To: Josephine County Integrated Fire Plan – Emergency Management Board  
From: Jenny Zeltvay  
Re: February 9, 2011 Emergency Management Board Meeting  

Meeting Participants  
- Neil Benson, JJLCG  
- Jim Wolf, JJLCG  
- Jenny Zeltvay, Josephine County Emergency Management  
- Lang Johnson, GPFR / FDBC  
- Josh Bruce, Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience (OPDR)  
- Emma Stocker, Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience (OPDR)  
- John O'Connor, ODF  
- Rick Dryer, ODF  
- Tanya Phillips, Josephine County Public Health  
- Jeff Wheaton, Josephine County Public Works  
- Allen Mitchell, BLM  
- John Jensen, Wolf Creek Fire  
- Tim Gonzales, BLM  
- Mike Holguin, USFS  

Meeting Notes  
Josh and Emma from OPDR walked the group through the third step on the update process for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The group reviewed the proposed mission statement, objectives and action items for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update.  

Sub-Committee Updates  

Fuels / Risk Assessment  
- South Illinois Valley - 108 grant funded acres completed. Kamron is working with landowners to treat along driveways with multiple ownership.  
- ODF Grants - Title III grant money still available for Specials Needs applicants. As of Feb. 22 ODF (Merlin) had grant funds for Stringer Gap, Savage/Jones, & Hugo /Sunny Valley. There was also some stimulus money available county wide for larger projects. Call ODF Merlin office for current availability.  
- Community Assistance Grants – IVCDO has submitted an application for the greater Grant Pass & Cave Junction areas. A JOSWCD Application was discussed for fine tuning for the Clover Lawn area.  

Stewardship Committee  
- Work continues on the Illinois Valley Landscape Assessment project outline. This project seeks to gather input from a wide range of community members, stakeholders and agencies to develop a collaborative approach to landscape restoration projects for this area. The group plans to seek funding from a variety of sources to fund the project including the Ford Faminly Foundation and Title III.


**Education & Outreach**

- Animal Evacuation and Sheltering planning continues to occur in both counties. Two community meetings will be held in Josephine County.
- The committee is working on a defensible space media campaign which runs through June. The campaign includes radio and newspaper ads.
- The committee is also working to coordinate fire-resistant plant/landscaping education materials. The goal is to offer training on these topics for plant nursery staff, landscaping contractors and home builder association members in both counties.
- The Josephine County Spring Campaign was discussed. It was decided that this has been replaced by year-round fire prevention education efforts. We will no longer hold Woody Vegetation Disposal Day.
- Public opinion surveys were mailed out in both counties. The survey is designed to gauge citizen’s perceived risk of wildfire, and inquire about what actions they have taken to reduce that risk. Results should be available by this summer.

**Special Needs Committee**

- The committee is hosting a workshop for managing spontaneous volunteers March 11.
- Public Health will continue to be the lead agency in Josephine County for mass care during an emergency. This includes sheltering for people and animals.
- The committee also sponsored an emergency planning workshop for Licensed Healthcare Facilities (such as hospice and surgical centers) in November.

**Emergency Management Board Update**

- The County Emergency Operations Plan revision is finally complete. The EOP will be adopted by both incorporated cities and then signed by the Board of Commissioners.
- The City of Grants Pass has recently designated an Emergency Management Coordinator to handle emergency management for the city. The position will be filled by David Reeves, the Assistant City Manager.
- Emergency Management has finally received the approved contracts from the state to begin on last year’s Homeland Security Grant projects.
  - Work will continue on training and exercise for the County’s All Hazard IMT. We were approved just over $12,000 to hire a contractor to perform this work.
  - $83,000 was approved for Interoperable Communications projects including upgrades to the backup 911 center and the purchase of two portable repeaters for Emergency Management.
- The Wolf Creek/Sunny Valley evacuation planning project is almost completed. The contractor worked with Josephine County Public Works and utility companies on the placement of evacuation route signs. The signs have been ordered. Outreach of the Evacuation Booklet was conducted by Wolf Creek Fire. They also completed a survey, the results of which will be available this summer.
- The Illinois Valley CWPP is almost completed. A draft will be circulating for public comment.
New Business

Phil and Lang will co-chair the EMB on behalf of the group. Emergency Management will continue to provide administrative support.

The last round of Title III applications were submitted. Applications by Emergency Management and partners include the following:

- Grants Pass requested funding to implement the Firewise Communities program, including the hiring of a Firewise Coordinator.
- ODF will again request funds for Outreach & Education, to include staff support. This will also include another round of public opinion surveys.
- Emergency Management requested funding to continue the Animal Evacuation and Shelter Planning effort in conjunction with an application from Jackson County.
- Emergency Management asked to continue funding for JCIFP coordination which would extend the contract with Jim and Neil for fire plan support.
- The Stewardship Committee asked to continue funding of their coordinator, and to partially fund the IV Landscape Assessment which was discussed above.

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- Rogue Valley Fire Chief’s Association will again conduct their spring wildfire exercise. This year, they will also be holding a division sup training prior to the exercise.
- The Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Co-op is applying for a grant to help Adult Foster Homes purchase and install fire sprinklers in their facilities. They plan to offer $5000 as an incentive to each facility to retrofit existing systems.
- Sandy Shaffer and Jenny Zeltvay will attend this year’s Annual WUI Conference in March. They will report back on the Cohesive Strategy, Fire Adapted Communities, and the Ready, Set, Go! program.

Next EMB Meeting

Wednesday, April 13 – 1pm to 4pm at the Search & Rescue Facility.