

**Curry Wildfire Preparation Team
Meeting Notes
Gold Beach Ranger District
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Introductions

Chris introduced Jeremy Belleque, CFPA forester from Brookings that will be serving as the Firewise Forester on the Defensible Space (cost-share) program.

Updates

- Harris Beach – Mike showed a slide show of Harris Beach after gorse treatment was completed. State Parks hired a contractor who used a modified brusher (the masticator) that can reach 25 to 30’ on steep slopes to reach gorse infestations that have been otherwise difficult to access. After cutting the bushes, the machine chips the material into a thick mulch that will help retard seed growth and possible sprouting. The project area was ~ 39 acres total, with ~ 3 acres of intense treatment. There are still some smaller clumps of vegetation around existing trees that will need to be cut by chain saw. State Parks will do the follow up treatment, including spraying. Mike said that the NFP grant was able to put more funding into this project, enabling State Parks to complete the area without additional mobilization costs. Cost for the masticator was approximately \$ 1,100/acre, including mobilization. Kim asked if there will be a monitoring plan developed for the area. There was some discussion on whether or not this piece of equipment would be suitable to use at Cedar Terrace.

Tasks:

- Maggie will check with Sherri Laier at State Parks on monitoring plan.
- John will put slide show on Website.
- Mike will send budget modification to Maggie showing additional funding and new grant expiration date.
- Firewise Outreach – Chris stated that over \$8000 is left in this grant. The Team agreed that 1) more information pamphlets should be ordered, 2) that new road signs should be ordered **in color**, 3) that project signs should be designed i.e. Cedar Terrace, 4) additional copies of the CWPP should be printed with new maps and goal modifications, 5) and that the elusive water brochure should be developed.

Tasks:

- Maggie will check with graphic designers for the road signs.
- Mike will re-order booklets through BLM

- Maggie will research local printing options
 - John will provide a suitable format for the updated maps
 - Jeremy will tackle the water brochure with some help from Maggie
- Cedar Terrace – Chris reported that he expects a 7-person CFPA crew to hit Cedar Terrace at the end of this month. He expects to complete clearing a strip along the road. Maggie asked if a planting plan was developed for the areas that are not in forest to help shade out re-growth of the gorse.
 - Tasks:**
 - Maggie will talk to Harry H. about working with the Port Orford Watershed Council and City of Port Orford to plant the area.
 - Billings Creek – Work on Billings Creek Phase II was done as of 11/11. The brusher opened ~ 6' of space on either side of the road, so no extensive hand clearing was necessary. CFPA burned and/or scattered piles or accumulations of slash. Kim reported that there were funds remaining from the road work contract. She will suggest to Paul Podesta that the remaining funds be applied to 1) repairing drainage on the east side of the Billings Creek bridge, and 2) re-construct water bars in Phase I that were damaged or are not operating as intended.
 - Tasks:**
 - Kim will talk to Paul about using remaining road maintenance funds.
 - Maggie will go out to take photos, check completed work for final report.
 - Annual Report – Maggie has formatted the goal reporting format for the 2011 Annual Report on the NFP grant. She will mail out the forms, with suggested responsible persons. Reports are due back to Maggie by the end of January.
 - Tasks:**
 - Maggie will e-mail report forms.
 - CWPT will fill out progress reports and return to Maggie by 1/31/12.

Firewise Forester – Chris announced that Jeremy will be the lead for this project. Jeremy's plan is to focus first on those areas that are not included in a fire district (i.e. Carpenterville), then work in toward towns (i.e. Agness, Upper Winchuck). John gave a demonstration of the input screens that will be used to record the data collected at each residence. Team members offered comments on what data is to be collected and how it will be used. There was discussion about the 'special needs' section; Don was able to offer clarification and guidance to Jeremy about how to approach this field.

- Tasks:**
 - Don will send John a list of pipe/hose types to put into the water pull-down.
 - Mike will get a WRITTEN directive from BLM on what archeological standards the CWPT needs to meet to do defensible space around residences. If we need only meet County standards, Maggie will check with Planning for those specifics.

Old Business

- Training – The team reiterated the opinion that our training outreach for 2012 should be through the RVFD's rather than public workshops as before. We will ask the CODA

training cadre and at the Chief's meeting what kind of information they would like – defensible space, water availability, database training, planning approval standardization

Tasks:

- Don and Jeremy will attend the next CODA and Chief's meeting on January 11.

Next Meeting:

February 17, 2012; 1100 – 1200; Conference Call - Maggie will send agenda, call number.

Agenda topics for next meeting include:

1. Kim's Flagstaff CD - **Kim**
2. Status of Archeology contract – **Mike and Don**
3. Status of Firewise Outreach tasks – **Mike and Maggie**
4. CODA and Out-year training – **Don and Chris**
5. Annual Report - **CWPT**
6. Updates – **CWPT**

Please send all corrections or edits on the notes, and additional **agenda items** to me by **February 15**. You can contact me at maggie.mchugh@currywatersheds.org, or at 541/247-2755, ext 4#.

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