

**Regular Meeting, February 02, 2023**

***Meeting comes to order @ 14:01***

* Attendance; Robb Sgroi (TCD), Harry Statter (Firewise Landscaping), Bobbi Clauson (JHF/EMS), Nate Wilson (WSFD), Julie Hugel (Ambassador,) Anna Day (TCEM), Steve Markason (TWMT), Chuck Butterfield (AAWPC), Brett Loomis (BTNF), Ray Lane (JHF/EMS), Erika Edmiston (TCWP), Lesley Williams (BTNF), Bob Weiss (Ambassador), Arne Johanson (Ambassador), Bill Mayer (GTNP), Kat Williams (Pano), Max Detrick (Pano)
* Minutes approved group by group with no edits or comments.
* Unfinished business from last meeting- none

***Presentation: Pano AI- Intelligence for Wildfire Management***

***Kat Williams and Max Detrick-*** please see slide deck attached. Pano is an intelligence company supported by cameras, satellites, and human monitoring for early detection of wildfire. Teton County Idaho currently has a tower with cameras on Relay Ridge where they were able to observe smoke patterns from controlled burns in the summer of 2022.

 Kat’s email is included at the end of her presentation. If your agency is interested in moving forward with this technology and is looking for TAWPC collaboration, please reach out to Bobbi or Robb Sgroi to discuss next steps.

***Additional resources:***

Spencer Johnston: Fire Management Officer Caribou-Targhee Forest spencer.johnston@usda.gov

Mike Maltaverne: Fire Chief Teton County Fire & Rescue mmaltaverne@tetoncountyfire.com

**Subcommittee Reports-**

***AFMO Brett Loomis for BC Matt Redwine- Fire Response Sub Committee***

- The wildfire response committee is finalizing their edits to the Grand Targhee Wildfire Response plan. The project is near complete and will be presented to the resort soon.

***WY State Forestry Nate Wilson***, ***Fuels Sub Committee***

-The fuels committee has not met recently but the CAFA for Fish Creek has been awarded and work will begin in the spring. Wyoming State Forestry Staff has created a fillable form for landowners to refer to if they are going to pile burn on their properties. We will get this document distributed for all to share.

***Bridger Teton Fire Prevention Lesley Williams, Public Ed, and Outreach Sub Committee***

- The subcommittee will be meeting February 3 at 14:00. Recently the TAWPC Facebook page was updated and will begin to have regular messaging. The Newsletter will be bi-monthly beginning in February, it will be a newsletter for all of TAWPC, including the ambassadors. The subcommittee will have a booth at the Eco Fair this year but is recommending Teton County move our “Community Wildfire Preparedness Day” to June. That would be June 10 for 2023. GYFAN is providing a Neighborhood Ambassador Training, there will be two opportunities to join the course: February 13th from 18:00-20:00 and February 15th from 14:00 to 16:00. Please reach out to Lesley if you plan to attend.

***Jackson Hole Fire/EMS Bobbi Clauson, Grants Sub Committee***

- Staff report for CWPP consultant selection is on the February 7th BoCC agenda. Will immediately schedule introduction and planning meeting with the TAWPC steering committee, Andy Norman, and Bob Weiss. Will gather information on who the consultant would like to see as part of the “core” team.

CoCo is allowing us to modify our vegetation management grant to include a chipper program. We have extended the expiration date for the grant by two months, so chipper projects will need to be early spring projects. Bobbi and Robb will do some targeted outreach to neighborhoods and landowners who may have saw-ready projects. The chipper reimbursement will be available to parcel level and neighborhood level mitigation work.

The CWDG second round is likely to open in April. Unless the evaluation metrics change, Teton County projects are likely not to be supported because we have had no recent disaster declarations, nor do we represent an underserved or low-income community. Wyoming had 8 applications for this funding, we do not yet know which projects have been awarded.

USFS Currently has Wood and Bio-Mass funding programs. Information about the grants will be attached to the minutes. The Grants sub-committee will support drafting letters of recommendation for organizations that apply.

***Chairperson Report, Robb Sgroi***

- CWPP revision: is looking forward to cooperating on this long-awaited project.

**Round Robin**

Harry Statter- provided statistics and data from his company <https://www.frontlinewildfire.com/> Harry offered to support TAWPC and the Wildfire Risk Overview program through his app and messaging capabilities.

Bob Weiss- has at least one house in his neighborhood that has exterior fire sprinklers provided by Frontline. Bob continues to message throughout his neighborhood the importance of FD access to Burcher Road.

Julie- lauded the work of Team Rubicon in the Highland Hills area. Is pleased to report that neighbors who were initially unsupportive of the project are now requesting more mitigation work.

Chuck- reported for both AAWPC and the Greys River Collaborative. Among their many projects and accomplishments this year are a CAFA in the Ree’s subdivision, a Level 1 Watershed project with support from Trout Unlimited and Lincoln County Conservation District, work with Sublette County on fuels management and timber sales, the potential addition of a second fuels management/WUI specialist, and a CWDG application to update their CWPP.

Anna- reminded the group that TCEM is always available to support RSG! Messaging but encourages all to distribute the information as they see fit. She specifically reminded everyone that communications and messaging for Alta can be complex and to make certain both the WY and ID emergency management offices are included in those conversations.

Bill- the Park has begun the hiring for seasonal suppression and fuels crews. The Park FMO listing has been closed and he hopes to see that position filled soon. They will also be hiring for Engine 301 after Wade retires. This summer will include a large project that aims to provide defensible space around the developed areas of Colter Bay.

Ray- thanked TAWPC for their support of Jackson Hole Fire/EMS

Markason- is using the winter months to focus on presentations and educational opportunities. He will be working with Jonathan Bruno of CoCo to provide a Mitigation Best Practices class at the Reno WUI conference. Markason hopes to join some CMAT assignments as well.

Nate- Wyoming State Forestry is hiring a new State Forester, Bill Crapser has retired after almost 20 years serving in that role. His summer will include 2 CAFA projects as well as some projects in Sublette County.

Robb- the SWPP project may be managed differently in the future, however, he wanted to remind everyone that the grant supports one project per neighborhood. Robb also shared data from the Wildfire Risk Overview program (attached) which indicates an increased interest in road corridor projects. TCD is working to build WRO capacity and may create a list of contractors who are educated in assessments and who he can reach out to for additional support. TCD is currently working on the budget and plan of work for the next budget cycle. If you have any projects or ideas you’d like to share, the best time to make those comments is between March and May.

**Next Meeting: April 13th, 2023 Station 1- 60 East Pearl. Teams link will be provided in April.**

**Meeting adjourned 15:50**