



Regular Meeting April 13, 2023

Call Meeting to Order: Robb Sgroi called meeting to order at 14:01

Meeting minutes approved with minor edits to acronym use and styling.

In attendance/Introductions:

Jacob Henrie- Caribou-Targhee National Forest	Robb Sgroi- Teton Conservation District
Dave Wilkins- Bridger-Teton National Forest	Taylor Felton- Arbor Works
Bill Mayer- Grand Teton National Park	Ian Cranston- Jackson Hole Fire/EMS
Nate Wilson- Wyoming State Forestry	Lesley Williams- Bridger-Teton National Forest
Steve Markason- Teton Wildfire Mitigation Team	Cindy Peterson- Team Rubicon
Ray Lane- Jackson Hole Fire/EMS	Chuck Butterfield- Greys River Collaborative
Jon Bishop- Teton Village Special Fire District	Mike Moyer- Jackson Hole Fire/EMS
Barry Tye- Wyoming State Forestry	Harry Statter- Frontline Wildfire Defense
Bobbi Clauson- Jackson Hole Fire/EMS	Jessica Krill- Bridger-Teton National Forest
Mike Maltaverne- Teton County Fire & Rescue	Cristi Byers- Teton County
Alex Cooper- Jensen Hughes	Vernon Champlin- Jensen Hughes

Jensen Hughes Introduction and Status

- Alex Cooper and Vernon Champlin introduced Jensen Hughes to the Coalition and provided an update on the status of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) revision. They are currently working on a Community Engagement Plan to be delivered soon. In June they intend to begin the modeling process as well as start interviewing Stakeholders.
- Public outreach events will be each weekday evening June 5-9. Cristi Byers has been securing locations for the events for each region of the county we would like to engage. Current Outreach Calendar:
 - June 5- Jackson, Teton County Library
 - June 6- Moran, The Hatchet
 - June 7- Alta, Alta TC Library
 - June 8- Wilson, Wilson Schoolhouse
 - June 9- Hoback, TBD

**Ideally we will have several agencies represented each evening, recognizing that not everyone can commit to all 5 nights. We look forward to your participation. A more detailed outline of what these evenings look like will be drafted with the help of the public education and Outreach committee, Jensen Hughes, and Cristi Byerly. We will share that once it is available.*

- Engage Teton County website was revealed to Coalition. A temporary link to the site was shared with the Steering Committee with the intention to make it live soon unless there are concerns from that committee.
- Cristi Byers has a draft media plan for the website and outreach meetings which include Press Releases, Newspaper Ads, Flyers, etc.
- Jensen Hughes will return to Teton County for a secondary field survey in late summer/early fall. In October they will start to share their conclusions with a draft of the plan ready in December 2023. There will be a second draft in April with completion and adoption in July of 2024.

Subcommittee Reports

Wildfire Response

- Dave Wilkins reported that this team met with Wildfire Defense Systems (WDS) out of Bozeman, MT. WDS is an organization that provides engines and fire suppression services for insurance companies. The discussion primarily focused on the creation of Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) when engaging with Teton Interagency Fire partners during a wildfire event.
- Mike Maltaverne mentioned that the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Wildland Fire Policy Committee has created a Position statement and set of recommendations for the use of Private Resources, please find that [here](#)

Fuels

- Nate Wilson reported that the Fish Creek Corridor project is moving along well. He is looking into State Land access along the Fall Creek corridor for opportunities to further work that direction.
- Nate is also supporting working in Lincoln and Teton Counties as well as a project with Wyoming Game & Fish.
- Jessica Krill reported on the status of Teton to Snake Fuels Program and timeline changes due to staffing. This year's projects include a commercial thin on Phillips Bench, fall pile burning up Fall Creek, tentative work in Mosquito (depending on snow) field scanning in the Munger Mountain area, and a potential prescribed burn in the Upper Gros Ventre this fall.

Public Education and Outreach

- Lesley Williams reported that there have been two training courses since the last TAWPC meeting, one about building Ambassador Programs and another about Living with Smoke. These training sessions have been provided in collaboration with the Greater Yellowstone Fire Action Network (GYFAN) A Home Ignition Zone training is being planned and on the horizon.
- Jared Smith, an ambassador participating in the Fish Creek corridor project would like to capture before, during and after imagery of the work being done in his neighborhood. Members of TAWPC and his community are working to gather photos, videos, and drone footage so a Story Map of this effort can be celebrated and shared publicly. The goal is to have a deliverable in 2025.
- GYFAN has received funding to promote education about "Living with Smoke" and not just "Living with Fire" to broaden the conversation. Look forward to enhanced Smoke messaging and programs.

Grants

- Bobbi Clauson reminded the group that we need to track our hours committed to CWPP tasks. Not only is this important information to have for our next revision, but also essential to meet our in-kind match for the WSWUI grant. Please use this [link](#) to track your hours. For example, you can track .5 hours for engaging with Jensen Hughes during the TAWPC meeting.

- There are 3 neighborhoods taking advantage of the grant funds we still have available through Coalitions & Collaboratives. Hidden Hills, Lost Creek Ranch and Poker Flats all have planned projects. Buffalo Run, Teton Wilderness, Pacific Creek, and Forest Edge have all been contacted as potential suitors for any remaining money.

Chairman Report

- Robb Sgroi recently completed the Community Wildfire Mitigation Best Practices training offered through Coalitions & Collaboratives. The course culminates in a Capstone Project that he is developing further outside of the course and will share the project details at a future date.

Round Robin

- Chuck Butterfield- AAWPC has an all-Fire Day planned for May 20. They have applied for an IAFC CWPP grant. On April 27th there will be an interagency coordination meeting including the Greys River Collaborative
- Bill Mayer- Grand Teton Park will be supporting the Women in Fire program for the third year in a row. A lot of their work will be in the Colter Bay area. A new Fire Management Officer has been selected and will be arriving in late May or Early June. As of now Park Dispatch is not staffed overnight, Teton County Sheriff's Dispatch will provide overnight coverage.
- Jon Bishop- Jackson Hole Mountain Resorts has started plowing access roads so they can continue projects on the mountain once conditions allow it.
- Cindy Peterson- Team Rubicon is happy to assist with the June Outreach activities.
- Dave Wilkins- Bridger-Teton is onboarding staff right now and should be at capacity by the end of the month. With White bark Pine having been listed as a threatened and endangered species, they are working with partners to determine how they continue forward with planned projects and future projects.
- Jacob Henrie- Caribou-Targhee is celebrating Community Wildfire Preparedness Day May 6 at the District Office. Also having an interagency training exercise on May 20th. Ryan Baum has now officially filled the position Deb Flowers left when she moved to the Regional Office. Spencer Johnston has just accepted a detail at the Regional Office starting in May.
- Steve Markason is serving on the grant award team for the next round of Action Implementation and Mitigation Grants.
- Robb Sgroi- Teton Conservation District has enhanced its capacity to provide Wildfire Risk Overviews and asked partners to encourage landowners to reach out.
- Harry Statter has been working with the Western Fire Chiefs Association on ember modeling. Harry recommends TAWPC include this component in the modeling for our CWPP. He will be presenting at the National Fire Sprinkler Association Seminar.
- Bobbi Clauson- the NFPA reports that there are 99 Certified Wildfire Mitigation Specialists across the country. 3 of them are in TAWPC, a huge success for our region.

Meeting adjourned at 15:50. Next Meeting June 1, 2023, 14:00 60 East Pearl