Agenda Union County CWPP

Public meeting ideas

**Public meeting IDEAS –**

1. Is there unique information to cover for this specific geographic area with communities at risk?
2. Presentation design could 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 - **DONE**

* 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 and new letters to Cooperators. **Do we want to send out new letters?**
* web site – [www.union-county.org](http://www.union-county.org) will provide 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 – **JB Brock**

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. We will have a draft for review.**

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

SCHEDULES DATES:

**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)

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Union County

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Community Meetings

Location: La Grande City Fire Department, 1806 Cove Avenue

Date and Time: April 21, 2015 at 6 pm.

The Union County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) core group is assessing the county’s fire threat and fire risk conditions, utilizing the most current data available through the West Wide Risk Assessment, a recently completed assessment of 17 western states utilizing information from federal, state, and local data bases.

The CWPP group’s intention is to collectively work with rural fire departments, cooperators, and community members to develop the wildfire protection plan. Through this process it is our intent:

1. to build upon existing partnerships and create new opportunities with the communities,
2. to provide Union County communities members with tools and the opportunity to partake in wildfire risk reduction.
3. Demonstrate the importance of shared responsibility in wildfire prevention, risk reduction, and forest management.
4. Identify what can be expected during the three phases of evacuation and wildfire events. (Pre, During, Post)

Through this partnership a holistic approach toward community fire protection is the desired outcome. Using the new National Cohesive Wildfire Strategy we have incorporated its three key goals as our foundation in achieving a synergistic planned approach in the new CWPP.

It is important first to provide a clear understanding of the CWPP. However, the majority of the meeting time will be given to Agenda Item #4, Identifying Community Members concerns, roles, and assistance in wildfire risk reduction and protection.

1. Overview of CWPP – Local Plan to address local needs and issues
2. History of Union County CWPP (1st revision) - **Mitch**
3. How the 2005 CWPP benefited the county - **Mitch** Accomplishments/Funding/Projects
4. Significance and benefits of updating the current CWPP – **JB Brock**
5. Importance of collaborative involvement - **JB Brock**
6. CWPP Decision Support Information - **Jenny**

* Supporting data, local knowledge, etc.

1. Discuss Cohesive Wildfire Strategy – 3 goals – (**Mark Jacques**)

a. Fire-Adapted Communities

b. Wildfire Response

c. Restore and Maintain Landscapes

1. Highlight West Wide Assessment Role vs. local knowledge role – **Jenny**
2. Brief display of County information mapping, individual WUIs, Rural - fire occurrence – **Jenny**
3. CWPP Decision Support Information – supporting data, local knowledge, etc. - **Jenny**
4. Identify Community member concerns, roles, and assistance in wildfire risk reduction and protection.
5. Timeline for final input from Community Members.