Agenda Union County CWPP

March 12 at 0900

JB Brocks Office

1. **Definition of a WUI zone**

**We reviewed the initial attempt at the definition of a WUI Zone that stated,**

“the area or zone where already existing strategic boundaries can be utilized to provide the most effective wildfire defenses, where mitigations measures can be applied to create additional defensive areas or interrupt wildfire spread toward communities, or where structures and other human development meet or intermingle with wildland or vegetative fuels.”

**After much discussion on wording the CWPP group closed with the following definition. Acknowledging that some additional modification by Jenny would occur , including something about altering fire behavior.**

The CWPP group came up with the following at the meeting:

“The area or zone identified by strategic boundaries that provide effective wildfire defense of communities, infrastructure, and other values at risk that meet or intermingle with wildland fuels. Within this area mitigation measures are designed to improve defensive areas and interrupt wildfire spread.

**Here is Jenny’s attempt at finalizing the definition. There are two options that meet the intent of the WUI Zone. Please review. I attempted to capture ideas and concepts from the meeting and the Cohesive Strategy.**

1. “An area strategically identified that provide effective wildfire defense for communities, infrastructure, and other values at risk that meet or intermingle with wildland fuels and offer opportunities for broadened mitigation measures designed to interrupt wildfire spread and modify wildfire behavior”.

**OR**

1. “Areas strategically identified that provide effective wildfire defense for communities, infrastructure, and other values at risk that meet or intermingle with wildland fuels and offer opportunities for mitigation measures that alter fire spread and behavior in order to protect social, economic, and environmental interests.

**2. Cooperator’s meeting** – New date is listed at the end of the notes as well.

DATE IS NOW SET FOR – Thursday March 26th at 2 pm (1400 hrs)

at the La Grande Fire Dept. on Cove Avenue.

1. Agenda was approved with slight changes of the order of material presented.
2. list of attendees & addresses – after much discussion of who is a cooperator and what the intent of the meeting is, a reduced list of final cooperators was identified. Those listed are most likely directly involved or play a significant role in the event of a large fire.
3. Others previously on the longer list will be sent an invite to the public meetings.
4. Presentation at the cooperators meeting is expected to be brief similar to the rural chiefs meeting and then open for discussion.

**3. Public meeting agenda –**

DATES and LOCATIONS are listed at the end of the notes.

1. Is there unique information to cover for this specific geographic area with communities at risk? It was suggested to discuss Unique Values and Hazards at the April 8th meeting. Continue our process of moving around the WUI Zone identifying anything that may be of concern or interest.
2. Presentation design will provide some maps of the local surrounding area, show fire risk and a representation of the number of starts in their area.

Topics include:

1. Fire risk and fire starts in and around the community – Big Picture
2. Overview of the CWPP development and what it means for their area.
3. Explain what we are doing as agencies and their role as community members. Provide information on what responsibilities they have in assisting with fire protection measures.
4. Provide the public with educational material and links to access material.
5. Public meetings will be announcements via several methods
* Media releases will include all meeting dates and locations- around two weeks in advance. – Local Newspapers will receive an announcement; radio announcements will occur. – **Katy will handle this.**
* Letters will go out to addresses that were deleted from the cooperators list. **Jenny will develop letter and send out for edits.**
* web site – [www.union-county.org](http://www.union-county.org) will provid meeting dates/locations, links to CWS, CWPP (eventually), Firewise, Ready Set Go, and other information. – **JB Brock**
* Announcement for meeting will also be placed on facebook site for Union County Emergency Service

4. A questionnaire will be provided at the meeting and online for members of the public to obtain several pieces of information: **Jenny and Katy will do this and send out for review.**

* Fire risk to their properties
* Fire preparedness
* Familiarization with Ready Set Go and Firewise
* Understanding of Fire Risk
* Etc.

5. Good of the Order - April 8th meeting provides continued assessment of Unique values and Hazards geographically located in the county. There is still need to weed this information out and identify.

SCHEDULES DATES:

**NEXT CWPP MEETING** –

1. Wednesday, April 8 at 0900 – JB Brocks Office
2. Tuesday, April 21 at 1 pm (1300 hrs) – JB Brocks Office – preceding the 1st public meeting later in the day.

**COOPERATORS MEETING:** Thursday, March 26th at 2 pm (1400 hrs)

at the La Grande Fire Dept. on Cove Avenue.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS –**

1. La Grande – La Grande Fire Dept. April 21st at 6 pm (1800 hrs)
2. Elgin – Elgin Fire Station – April 30th at 6 pm (1800 hrs)
3. Union – Union Oregon City Hall – May 6th at 6 pm (1800 hrs)

**Cooperators Final List**

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Union Pacific Railroad

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Portland, OR 97232

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Sean Chamber, Parks Coordinator

Union County Public Works

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American Red Cross

1806 Cove Avenue

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Umatilla Electric Cooperative

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