JB – CWPP process – just a design for how we handle fire in Union County – what resources do we have, what do we need – goals to acquire equipment. One of the previous goals – replace address WHATS?

These WUIs - a lot of it is your ground.

Bruce Weimer City of La Grande

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Chancey Ferguson – La Grande

Scott Gogh – state fire marshal

Mitch Williams - ODF

Sam Martin North Powder

Ron Warnock - Cove

Scott Loree – Cove

JB – plan completed in 2005 – revisit plan – needed refreshed – cohesive wildfire strategy – overarching project – goal from that group – create a template within BMIDC footprint – here’s what we think a CWPP should look like – and roll out to other counties

Joe – Cohesive Strategy – it’s the foundation of the CWPP – National Fire Plan 2000 – national level initiative – NE Oregon Region – Northern Blue Mountain Pilot Project – one of two in the nation – expectations this area we are in take the vision of the Cohesive Strategy and work with the goals – Restore and Maintain Landscapes, Fire-adapted Communities, Wildfire Response

Across all jurisdictions – barbed wire fences don’t stop fires

JB - The reason BMIDC got named as a pilot – doing a pretty good job

2,000 miles boundary?

Mitch – county well positioned to get grants when money becomes available

Jackson County updated its CWPP

Using roads and ridge tops and places that make sense where we can stop fire – not political boundaries – early WUIs were exclusively private land – go onto 2-digit Forest Roads – ridge tops – want to give federal partners tools – we need your input – make this a county plan –

Jenny – enlarging WUIs – treating middle ground – adjacent to structures

JB - Agreements on water sources – for all entities

Jenny – rationale behind why we need “these” things

West Wide Wildfire Risk Assessment – 17 state risk assessment

Analyzed multiple layers of information in GIS – gathered data about the lands

Cooperator public meeting and La Grande Elgin (Imbler) Cove Union

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

Allows plan to be needs-based

Health Forest Restoration Act

Treatments to reduce structure ignitibility

Validate base information

Provides opportunity for new ideas and new approaches

Mike – if you have a bridge that needs work identify things like that – not get them funded here – helps compete better for money later on – we have a couple sections where the power sections are always coming down – face of Mt. Emily – and water source developments

North Powder – Thief Valley area – goes through private ground report a lightning fire – Thief Valley makes a funny curve – if we go out on the wrong side of the river by the time we get out there and can see it – huge amounts of time to get back around – the road used to drop almost to reservoir – got a good road coming around to the dam – way to tie in

Road connection across Powder River near Thief Valley – RESPONSE

Develop access for engines/tenders -Wolf Creek and Pilcher Reservoirs and Anthony Lakes –

Stand pipe for pressurized filling instead of drafting

Provide improved signing – burning conditions restricted at boundaries

Identify priority key roads that can be improved (surface type, width, etc.) to improve access

Review fire siting standards/development codes for WUI homes

Educate public/homeowners about risk – fire-adapted communities – mailers of basic information – Firewise workshops – two or three hours

Covered substation in Lower Cove

Increase number of interface fire apparatus

Radios and repeaters

Provide current technology training for mapping purposes and software/hardware

Increase level of rural/city personnel into wildland fire qualifications – training experience opportunities with ODF and USFS

Explore opportunities and implementation of project work/fuel treatment in Beaver Creek watershed

Identify ways to connect BMIDC with Union County 911 – back up each other

Seek new dispatch software for Union

Explore co-locating and/or information sharing between Union County and BMIDC

Consider structure of local type 2 IMT’s

Find ways to better integrate

Existing IMTB’s?

Maximize cross boundary fuels treatments private/federal

Increase pace and scale

Seek funding cws

Find ways to utilize biomass

East Face – money for biomass position?

Maintain public road right of ways to minimize fire risk create fuel breaks

Identify priority roads

State highways

Develop relationships and work with utilities to identify issues an mitigation actions

Create PPE needs list and fill gaps

Identify points/locations that might need individual fire plan

Defensible space, evacuation plan, suppression? Etc

Church camps, River Bend, Camp ??

Identify unprotected structures/primary dwellings or communities and chart path to protection

Identify satellite stations

Morgan Lake, Lower Cove