	Review risks and values to be protected (make sure we have locations for all)
7:35-7:45	Helgerson, All	Map Workshop: Population Density Future Development Fire History Fuel Loads
7:45-8:05	Helgerson, All	Gap identification workshop: What limits our ability to fight wildfire within the planning area? What do we need to survive a wildfire that we don't have? How will we get it?
8:05-8:15	Helgerson	Grants and requirements
8:15-8:45	Helgerson All	Create a list of projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fuel Mitigation• Planning• Education• Equipment/Staffing/ training and practice Prioritize projects
8:45-8:55	All	Agree on a name for the CWPP
8:55-9:00	Helgerson	Review meeting, set next meeting date
9:00		Adjourn

Minutes Skamania & North Bonneville CWPP Meeting 2
7/29/2008 at the North Bonneville Fire Hall

Ole Helgerson facilitated the meeting

The Risk Assessment, Hazards and Values to be protected from meeting 1 were reviewed.

A Map workshop was conducted and covered:

Population Density (Where the people are)

Future Development (Where the people will be)

Fire History (Where fires have occurred)

Fuel Loads (Amount & type of fuel and heavy fuel load locations)

Gap Workshop (Have we missed anything? What can we do to make the planning area safer?)

After the map & gap workshops a list of projects was created and to some degree prioritized. The list follows.

Fuel Mitigation Projects

- Duncan Creek (Road)

- Woodard Creek (Road)

- Archer Mt

- Smith-CRIPE (Road)

- Kidney Lake Rd. (North Bonneville)

- Kueffler (Road)

- Gree Leaf Creek (Area)

- Beacon Rock State Park

 - Chipper (Rent or Buy?)

 - Thinning

Planning Projects (all High)

- Evacuation Routes

- Water Sources

- Coordination of Burn Bans

- Assembly Points

- CERT

- IMT All Risk for Skamania County

Education Projects

- Signage – Grants (Info & HTML)

- Gorge Days in N. Bonneville (Booth)

- Skamania County Fair (Booth)

- Trail Head Readings

- Recreation Education (most starts are recreation related)

Equipment, Staffing and, Training

- Red Card / Wildland Trainings (Weekends, combine Districts)

- Communications Interoperability

- Consolidating training in Districts

- Brush Rig (Skamania)

- Water Tender (North Bonneville)

- Training

 - Fire Shelters

 - Chipper (Park Ranger)

AGENDA
Beacon Rock CWPP Meeting - 3
Tuesday 8/12/2008, 7:00 PM
North Bonneville Fire Hall

GOALS:

- 1) Review Projects**
- 2) Add/Remove Projects**
- 3) Prioritize Projects**
- 4) Create an Action Plan**

Time	Speaker(s)	Topic
7:00-7:10	Fullerton, All	Introductions, agenda review, meeting minutes from 7/29/07
7:10-8:00	All	Review and make changes to project descriptions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel Mitigation • Planning • Education • Equipment/Staffing/Exercise
8:00-8:20	All	Add/Remove projects
8:20-8:30	All	Prioritize projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize new projects • Re-prioritize previous projects if necessary
8:30-8:45	Fullerton, Helgerson, Cordell, All	Create an action plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CWPP sustainability
8:45-8:50	Fullerton, Helgerson, All	CWPP and FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Compliancy
8:50-9:00	Fullerton, Helgerson, Cordell, All	Review meeting, adjourn meeting THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP!!!

Beacon Rock CWPP – Meeting 3 – 8/12/2008

Meeting began 7:00 PM

All previous community input was reviewed. This included:

Mission Statement:

“Protection of Life, Property, (both private and public), and Natural Resources from fire, through education, planning, and action.”

IGNITION RISKS

Man

Campfires	(HIGH)
BNSF Railroad	(HIGH)
Stupidity	(HIGH)
Downed transmission Lines	(HIGH)
Arson	(HIGH)
Fireworks	(HIGH)
Recreational Vehicle Exhaust (catalytic converter)	(HIGH)
Cigarettes	(HIGH)

Nature

<i>Lightening</i>	<i>(HIGH)</i>
<i>Drought</i>	<i>(HIGH)</i>

Hazards

Weather

- Wind (High winds, wind tunnel effect)
- High Temperature
- Low Humidity
- Dry Summer
- Thunder Storms

Fuels

- Accumulation
- Insects and Disease
- Chemical Storage and other Human Related Fuels
- Slash from PUD easement clearing

Topography

- Slope (steeper more hazardous)
- Blocked roads (w/o notification to FD as to which roads are blocked)

Values to be protected

Homes	(HIGH)
Family	(HIGH)
Pets	(HIGH)
Neighbors	(HIGH)
School	(HIGH)
Assisted Living Center	(HIGH)
Infrastructure	(HIGH)
Reservoirs	(HIGH)
Escape Route	(HIGH)
Beacon Rock State Park	
Historic Structures	(Medium)
Beacon rock Trail	(Medium)

Map Workshop:

Considered:

Population, Development, Topography, Fire History and Fuel Loads

Gap Identification Workshop:

What limits our ability to fight wildfire within the planning area?

What do we need to survive a wildfire that we don't have? How will we get it?

Have we thought of everything:

Communications, safe place, special needs in the community, evacuation, planning and practice?

Fuel Mitigation Projects - All High Priority

Refine Fuel Estimates

Individual Homes / Privately owned properties

Duncan Creek (Road)

Woodard Creek (Road)

Archer Mt

Smith-Cripe (Road)

Kidney Lake Rd. (North Bonneville)

Kueffler (Road)

Green Leaf Lake (Area)

Downwood and sprayed brush along BPA right of way.

Beacon Rock State Park

Chipper (Rent or Buy?)

Thinning

Planning Projects – All High Priority

Evacuation Routes and Assembly Points

Water Sources (Identify)

Coordination of Burn Bans (between all agencies and landowners)

CERT

Engage in planning projects especially evacuation and assembly points

Deployable resource for early response

IMT (Incident Management Team) All Risk for Skamania County

Education Projects – All High Priority

Signage – Both Fire stations and ?

Danger Scale

Burn Ban in Effect

Signage for Evacuation Routes and Assembly Points

Gorge Days in N. Bonneville (Booth)

Skamania County Fair (Booth)

A roving fire danger education team (volunteer?) to cover understaffed trails and natural areas

Trail Head Readings

Recreation Education (most starts are recreation related)

Equipment/Training/Exercise Projects – All High Priority

Red Card / Wildland Trainings (Weekends, combine Districts)

Communications Interoperability (holes due to repeater locations)

Consolidating training in Districts

Brush Rig (Skamania)

Water Tender (North Bonneville)

Training

Fire Shelters (Acquire)

Chipper (Park Ranger)
Volunteer recruitment and retention
More detail forthcoming from Fire Chiefs or their designates

Review Planning Area Boundary

The Boundary for the Beacon Rock Planning area includes all of North Bonneville and Skamania County FD #5 areas, follows the Skamania County FD #5 boundaries on the south and south west, follows the northern boundary of FD #4 west to Washougal River Roads, follows Washougal River Road northeast to CG 2000 to north of Hard Scramble Creek follows ridgeline to the east to intersect with T02R06E, follows T03R06E to T02R06E to T03R07E to T02R07E which becomes Blue Lake Road then turns to Ash Lake Road. The boundary continues straight ahead to the south east (when Ash lake ends at SR-14) to the County line.

Community Concerns:

Individual Homeowner awareness and assistance to become firewise
Evacuation Routes and Assembly Points
Communications Interoperability
Slash and dead vegetation along BPA right of way following tree falling and chemical spraying
Firefighter recruitment and retention
Fire Danger education of visitors entering Skamania County "off road" areas.

Recommendations:

CERT and FDs should coordinate to plan escape routes and assembly points
Inter jurisdictional cooperation between Federal, State, County, and citizens for burn bans.
Cooperate under the same set of rules (burn ban) in the interest of fire safety

Action Plan: How are we going to make the Beacon Rock CWPP sustainable?

- Resources
 - Title III – Firewise 2008 – through 12/2008
 - Underwood Conservation District
 - Learn form Trout Lake
 - Community involvement: Steering Committee
 - meet to discuss any grant proposals, plan amendments, current status report and meet once a year or as determined by Chief.
1. Establish evacuation routes and assembly points.
 2. First meeting to occur by December 2008
 3. Signage at fire halls (burn ban signs just made and available for under 10\$) and escape routes.
 4. Explore options for dealing w/BPA right of way slash
 5. Follow through as needed by deadlines on applying for grants
 6. FD#5 Needs grant writer
 7. Water source identification
 8. Informational booths at multiple events
 9. Generate community interest
 10. Roving Chipper

CWPP Draft

Outline of draft was reviewed

Gail will revise the outline to include changes to projects and fine-tuning done at meeting. The **CWPP will integrate FEMA requirements if possible.**

Gail will send draft of the completed CWPP to Steering Committee for review

A press release for public review and comment will run in the Skamania Pioneer and the Enterprise Public comments received via surveys will be integrated into CWPP. Following a final review by the Beacon Rock CWPP Steering Committee the CWPP will be sent to DNR for approval by DNR.

I will keep Committee posted on any CWPP updates and progress throughout this year.

My Thanks to all of you who are participating in this process!
Lets continue to work together to make the Beacon Rock CWPP planning area a safer place to live