To: Josephine County Integrated Fire Plan – Emergency Management Board  
From: Jenny Zeltvay  
Date: March 31, 2008  
Re: February 13, 2008 Emergency Management Board Meeting

Meeting Participants
- Phil Turnbull, Rural Metro Fire
- Charlie Phenix, Citizen Rep
- Jeff Riepe, USFS
- Jenny Zeltvay, Josephine County Public Health
- Natalie Simrell, BLM
- Shelly Hoffer, ODF
- Jim Wolf, JJLCG
- Tim Gonzales, BLM
- Bruce Bartow, Citizen Rep
- Sara Rubrecht, Josephine County Emergency Management
- Brian Pike, GPDPS
- Steve Smith, SDS

Meeting Notes

Sub-Committee Updates

Fuels/Risk

Lomakatsi has two active fire plan grants for the Williams area. One is a Biomass project which is about 25% completed, with about 50 acres of fuels work that has been done. The other project plans for a total of 160 acres of fuels work; about 105 acres of work have been completed thus far.

IVCDO has three active grants. The Cathedral Hills project is about 50% completed with 70 acres of fuels work completed. The North Selma project should be completed this year with a total of 300 acres of fuels work. There is some money left from their project in Wolf Creek which they plan to use in the Wonder area.

The Risk Committee is working to assign a hazard factor to each fuel model which will then be used to update the Josephine County GIS data.

Education & Outreach

The committee has added quite a bit of fire safety info to the RVFPC webpage, to include information on holiday safety, outdoor barbecue and grill safety, electrical outlet safety and more.

Both counties have funding for the spring campaign. Josephine County will again have the Woody Vegetation Disposal day at Jo Gro on May 17. The committee also plans to reprint the Living With Wildfire publication that was created by First American Title.

The committee is working to put together a Master Gardner Land Steward program. The program will teach citizens how to be good stewards of their land and will include modules such as wildfire, dealing with debris, tree care and water. The program is intended to be taught once per year.

The committee will work on developing a training agenda to teach social service providers about wildfire risk and defensible space. The intent is to target workers who contact the special needs population. While on home visits, workers can briefly assess the home for wildfire risk and work with special needs folks to correct problem areas. Carol and Jenny from the Special Needs Committee will work with the state so workers taking the training will get CEUs.
ARE YOU PREPARED?

Stewardship Contracting

The group is working on a process to provide input on USFS projects to ensure that the fire plan objectives are being addressed. The Southern Oregon Small Diameter Collaborative (aka the knitting circle) received a grant to facilitate 10,000 acres of stewardship contracting on federal lands.

Grants

The state has requested that counties submit narrative grant requests for projects that they’d like to apply for in this year’s Homeland Security Grant. Essentially, we are to do a pre-application, submitting just the narrative portion and a statement of how that project would impact the county. Josephine County submitted 4 narratives for projects: Court Security; Interoperable Communications, Pet Preparedness and Evacuation, and Josephine County Citizen Corps.

The Oregon Natural hazards Workgroup is working on a grant to update our Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The JCIFP is part of that plan, however only the base NHMP would be updated with the grant.

Old Business

Numerous county and city departments as well as partner agencies turned out for the EOP re-write kickoff meeting. County and city departments have been asked to send their emergency plans and documents to Sara who will forward them to the contractor.

The IMT agreement is still in draft form. Charlie and Bruce are working to develop a pool of volunteers. The agreement will live with the Emergency Management Board.

New Business

The group discussed the format for the annual update meeting with the JJLCG.

Good of the Order

- GPDPS will be bringing on the final two firefighters hired with the SAFER grant in March. This will give them a total of six new employees. They are anxiously awaiting the opening of their two new fire stations.

Next Meeting

April 9, 2008 @ SAR from 1:00-3:00