

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

- Jeff – announced that Zack Glover will start transitioning into the Team to replace Jeff upon his retirement
- Don – the 2009 NFP grant has been extended to 9/30/14, with flexibility provided for homeowner rebates up to \$500/residence and to cover other fuels reduction projects. Don is now the official contact for the County.
- Maggie – with the last two reports completed, the 2010 Annual Report will be submitted to BLM, with a cover letter notifying them of the revisions approved by the Board last January. Revisions included expanding the WUI map to include important infrastructure and consolidating the Goals from 6 to 5, merging Objectives where applicable, and deleting one-time objectives that were completed.
- Andy – will be representing Brookings Fire Department at the May 14 training session in Port Orford, and possibly at Team meetings. **Maggie** will put Andy on the mailing list. Andy will also check into the status of the brochure/flyer the Team hopes to complete for distribution to homeowners, contractors, realtors, and insurance agents. A sub-committee to outline the contents of the brochure will meet after the CWPT meeting: Andy, Jeff, John, Dave, Chris
- ArcReader – John updated ArcReader for the laptops and passed out CD with the program loaded. The program creates stand-alone GIS for logistical information based on County maps. Information includes water holes, hydrants (where the information is available), situs addresses, bridges, etc. There are 3 laptops available for use by CFPA. **Chris** will meet with John to discuss survey/assessment history and procedures.
- Homeowner Assistance Program - Chris
 - Although there are Title III funds to hire a Firewise Forester, there is a hiring freeze at CFPA. Chris will try to cover the work outlined in the grant with his regular plus summer crew.

- Chris has the press release for the Defensible Space program, but does not want to release it until he is staffed to handle phone calls and requests for site visits. **Chris** plans to issue the press release at the end of May. The homeowner forms are ready.
- **Chris** and Stan developed a spreadsheet to track calls and will modify it to reflect site visits and work completed to provide documentation for Homeowner Match for the final Grant Report.
- The Team went through the Press Release for final edits. **Kim** will e-mail Chris the media contact list. **Chris** will send the final version of the press release to the Team.
- **Mike and/or Don** will get the archeologist contact information to Chris.

Project Updates

- Billings Creek II – Kim is almost through with the PA for the Watershed Council and will prepare a separate PA for CFPA. When the agreement has been signed, **Maggie** will schedule Matt's field visit to stake waterbars and other drainage improvements.
- Big Bend – There will be one more invoice from the FS, otherwise work is complete. Maggie reported that there is still money for the FS in the grant. **Maggie** will send a copy of the financial tracking sheet to Jeff.
- Cedar Terrace & Harris Beach – more work is planned for this fall. **Maggie** will schedule a meeting with Sherri Laird (State Parks), Chris, Lisa Ward (CSWCD), USFWS and possible ODOT and the City of Brookings to see how our efforts can be combined in the Harris Beach area. Since Lisa is expecting the end of May, this will probably happen in late June/early July.

May 14 Wildfire Risk Reduction Training - Kim

- Kim – checked out venue (Port Orford Public Library) and it is good; there have been 6 RSVP's at this time
- Don – will be facilitator
 - Advertising - Maggie sent ads to Pilot, Reporter, FunZone, Port Orford News. She also modified the old press release for the Port Orford News
- Don and John – will print out more CWPPs if possible. Don will burn additional copies of the CD
- Maggie – will bring Invasive Plant brochures for distribution
- Maggie – will update the Contact list
- Mike Murphy – will do outreach in Port Orford/Langlois with Fire Departments
- John H – will be technical assistant and sign-in person
- CWPT – update presentations if necessary
- Maggie – bring contact sheets for distribution
- Kim and Don – bring certificates of completion
- Don – bring Preparedness Literature
- CWPT – be at Library between 8:00 – 8:30 for set up

Water Availability Brochure – Andy

Objective of the brochure/flyer is to distribute information about what homeowners should have available in case of fire. Recommendations included:

- Storage – amount (County requires more than State standards)
- Access for firefighters
 - Distance to truck
 - Gravity flow or pump
 - Appropriate fittings for hook up (minimum 2 ½")
- Standard pipe size
- Type of outlet on the tank
- Information on how to adapt existing fittings

Andy will review what Chief Sharp has already, and will check with County planning for their requirements and with local fire departments. He will also check with some local contractors to see if they have typical for design and installation. Andy will report his progress at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

June 21, 1100 – 1200; Conference Call - Maggie will send agenda, call number.

Agenda topics for next meeting include:

1. Debrief on 5/14 training – **CWPT**
2. Status of Homeowner Assistance Program – **Chris**
4. Status of Water Brochure – **Andy**
5. Updates – **CWPT**

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

Maggie