



## **Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council**

February 17-18, 2021

Coeur d'Alene, ID and Zoom

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mike Wolcott, ILRCC Chair, Association of Consulting Foresters

Tim Maguire, ILRCC Vice-Chair, Ecosystem Sciences Foundation

Hannah Sanger, City of Pocatello

Matthew Perkins, Meridian City Arborist

Amanda Eagan, US Forest Service

Mauri Knott, Latah County

Bill Bosworth, Idaho Department of Fish & Game

C. Edward "Ed" Koch, IFOA

Janet Valle, US Forest Service

Norris Boothe, Coeur d' Alene Tribe

Randy Brooks, University of Idaho

Madeline David, Idaho Tree Farm Program

Elaine Clegg, Association of Idaho Cities

Gerry Bates, Urban and Community Consultant

Jeff Handel, Nez Perce Tribe

Chris Town, NRCS State Forester

Frank Edelmann, Idaho Department of Fish & Game

Regan Plumb, Kaniksu Land Trust

Knute Sandahl, State Fire Marshal

### **IDL STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT**

Archie Gray, Forestry Assistance Bureau Chief, IDL

Ara Andrea, Shared Stewardship Coordinator, IDL

Tyre Holfeltz, Fire Prevention & Risk Mitigation Program Manager, IDL

Adrienne Morrow, Forest Stewardship Program, IDL

Tom Eckberg, Forest Health Program Manager, IDL

Michael Beaudoin, Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager, IDL

Karen Neorr, Forest Legacy Program Specialist, IDL

Diana Rauschenbach, Data Coordinator, IDL

Gary Hess, Regulatory and Forest Stewardship Program Manager, IDL

Corrie Ivey, Grants Project Coordinator, IDL



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At 12:02 p.m. PST the meeting began with Zoom protocol and etiquette tips along with roundtable introductions:

Mike Wilcott welcomed the group and introduced new members Chris Towns, Regan Plumb, Matthew Perkins.

Minutes from August 2020, Correction from August meeting minutes were approved with the clarification that Bill Bosworth is with Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Corrie Ivey requested feedback on ILRCC Standard Operating Procedures. Elaine Clegg moved to accept changes as presented and seconded by Tim Maguire. Changes were approved unanimously. ILRCC members were informed of current changes to the IDL webpage which includes the ILRCC page as well as their secure login page. Members were notified that these pages may be migrating and as more information about the new location of the pages became available, the council would be notified accordingly. For now, the secure login page is being considered offline. Additionally, clarification was provided on what ILRCC member information is viewable by the public and what is kept internal to ILRCC members and designated staff.

Ara Andrea introduced Archie Gray as the new Forestry Assistance Bureau Chief. Archie Gray provided details of his background and summarized updates on the Forestry Assistance Bureau. A new rate has passed that will improve the Forest Practices funds. In an effort to better balance various fire authorities where prescribed fires are involved, Idaho Department of Lands is currently in discussion with DEQ.

Ara Andrea provided details on the No Boundaries Forestry website showing integration of all the programs that go into successful completion of project work. Ara summarized the various projects currently in progress throughout the state and provided examples of the benefits of cross-boundary work. Indications are that the practices and goals of Shared Stewardship will remain a top priority in the new USDA administration. In addition to the two full-time stewardship coordinators, two full-time Shared Stewardship/GNA foresters, RFP will contract two forestry consultants to increase the capacity of our PFS in these two priority landscapes. Governor Little has proposed an additional \$200,000 in general funds which is currently being reviewed by Idaho legislature.

Gary Hess presented the group with information on the 2021 FPA Negotiated Rulemaking process. In December 2020, the Forest Practices Advisory Committee voted to approach the Idaho Land Board with



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a significant rule change package. This would eliminate redundant definitions, outdated rules, improper grammar, and domestic use restrictions on streams. Additionally, the rule change would improve BMPs for road construction/maintenance, simplify the shade rule for fish-bearing streams, and modernize ground-based equipment restrictions.

Karen Neorr updated the members on the Forest Legacy Program. States can request \$20 million on an annual basis and applications are due by July 15, 2021.

Tyre Holfeltz detailed the grant applications with the group members. In fairness to other applicants not in attendance, Tyre requested members refrain from asking direct questions to applicants present during the meeting. He reminded members that the HFR projects for Region 1 and Region 4 have Forest Service project adjacency requirements of one and one half miles distance to the USFS projects.

The members approved to continue developing Hazard Fuels Reduction Grant applications submitted for 2022. The applications are Bonner County Buckskin-Prospect II, Boundary County Brushy Deer Camp, Shoshone County West Terror II Fuels Reduction, Kootenai County HFR Backside of Hayden/Hayden Lake, Boise County CCRCWR-Hazard Mitigation, South Island Park & Harriman State Park Fuels Reduction Project

A total of ten (the maximum allowed for submission) Western State Fire Management applications were presented to the members.

Bonner County Emergency Management - SW Bonner County Scattered Lands Community Fuel Breaks  
Idaho Soil & Water Conservation District - Cottonwood Butte Fuels Reduction  
Idaho Smart Growth - FY22 WSFM Network Building and Community Fire Adaptation Pilot  
Nez Perce County - Peck #3 Fuels Reduction  
Nez Perce County - County Line Pre-Attack #2  
Portneuf Soil & Water Conservation District - Big Onion Fuels Reduction Project  
Portneuf Soil & Water Conservation District - Smith Gulch Fuels Reduction Project  
Teton County Fire Protection District - North County Fuels Reduction  
University of Idaho Experimental Forest - FY22 WSFM: Moscow Mountain WUI  
Valley County Idaho – McCall Fuels Reduction



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Rita Chandler requested clarification be included on which phase or phases the Idaho Smart Growth application is for. The members approved the continued development of all ten Western State Fire Managers applications submitted for 2022.

Three Landscape Scale Restoration applications were presented to the members.

Idaho Soil & Water Conservation District – Clear Creek Landscape Restoration

Idaho Department of Lands – Idaho Rural Community Pest Mitigation

The Nature Conservancy in Idaho – Family Forest Restoration Project

Janet Valle requested the Clear Creek Landscape Restoration application include details on where the work will be happening to stop the erosion of the stream. Additionally, she requested clarification on long-term management plans for landowners (Forest Stewardship or NRCS) and the availability to use EQIP funds to expand this project. Janet also expressed a need to emphasize education on Forest Stewardship and NRCS.

Janet Valle asked why the Department of Lands Idaho Rural Community Pest Mitigation application focuses on the Star and Kuna areas instead of Blackfoot, Bonners, Clarkston or other smaller places. She requested the > symbol be changed to < in the last sentence of the second paragraph of the Cross Boundary section.

Tim Maguire stated The Nature Conservancy in Idaho Family Forest Restoration Project application needs clarification overall. While the project is innovative, it contains too many moving parts. There should be more focus on the goal, which is supporting family forests. Chris Town felt this would be a good NRCS project. Tim Maguire and Elaine Clegg offered to assist with the development of this application.

The members approved the continued development of the Landscape Scale Restoration applications submitted for 2022.

Tyre Holfeltz, thanked departing members Norris Booth, Rita Chandler, and Joseph Adamski for their services and dedication to the Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council.



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It was noted that the June meeting may be held in the Lewiston area and may include a tour of a local mill. Additionally, a Doodle Poll would be sent in the next 2 weeks regarding dates for the June meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. PST.