



## East Fork Fire Protection District FAC Implementation Agenda

August 8th 2018 @ 13:00-15:00

1694 Country Rd. Minden, Nv.

### I. Introductions

#### Members in Attendance:

- Battalion Chief Scott Fraser
- Ken Douglas
- Tracy Visher- Network Chair/ Western Community Representative
- Lee Elson
- Lyda Hayes
- Chief Tod Carlini
- Michael Beaudoin-Network Coordinator

### II. Review of Action Items (Progress, Next Steps, Needed Resources)

#### a. Community Hazard Assessments and CWPP

- Chief Carlini and Battalion Chief Fraser presented the six CWPP zones for the District. These zones represent the areas within the district that wildfire threatens the most. Other communities will be considered later as we continue to develop CWPPs within the District.
- The group discussed using a focal community to conduct a test CWPP. Coordinator Beaudoin expressed the need to find a community that has already has good local capacity so that the local residents could be involved. The group suggested the Pine Nut Area (Area 3), Jobs Peak/ Sierra County Estates (Area 5), or the Jack's Valley Rd Corridor (Area 1).
- After discussion the group decided to start with a CWPP in the Jack's Valley Corridor. Alpine View Estates will serve as the focal community to start with. Community leaders can gather support in other areas in order to prepare those areas for the CWPP process. Coordinator Beaudoin might be able to facilitate the process but would need to receive approval from NDF to proceed.
- The group asked Coordinator Beaudoin to produce a map that shows the new CWPP zones and the old RCI hazard assessment boundaries.

Coordinator Beaudoin agreed and will also compare the RCI hazard assessments to the requirements of a CWPP for some of the target communities.

b. Defensible Space Inspections and Education

- Coordinator Beaudoin presented the new defensible space inspection form and the companion collector app. He spoke about the functionality of the app and how NDF will use its ArcGIS capabilities to track and map defensible space inspections.
- Chief Carlini asked if fire districts would be able to use the collector app. Coordinator Beaudoin said he didn't see an issue with that, but stressed that the current version of the app is a beta and that he would get permission from NDF to share the new collector app.
- Chief Carlini also asked if the tool could generate a parcel map that displays the defensible space preparedness of each resident. Coordinator Beaudoin said that is possible and that is the direction the application is moving. He will be developing a rubric with NDF staff to assign points to each collector app question.

c. Cultivating Community FAC Leaders

- Coordinator Beaudoin discussed how the Chapter Leader Handbook will likely be ready by late October. He is drafting a handbook for the advisory board to approve and will distribute it once it is approved.

d. Promoting Living With Fire educational programs

- The Network is available to offer defensible space, home-hardening, and FAC seminars to partner communities and agencies. Any interested communities should contact coordinator Beaudoin to schedule an event. The Network will continue to support the Living with Fire program at outreach events.

e. Improve wildfire treatment mapping

- Coordinator Beaudoin discussed NDF's movement towards making a Network webportal. The webportal will display chapter boundaries, CWPP boundaries, and fuel reduction projects.
- Coordinator Beaudoin is working on a historic treatment map of the NVFSC work in Douglas County. Chief Carlini and the group suggested that we incorporate the work completed by BLM and the USFS if possible.

f. Improve local capacity for fire mitigation work

- Coordinator Beaudoin mentioned that providing training to contractors is a long term goal for the network. He was able to locate the NDF

contractor list and will incorporate it within the chapter leader handbook. Lyda asked if chapters were required to select contractors from the list and if community leaders could provide contractor recommendations. Coordinator Beaudoin said the Network can not endorse contractors as that can be seen as favoritism. The best way to secure the best contractor is to hold a open bidding process as mandated by state law.

g. Inform residents about evacuation planning

- Coordinator Beaudoin made contact with Mr. Dave Thomas, the Douglas County CERT coordinator. Beaudoin will email Mr. Thomas back to provide CERT assistance with evacuation planning.
- Chief Carlini reminded the group that East Fork is available to provide presentation on evacuation preparedness.

III. Grant Proposals within District

- Coordinator Beaudoin shared the Post-Fire Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) with the group. These are FEMA grants that fund hazardous fuels reduction, defensible space clearance, and CWPPs. The program prefers counties that submitted a successful Federal Management Assistance Grant (FMAG). Douglas, Washoe, and Elko are the top eligible counties.
- Coordinator Beaudoin shared the grant requirements and asked any interested communities to work with him on a proposal.

IV. Establishment of Network Chapters

- Coordinator Beaudoin and region representative Visser discussed some of the concerns community leaders raised about the application process. The process was developed with Ed Smith, Dr. Elwood Miller, and the board. As a state agency, NDF has more specific requirements than the NVFSC had. Coordinator Beaudoin stressed that he is available to assist interested applicants and communities with the application process.

V. Review of do-to assignments

- Coordinator Beaudoin: East Fork CWPP Zones and RCI Community Zone Map
- Coordinator Beaudoin: Alpine View Estates RCI hazard assessment comparison
- Coordinator Beaudoin: Continue outreach efforts to Douglas County CERT team

VI. Next meeting- Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 13:00-15:00- East Fork Fire Protection District Office- 1694 Country Rd. Minden, NV.