To: Josephine County Integrated Fire Plan – Emergency Management Board  
From: Jenny Zeltvay  
Date: March 2, 2009  
Re: February 11, 2009 Emergency Management Board Meeting

Meeting Participants
- Jenny Zeltvay, Josephine County Public Health
- Neil Benson, JJLCG
- Tim Gonzales, BLM
- Sara Rubrecht, Josephine County Emergency Management
- Lang Johnson, GPFR
- John Jensen, Wolf Creek Fire Dept
- Rick Dryer, ODF
- Derek Davenport, BLM
- Mike Demello, BLM
- Brad Carlson, Josephine County Public Health
- Paul Galloway, USFS
- Charlie Phenix
- Kathy Lynn, Resource Innovations

Sub-Committee Updates

Fuels / Risk Assessment

- On January 14, members of the state office came down for a visit. They were quite impressed with all the work that has been done around the fire plan. They were given a presentation similar to the annual update we give to the JJLCG and then toured sites within the county.

- NFP and Western States Grant Status:
  The group decided on priority locations for the 2010 NFP Grant applications. Properties inside the city limits of Grants Pass will be our number 1 priority. Details are being worked on between Grants Pass Department of Public Safety and IVCDO.
  The number 2 priority will be Savage Jones. ODF will submit that application.
  Takilma was the Josephine County choice the recipient for the 2009 NFP Grant. Lomakatsi is the grant applicant.
  The group decided on a location for the 2009 Western Governors Grand. The Stringer Gap general area was selected.

- Status of current projects:
  South Illinois Valley - There are 20 families now signed up for the defensible space project. IVFD has reported that three properties are completed for three acres. There are six properties signed up as in kind contribution for another six acres.
  Takilma – Lomakatsi - Marko stated that they are on stand-by regarding funding notification. As soon as they get the final word to go, they will begin outreach. The wait is probably due to the continuing resolution status of the federal budget.

- The Risk Assessment group is close to deciding what set of fuel data from the two county risk assessment to use.
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Stewardship

- The Committee’s main objective is to transition to local leadership. This should be completed by June. Amy Wilson from the RC&D will be the fiscal administrator and will provide oversight to a contractor to continue the facilitation of the committee. The committee is now looking for the right person to hire.
- The Southern Oregon Small Diameter Collaborative is doing a landscape assessment in the Rogue Basin this year. The assessment will help determine where treatment needs to be done. The Collaborative will also work with the Fuels/Risk Committee to see where the high risk areas are.

Education & Outreach

- The committee will be putting in numerous requests this year for Title III funds from both counties. Projects include the Wildfire Prevention Team, printing and distribution of various publications, completing the Master Land Steward pilot program, and pet evacuation and sheltering planning and outreach.
- The Wildfire Communication training went well and was very well attended by operations personnel and line officers from forest agencies. The training centered around a recent study regarding what words the public best responds to when talking about wildfires.
- A sub-committee continues work on the home assessment program. They have developed the basic framework and are now working on the workbook and power point presentation.
- A contractor was hired to put together the lesson plans for the Master Land Steward program.
- The committee will be partnering with RVTV to produce a series of wildfire public service announcements. The PSAs will form a library for the committee and can be used over and over when the committee has the money to pay for air time.
- A report was completed last year on the effects of climate change in the Rogue Basin. The report can be viewed at: http://climlead.uoregon.edu/pdfs/ROGUE%20WS_FINAL.pdf
- The following link is for a series of fact sheets developed by the Fuels Synthesis Project which focuses on dry forests in the Western United States. http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs/rmrs_rm021.html

Special Needs (Regional Vulnerable Populations Committee)

- The committee finalized the “Special Needs Branch Plan.” The plan will be tested in the upcoming disaster exercise Cascadia Peril scheduled for April 24-27.

Emergency Management Board

- Sara and Jenny have reviewed the first draft of the Emergency Operations plan. They submitted comments back to the contractor who will make the appropriate changes. A second draft will be sent out for review by partners and stakeholders.

Old Business

- The JJLCG were present at the January 14 meeting with the state agency folks. It was decided that we should do a quick recap of our activities and then move into an interactive meeting.
Board of County Commissioners from both counties and the media will still be invited, but will probably only want to attend the update portion of the meeting. During the interactive portion of the meeting, members indicated they wanted to discuss RAC grants, fuels projects and an update on this year’s projects from the O&E.

- All Hazard Incident Management Team – A revised draft of the team MOU was sent to Josephine County Legal. Once approved, it will be housed at the Sheriff’s Office. Josephine County Emergency Management will keep track of team member’s training and can sign off on all hazard task books which are now available from FEMA. More training will be provided to team members, and the sub-committee tasked with AHIMT development will continue to recruit new members. Jackson County is also looking at forming a team and, at some point, we may have a two-county team.

New Business

- Commissioner Toler would like assistance in developing a prioritization process for Title III applications for fuels reduction projects. The Fuels/Risk Committee has a prioritization process which will be shared with Commissioner Toler.
- Title III applications are due March 2. Grant applications were mailed out to committee members.

Next Meeting:

JJLCG Update Thursday, April 2 from 1 to 4 pm – Grants Pass City Council Chambers 101 NW A Street.

Wednesday, June 10 1 to 4 pm at the Search & Rescue building