



"Providing a Balanced Approach to Natural Resource Management"

July 16, 2009

RE: Latah County Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Wildfire Mitigation Plan Addendum

This letter serves as an addendum to the 2005 Latah County WUI Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

The Latah County Wildfire Coordinating Group consisting of Sandy Rollins, Latah County; Alan Martinson, Latah County; Ed Button, Moscow Fire Chief; Jason Svancara, Idaho Department of Lands; Mike Bowman, Clearwater RC&D; and Dick Hodge, Clearwater RC&D met on July 7th and July 14th, 2009 to review, update, and reprioritize the mitigation action items in the Latah County WUI Wildfire Mitigation Plan. Steve Kimball representing the Idaho State Working Group and Tera King, Northwest Management, Inc., were also in attendance as advisors to the committee. Per these meetings, the following actions were identified as the highest priority projects listed in the Plan.

1. The committee's first priority is to provide wildland fire protection through fuels modification to the five communication tower sites within the County including Moscow Mountain, McGary Butte, J/K Mountain, Teaken Butte, and Genesee.
2. The committee's second priority is protecting lives and private properties through site evaluation, fuels modification, and public education in the Moscow Mountain area.
3. The committee's third priority is protecting the Troy Watershed from wildland fires by improving forest health conditions and modifying the fuel structure.
4. The committee's fourth priority is protecting lives and private properties through site evaluation, fuels modification, and public education in the Juliaetta and Kendrick areas, also known as South Latah County.
5. The committee's fifth priority is protecting lives and private properties through site evaluation, fuels modification, and public education in the Deary and Helmer area.

It is anticipated that Latah County, through the wildfire coordinating group, will partner with the Idaho Department of Lands, the U.S. Forest Service, property owners, and others to implement these priority projects as soon as funding allows.

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