

Trinity County Fire Safe Council
& Firewise Communities Program



Minutes
June 24, 2010
TCRCD
Weaverville



Jesse Cox opened the meeting with introductions. There were 6 attendees at this meeting.

Setting Priorities & Parameters for Post-fire Restoration: This discussion was a review of the notes taken at the May meeting with added suggestions/thoughts/ideas to be considered in drafting this section of CWPP update noted below in **bold**:

- ❖ **Assess amount of fuel left after a fire and specific site conditions.**
- ❖ **Include arrangement of large wood overtime.**
- ❖ **Look at smoke management and impacts of smoke.**
- ❖ **Do a thorough literature search and be inclusive.**
- ❖ **Recommendations need to be consistent with NW Forest Plan**
- ❖ **Recommend that a fuels specialist be included on BAER teams and that future conditions are considered in BAER analysis.**
- ❖ **Post-fire treatments need to consider cumulative effects on all affected lands (public and private).**
- ❖ **FSC needs to advocate for adequate funding.**
- ❖ **In developing an analysis for prioritizing post-fire rehabilitation projects consider the following:**
 - **Adjacency to transportation corridors**
 - **Prevailing wind patterns**
 - **Relationship of fire to WUI (is it in, adjacent to or distant from WUI).**
 - **Resistance to control**
 - **Quantity, type and arrangement of post-fire fuels**
 - **Analysis of flame length/fuel types in post fire condition over time.**
- ❖ **Can't realistically do post-fire planning (NEPA) before a fire occurs, so need to develop capacity to facilitate NEPA immediately after fire – prioritize this with agencies for funding/staffing.**
- ❖ **Build in prescribed fire as a priority, if we ever hope to get ahead of maintenance.**
- ❖ **Don't forget the "Roads & Ridges" plan.**

May 2010 notes

Think about post-fire conditions in a spatially explicit way – where have the fires been; map them and overlay their spatial relationships with community infrastructure and the WUI.

Include a review of the risks these areas pose now and disclose the "future risk" they will pose with & without treatment.

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Include a statement of the need to address these areas for treatment and the need for that in a timely manner.

Need better modeling of these types of conditions and the conditions they pose over time with better data on fuel loads/resistance to control.

Map proposed projects in the CWPP over the boundaries of the fires.

Develop a pre-fire plan(s) for treating future fires to help speed up NEPA needed for post-fire restoration.

Community Outreach: Based on last month's suggestions, the RCD has worked with Trinity Journal and they are putting in a small "Fire Safe Tip of the Week" in the newspaper each week over the summer. Some fall field trips were discussed:

Hayfork Area – Miners Fire, Post Mountain & Farmers Ridge.

Weaverville Community Forest –proposed projects; ones completed & Oregon Fire.

RAC-sponsored trips to RAC funded project sin each area of the county.

Develop some After School Program curricula.

New From CA Fire Safe Council: Pat Frost handed out a flier for a workshop to be held in Redding on July 7. It is being sponsored by the CA FSC and Farmers Insurance and is the 1st of 4 workshops this summer.

CWPP Timeline:

Summer 2010

Prioritization using GIS

Update CWPP narrative

Final Community meeting in Willow Creek

Summer/Fall 2010

Finalize Project Updates

Web access for CWPP including GIS layers

K Sheen/A Reiling meet on map book

Project Updates:

Trinity County: Roger Jaegel noted that the County is finalizing the Local Area Advisors Program with USFS. These will be local individuals with local knowledge and fire experience, who will be part of the Fire Teams to act as informational bridges between communities/public and the fire suppression efforts.

Trinity River Management Unit (Weaverville Ranger District): Steve Graves advised that ARRA mastication project has been awarded. Roadside Hazard Fuels project still is in contracting on the TRMU side. The project will include burning. Hayfork is using Watershed Research & Training Center, but this project doesn't involve burning. Croften Project NEPA has been converted to hand-piling and burning instead of broadcast burning. The 86 acres was cut & piled in 4 days at a cost of \$368/acre. FMZs along Musser Hill were reviewed with A McBath with 25 acres masticated [but under story burning wasn't included in the NEPA]. East Branch & Garden Gulch fuels projects have NEPA done. These are 2009 RAC-funded projects.

(Joseph Bowers noted that this highlights the need to develop a regular brush field burning program to aid with maintenance)

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Watershed Research & Training Center: Nadya Novak – BLM found some funding and is treating their lands around the reservoir & waterworks. They are working on the Hazard tree removal project with USFS; Youth Crew is working on trails; will start the Hayfork Health soon and hope to have the NEPA done (CE6) for Hayfork South so they can do it this summer.

TCRCD: Others pretty much covered RCD projects. Frost said RCD crews have been working on China Gulch project most of the month.

Meeting ended at 9:07 PM

It is Summer time. No meetings in July or August

Next Meeting

7:00 PM

September 23, 2010

*****New TCRCD Conference Room*****

Horseshoe Lane Weaverville