



Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council

February 23-24, 2022

Sandpoint, ID and Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT	
Mike Wolcott, ILRCC Chair, Association of Consulting Foresters	Bob Howard, IEMA
Tim Maguire, ILRCC Vice-Chair, Ecosystem Sciences Foundation	Tyrone Daniels, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Mauri Knott, Latah County	Ken Knoch, City of Ammon
Regan Plumb, Kaniksu Land Trust	Hannah Sanger, City of Pocatello
Gerry Bates, Urban and Community Consultant	Elaine Clegg, Association of Idaho Cities
Matthew Perkins, Meridian City Arborist	Bill Bosworth, Idaho Department of Fish & Game
Madeline David, Idaho Tree Farm Program	
MEMBERS ON ZOOM	
Gabe Dumm, USFS Region 1, Regional Fuels Program Manager	Ben Roeber, Idaho Office of Emergency Management
Janet Valle, US Forest Service, S&PF Regions 1 & 4	Chris Town, NRCS State Forester
Jen Hensiek, USFS	Jared Bowman, Bureau of Land Management
Amanda Egan, US Forest Service	Lorrie Pahl, Idaho Office of Emergency Management
CJ, USFS	Jeff Handel, Nez Perce Tribe
IDL STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT	
Archie Gray, Forestry Assistance Bureau Chief, IDL	Adrienne Morrow, Forest Stewardship Program, IDL
Tyre Holfeltz, Fire Prevention & Risk Mitigation Program Manager, IDL	Tom Eckberg, Forest Health Program Manager, IDL
Ara Andrea, Shared Stewardship Coordinator, IDL	Diana Rauschenbach, Data Coordinator, IDL
Corrie Ivey, Grants Project Coordinator, IDL	



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At 9:00 a.m. PST the meeting began with Zoom protocol and etiquette tips along with roundtable introductions. Corrie noted that the meeting would be recorded.

Corrie shared the current state of the ILRCC secure login page. Both, public and secure pages are currently being overhauled due to platform updates.

Archie presented a map detailing the represented interests currently addressed by the council. He also highlighted the absence of soil and water conservation districts, forest products as well as farm services. The council unanimously agreed on adding these three representative groups.

Archie also updated the group on current staffing changes. Lacy Robinson has replaced Karen Neorr as the Forest Legacy Program coordinator. The Urban and Community has become available due to Michael Beaudoin's departure. Tim Maguire and Elaine Clegg volunteered to take part in the interviewing process which will be conducted the following week.

Adrienne Morrow briefed the group on the proposed 2022 Shade Rule updates which has gone through the House and Senate. Approval from Legislature is currently pending.

Lacy Robinson presented updates on the Forest Legacy Program. Updates included current easements in place totaling 102,000 acres.

Tom Eckberg provided the group with a forest health update. Continuing drought can be attributed to ponderosa pine beetle activity. Mortality is showing up on adverse sites, specifically in Latah and Benewah Counties. The Coeur d'Alene area is also experiencing increased activity.

Tyre Holfeltz informed the group that out of the nine WSFM submitted applications, 8 were recommended for funding. However, that would have exceeded the allowable funding cap which resulted in only 6 being funded. Of the eight projects that were recommended for funding all occupied 15th and above in the West.

In the event Inland Forest Management is mentioned during the conversation, Mike Wolcott shall recuse himself before proceeding. Every application discussed today will be submitted and no voting will be necessary. In the event caps are exceeded, prioritization will be based upon State Forester recommended procedure.

Region1 applications are Deer Camp, Buckskin Project, Canfield Project which do not require any recommendations.

Region 4 applications are Boise County, Horsethief Project, Jack Branch Booth Canyon, Bannock County.

The Boise County project is a continuation of work as need continues to arise due to lack of fire regulations within the county. The Horsethief Project seeks funding to identify and remove dying, dead and beetle infested trees within or adjacent to the campgrounds. The Jack Branch Booth Canyon Project is a continuation of work which upon completion will include 23 miles of contiguous fuel break. The



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Bannock County Project is a continuation of work (Nine Mile Project) targeting the best ingress/egress to reduce intensity of flames in escape routes.

The Western States Fire Managers applications include Lenore Project, Tubbs Hill Project, The Island Park Sustainable Community Project, Caribou County Project, Bonner County Project, Adams County, Pocatello Roadside Project, Teton County Fire Protection District, Pocatello Juniper Treatment Project, and Madison County Project

The Lenore Project is a fuels reduction project focusing on reducing hazardous fuel loadings beneath and adjacent to homes sites and roads that may be used as escape routes. The Tubbs Hill Project is for vegetation treatments to reduce canopy of trees, increase public education, prevention measures and future planning. The Island Park Sustainable Community Project includes fuels reduction projects, community outreach and education. The purpose of the Caribou County Project is to install fire beaks and fuel reduction around populated areas. Bonner County Project is a continuation of work. Funds will be used on hazardous fuels reduction treatments on a minimum of 135 acres. Adams County intends to use funding to supply a chipping program for a targeted area. The Pocatello Roadside Fuels Project objectives are to reduce fuels on city space, adjoining private property, and management of mitigation activities. The Teton County Fire Protection District Project is a continuation of work to establish a fuel break between the Forest Service and private land. Most of the work in the Teton County is mastication. Pocatello's Juniper Treatment Project objectives are to reduce fire risks on city space, adjoining private property, and management of mitigation activities on 100 acres. The Madison County Project will utilize funds on fire reduction by dealing with decaying Cottonwood and Juniper.

Ben Roeber informed the group of the roles of The Idaho Office of Emergency Management. IOEM provides assistance to 44 counties and 4 tribes in managing disasters within the state of Idaho.

Corrie Ivey presented the group with the Landscape Scale Restoration Competitive Program applications. Program applicants include Coeur d'Alene Tribe, The Lands Council

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe grant funds are primarily focused on plantings and hardwoods, mostly for exclusionary fencing. The Lands Council grant funds will be utilized to educate private landowners as well as plant conifer/hardwood to replace overmature cottonwood.

Archie Gray provided the legislative update. IDL will increase firefighter pay to \$15 per hour for entry level. Hazard pay increase has passed house and senate committees. The budget has moved past Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee. The Bill for preventing damage to endowment lands which will give us the opportunity to have citation options. The Bill stalled before making it to the Committee due to misinformation. This may ultimately result in closures of some endowment lands to prevent damage. Twelve engine boss positions will become .83, giving some of the other full-time employees to help IDL with other tasks.



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Suggestions for the 2022 Summer meeting location were Salmon, ID, possible date will be around mid-June. A Doodle Poll for 2022 Summer meeting location and possible dates will be forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m. PST on 2/23/2022, and at 12:08 p.m. PST on 2/24/2022.