



**Trinity County Fire Safe Council**  
**Meeting Thursday, January 27, 2022, 1:00pm**  
Zoom Call

**Minutes**

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**1. Welcome & Introductions**

- a. TCRCO Amelia Fleitz, Maya Williams, Denise Wesley, Bethany Llewellyn, Chris Cole, Kelly Sheen, Kaety Howard
- b. CCVFD - Marla Walters
- c. USFS - Kristen Lark, Nancy Curran
- d. NRCS - Tiffany Perez, Erin Taylor
- e. TCVFD - Carol Fall
- f. Lower Trinity River PBA - Basho Parks
- g. Willow Creek FS - Blaze Shannon, Dwight Streamfellow,
- h. Tsnungwe Tribe - Dena Magdaleno
- i. Travis Ranch - Shayne Green
- j. WRTC - Dillon Sheedy, Xander Winters
- k. Five Waters Ranch - Robert Eckart
- l. JCVFD - Martha Helberg
- m. TCCG - Pat Frost
- n. NCUAQMD - Deb Harris
- o. TC BOS - Jill Cox

**2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda**

- a. Moved grant opportunities up on the agenda and saved discussions and presentations for later on in the meeting.

**3. Grant Opportunities**

- a. Letter of Support request from WRTC for CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant Program for implementation of fuel reduction projects throughout Trinity County. (Dillon Sheedy)
  - i. This will include community chipping and defensible space work around Hayfork as well as prescribed working in specific areas. Evans Bar in Junction City and new property for WRTC in Round Meadow in Hayfork to manage the land with prescribed burning. This will include education and outreach funding.
  - ii. Carol asked if this is all on private land. Dillon answered yes.
  - iii. Chris asked if it will include Downriver? Dillon answered yes for CWPP areas in Western Trinity for South Fork Rd and working with the Willow Creek FSC to plan fuel reduction and roadside buffer work in the area, how that it will complement emergency work being done in that area. Will plan to treat 50ft off of the road on each side.

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- iv. FSC approved to send letter.
- b. Letter of Support request from TCRCO for Sierra Nevada Conservancy 2022 Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Direct Grant Program
  - i. Implementation for Ball Park Collaborative RX Burning
    - 1. Reentry in the Ball Park area which is on the north side Trinity Center. This will include funding for the WRTC, local VFDs, USFS, and RCD crews to complete the burning. This project addresses known tourism areas where there are many trailers and recreational gatherings. This area is known for high fireworks use in the summer even though it is illegal on USFS lands. Treating this land is essential to help protect the surrounding communities from escaped campfires and other sources of fire.
    - 2. Approximately 1400 acres with maintenance burning.
    - 3. FSC approved to send letter
  - ii. Implementation for Pettijohn Collaborative Fuel Reduction
    - 1. This is the initial entry with clearing along Trinity Dam BLVD great access for Rush Creek and Lewiston neighborhoods on this evacuation route. This will expand to the Trinity Conservation Camp and helitack base. This includes roadside shaded fuel breaks and landscape treatments. This project addresses known tourism areas where there are many trailers and recreational gatherings.
    - 2. Treatment and prep of 1000 acres will be completed by contractors. Piles will be burned by USFS, WRTC, and RCD staff members.
    - 3. FSC approved to send letter
- c. Letter of Support request from WRTC for Sierra Nevada Conservancy 2022 Wildfire Recovery and Forest Resilience Direct Grant Program for Upper Trinity River Watershed Forest Resilience and Planning Project
  - i. Sierra Nevada Conservancy recently expanded their area of service to the Klamath Mountains for the Upper Trinity River Watershed.
  - ii. WRTC is applying for funds to complete the Bowerman Ridge 3<sup>rd</sup> Party NEPA for the archaeological surveys. WRTC is applying to use these funds to support the GIS tools and decision making for the long term fire recovery planning to process lidar data and to make it available to the local partners and land managers. This will include doing drone flights over the River Complex fire footprint to form better decisions. WRTC will also be working to contract to get new mapping software called LandTender from Vibrant Planet. This is a planning project, no implementation here.
  - iii. Chris asked about the timeline - Dillon anticipates this to be an 18 month project.
  - iv. The request is around \$800,000 and the LandTender software comes with a hefty price tag.
  - v. Hydrographic data are you talking about updating the hydrograph for the Trinity Lake? Yes, with updating the current layers where streams are not located where they are supposed to be or where the riparian areas are that are not actually on the map. Photogrammetry how does that complement the BAER work? This will help tell the story and look at the project development for

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future decision making in the future. Hope it informs the current fire recovery and tell the story of fire over time.

- vi. Trinity County Collaborative is looking to prioritize projects for trail restoration in the River Complex Footprint, what is the timeline of the Drone Flights. Dillon says in 2023.
- vii. How will this help shorten NEPA, if we get fully funded and have Landtender as a software tool we hope that it will be widely adopted by all the agency partners in the basin. The Upper Trinity Watershed has been deprioritized because it is outside of anadromy, this will help with community buy in and it helps in the early stages of NEPA during scoping to tell the story and justify the projects for the values we hold in priority for the project development. The model pops out shapes for treatment areas for the values that are prioritized for the interested parties
- viii. Carol mentions that there won't be trouble to get buy in from the upper trinity communities to manage the forest. How does this fit in with the existing models? Dillon stated that this incorporates the fire modeling and the rate of spread modeling. Carol mentions that the checker board can be more difficult to identify comprehensive plans.
- ix. Pat mentions with the checker board in the past one of the big issues has been the cumulative effects because the private treatments have been treated pretty extensively it is hard to analyze the untreated areas because the cumulative effects are already tripped by the neighboring treatments. Dillon states that SPI has been responsive to working collaboratively with the WRTC and USFS and that NEPA is hard to get through and hopes that the Bowerman Ridge Project will hopefully be a model for the future.
- x. Robert Eckert summarized the plan for LandTender and the uses. Dillon explains that LandTender is a program being developed by Vibrant Planet which is retired USFS employees too increase pace and scale that will utilize Lidar Data. In this we will define the watershed and Vibrant Planet will do all the data curation and then we use the model. It is a five-year license for 30 licenses for \$400,000. We believe this will be the future to plan for California for land management and project design. Tahoe Basin is working on this and we hope to get in on this at the upstart and see how it works. The licenses will be spread out through multiple county based agencies to work on project collaboratively for WRTC, USFS, RCD, SPI, Trinity County, and members of the public.
- xi. Kristen Lark stated that she supports the project with LandTender that is fairly simple to use this modeling and pulls together all the data together with the lidar and soils, etc. This product will give you options and where to go and that the price tag will be good for the value of the implementation projects.
- xii. Amelia added that she is excited about LandTender for the Upper Trinity Watershed planning and also for implementation in future CWPP project planning.
- xiii. FSC approved to letter of support
- xiv. Schedule Vibrant Planet presentation for future FSC Meeting.  
<https://www.vibrantplanet.net/landtender>

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- d. Letter of Support request from Shayne Green for CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant Program for development of Travis Ranch Forest Health Management Plan and implementation of August Complex Recovery prescribed burning.
  - i. Travis Ranch is about a 12,000 acre ranch southwest of Ruth which is dominated by USFS and BLM ownership as neighbors. 80% of the ranch burned in the August Complex in 2020, this plan will treat the stands that burned at high or moderate severity with treatment and also with replanting in a few hundred acres. The is conifer and oak woodland open in this area and the treatments will vary based on the stand type. Some general oak woodland restoration will help at the same time.
  - ii. Kristen Lark - USFS Six Rivers Mad River Ranger District is also writing a letter of support for this project.
  - iii. Application is due March 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv. FSC approved to send a letter

**4. Presentations**

- a. Downriver Post Storm Site Visit - Amelia and Chris
  - i. See video approximately minute 47.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2K0Bqd1QX2Y&list=PLtBKm9ibY20euk8vENLmYnFz5Ku\\_fGGwn](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2K0Bqd1QX2Y&list=PLtBKm9ibY20euk8vENLmYnFz5Ku_fGGwn)
  - ii. Amelia showed before and after photos from the TCRCDD's treatment of Hawkins Bar, Suzy Q, and Salyer Loop from PGE funds in 2019. Amelia showed a video of the current road and forest conditions along the project area. Chris and Amelia went out two weeks after the roads were opened. The roads were just cut open, but there is still a lot that needs to be treated. Amelia, Chris, Dillon, and Basho with Willow Creek FSC have all been working hard to get funding to get people down there. All the work from 2019 needs redone, it doesn't look like it was done. It will be years of trying to get enough equipment out there to recovery.
  - iii. Trinity County has been added to the Emergency Declaration - which will help with the trees in the Trinity County ROW and the ROW varies differently along these areas. This does not help the private landowners and does not help the roadside shaded fuel breaks with span outside of the ROW. Chris has funding for the South Fork Mountain Rd area and Chris and Dillon are working on the CEQA to get out there. Amelia has been working to get funding from the Humboldt Area Foundation to get emergency funding to get down in this area. Six Rivers has a programmatic that will come out signed in June or July to do roadside shaded fuelbreaks throughout the whole forest. Others have been working with USFS to try to get firewood harvest areas out in this area. Chris is working to get the community chipping funds shard with everyone.
  - iv. Dena Magdaleno on South Fork Mnt Rd there are many trees down and there are plans to continue that work. There are things that are off the road because of tree fall like water systems. The only thing that has been done on Denny Rd is to cut the road open, but there are still trees in the are hanging up over head. The Water District in Trinity Village had three trees fall on it. There is more work that needs to get done than there are people to do it. All the work done in 2019 and 2020 the villagers tried to maintain the good work, but the community and private properties were heavily impacted because of the storm.

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The bus from Burnt Ranch can't come pick up the school kids because the trees are so bad.

- v. The County is working on it, but the capacity is too low. Dillon reached out to the County to develop contracts with the TCRCD/WRTC to get the work done, Amelia does not have the update on this. The County does not have the capacity to deal this large of a storm and the impacts. The citizens in this area feel that Trinity County has left them out and that Humboldt County has provided more support. Amelia identified that in the future the WRTC and the RCD need to have funding available to provide emergency response to help in the County's response and to help the private landowners. But that the agencies do not have funding to do so right now and we can't send out people in without a way to pay them. This will be something to develop in the future.
- vi. Have we talked to OES? Ed does not have funds available for us it will be through the County DOT.
- vii. Basho - County line is annoying with disasters a biCounty a mutual aid agreement has been discussed in an OES meeting a few weeks ago. Cal Fire Unit Chief Kurt McCray allocated some funding. Humboldt FSC are hoping to place the funds into the hands of the Willow Creek FSC to move forward - ingress egress in the greater Willow Creek Area with emergency funds released. Look to CAL FIRE - this came down last night. Humboldt Area Fund does have emergency funds. CAL FIRE ready with funds for Humboldt - should reach out through the Trinity County Side. Amelia is following up on this.
- viii. Debra Harris worked with CalOES and CAL FIRE has permitted the Air Curtain burner for the recovery actions. Permit fees were paid with grant funds and can pay for PBAs in the future. Material is coming into the air curtain burner in all kinds of ways, many people are dropping it off.
- ix. What can the FSC do? RCD and WRTC are pushing a rock up a hill to get the fuel removed. What can the FSC do? Letters of support, board of supervisors? Blaze suggest the County Line doesn't matter so the funds can be used for the funding. Dena Magdoleno can encourage the costal calfire to assist for the Trinity County side of the clean-up. This snow event was from New River Bluffs to Willow Creek, we need to work together and cross lines. General Letter to provide funding to all of these agencies - no?
- x. Does NRCS have any emergency response options? Emergency related projects depends on the applicant or the sponsor. Trinity County DOT is working with NRCS on the Coffee Creek and is for Watershed Protection for that pot of funding. The EQIP projects are not geared for emergency fast past response - the environmental consulting will slow it down. Low priorities projects that can wait can contact NRCS.
- xi. Everyone is doing what they can - long term we need to support them.
- xii. Short term - crews will be out with community chipping from the TCRCD.
- xiii. Has anyone talked to the senator and assemblymen?
  - 1. Has the BOS contacted the state representatives? Jill is not aware of any notification.
  - 2. Should come from the BOS for any request for assistance.
  - 3. Jill would like a list of agencies to show all the effort moving forward. Help in drafting the letter would be helpful.

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- xiv. Basho suggested we should work with CCC and or the Smart Center, but someone needs to oversee these groups and plan the projects. We currently don't have funding for this option.
- xv. Basho wants to look into FEMA CERT teams and look at doing a training for disaster relief and response in the area. This will create a database of the elderly and support evacuation software and bring it to willow creek. Build capacity for emergency response.

**5. Outreach/News**

- a. Wildfire Preparedness Day Fair - May 7, 2022 - Highland Arts Center Meadow
  - i. National Wildfire Preparedness Day through NFPA
    - 1. All agencies are welcome to have a booth if they like.
  - ii. Prepared proclamation to send to the Trinity County BOS for May as Wildfire Awareness Month and May 7<sup>th</sup> as Wildfire Preparedness Day. Approved
- b. Resolution to Trinity County BOS for Wildfire Awareness Day and Wildfire Awareness Month
- c. TCFSC Brochure- Maya
  - i. Send out in the email on January 1<sup>st</sup> and was sent out to the group.
  - ii. Carol wanted to update the information for the Big Red Truck Program. This is for the access and VFDs are concerned about home hardening and defensible space. Maya will reach out to correct the language.
  - iii. Pat said that the Firewise advise is more for the Firewise Communities project than anything else.
- d. Fire Risk Reduction Communities List
  - i. The Fire Risk Reduction Communities List - is actually a list of public agencies (local governments that collect tax) that qualify as serving high fire severity and low-income communities, not a designated community list for fire risk communities (such as the Federal List). Trinity County and smaller tax receiving special districts seem to be the only entities to apply to be one of the listed agencies for our area.
  - ii. The benefit to be on the list is it will give us priority in funding in future CAL FIRE grants when local agencies go against one another for funding, but it will not be utilized as a metric when competing against non-profits, fire safe councils, and grant-funded specials districts. Being listed will get extra points on a grant application in the future, sounds like there will local government specific funding pots coming down in the future. And getting Trinity County onto that list could be beneficial for securing future funding. It will only be beneficial if the special districts or the County intends to apply for funding. I do not know that it would give us any preference if WRTC or TCRCD apply for funds for projects within the special districts boundaries (something to explore).
  - iii. Special districts throughout the County may need our help/support because a CWPP is required for their area to apply for this. Clarification will be needed to know if they are eligible to tier to our existing County-wide plan.
  - iv. TCRCD, WRTC, and FSC are not eligible. TCRCD is not eligible even as a special district because we do not collect tax from our residents. The webinar stated that all the non-profits, grant funded RCDs, etc. are all still eligible for future

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funding opportunities and the extra points for the organizations on the list will not be compared to those ineligible to be on the list.

- v. Due Date is April 1<sup>st</sup> and could help them in the future.
- vi. Send a letter to the BOS and to special districts VFDs and potential parks districts and LAFCO.
  - 1. Amelia suggested working with LAFCO and a press release in the local papers.
- vii. Some special districts can get access to emergency funding through specific pots of funding.

## 6. Discussions

### a. Air Quality

- i. Letter from last month was sent to Debra.
- ii. Debra stated there is no hard and fast for limiting to specific acreages such as 5 acres. There was bad air quality in November with limited the dispersion. There is a prescription on their smoke management plan for if the conditions are conducive to burn. There are no parameters for if there is too much smoke, the rough guideline is unhealthy AQI for more than 6 hours. Debra looks at the airsheds and tries not to have multiple burns in the same basin in a day. Debra asks that the managers on the ground be more responsive and reach out to Debra to work with her if conditions are good to burn more acres.
- iii. Chris states we need to work with the public to accept more smoke in the winter. The local wildfires have impacted the communities and we need to work with the communities to burn more. Debra agrees with moving forward with the messaging. There is no standard for what the air quality availability and NCUAQMD is working to find the balance between that the community will hold and how much burning can go. If there is an exceedance in air quality values, then NCUAQMD has to tighten the restrictions. If the standard is exceeded, then they have to report why there was an exceedance. There has been a monitor in Weaverville for several years and looking at saying under unhealthy for a six-hour average. Debra promotes test burns to see if it will work. We need to work with the public to see what the communities will allow.
- iv. Dillon stated we live in a land of fire and we need to learn how to live with it and other areas such as Florida and Georgia burn as much as they can, every viable day in the winter and he hopes that we can get to that level. We need to work with the community members that will be calling Deb. There are some people that just won't change their mind.
- v. Purple air sensors are a good next step - on the schools and near the hospital to help make the case to keep burning. - working on building the day to day flexibility built into the program.
- vi. Debra is doing an outreach campaign - and would like to get Trinity County on board and Debra will pay for the messaging. Work with Debra to get our message out over the radio stations. Amelia and Debra will work together on this.
- vii. Things are going to be changing - if you have an exceedance you have to document it and prove it and put a balance to off-set it, and there will be change coming in soon.

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b. Local Area Resource List - no report

7. **Project Updates**

Due to timing this component was abbreviated.

- a. BLM
- b. CAL FIRE
- c. Caltrans
- d. Hyampom FSC
- e. Lower Trinity PBA
- f. NRCS
  - i. Private Landowners or Lessees for applications on the year round basis - considered for FY 22 the next deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> for EQIP and CSP.
  - ii. Add comprehensive NRCS report.
  - iii. Get feedback on why the Trinity County Proposal for Joint Chiefs was not funded. This was on recovery whereas the others were preventative. Strengthen this proposal for FY 23 proposal.
  - iv. Report submitted via Email: If anyone is interested in clean up assistance from the winter storms, NRCS's "Woody Residue Treatment" practice would be a good fit as long as their project is not an immediate need. It takes about 9-12 months to receive the "green light" for implementation. Below is NRCS's Report for the minutes.
  - v. NRCS Staff Update:
    1. Molly Breitmun (TCRCD Conservation Planner) onboarded on Nov 1 through a 10 month NACD agreement to assist the NRCS Weaverville FO with providing conservation technical assistance and financial assistance for local Trinity County customers on private lands.
    2. Carrie Nicoll's (Partner Forester) forestry assistance agreement is ending by spring. Our office will continue to tap into alternative assistance from Technical Service Providers (TSP), conservation partners, and NRCS foresters from neighboring field offices.
    3. Jim Spear, Tiffany Perez, and myself (Erin Taylor) continue to work with on-going and new customers for conservation planning
  - vi. Farm Bill Program Update:
    1. Although applications can be accepted all year round, the next signup deadline for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is **April 1**, 2022 in order to be considered for financial assistance in FY22.
    2. Fund pools applicable to Trinity County include but not limited to: Catastrophic Wildfire Recovery, Regional Forestland, etc.
    3. EQIP-Conservation Incentive Contract (CIC) is only available to crop land projects this fiscal year.



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4. Joint Chiefs for USDA NRCS & USFS funding ended in FY21. This concluded two back to back project cycles which initiated in FY16 & FY19. USDA along with the assistance of TCRC and other partners assisted with submitting a proposal for FY22. Unfortunately it was not selected for funding, but we can re-group with the stakeholders to see if we are still interested in re-submitting for FY23. Of 41 selected projects nationwide, projects in Del Norte and Siskiyou Counties were selected for Joint Chiefs' FY22 projects.
  5. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)-North Coast Oak Woodland Conservation Project: Project ended in FY21, however there was a one year extension granted. Signup deadline is tomorrow on 1/28 and 4/1. Call for new RCPP project proposals is due on 4/13.
  6. Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program: NRCS is currently assisting the Trinity County-DOT with removing debris flow from Coffee Creek. This was a result of the 2021 River Complex Fire and slides that resulted shortly after. Project implementation is expected to begin in early February.
  7. All programmatic information can be viewed on the [NRCS-California website](#).
  8. Our office is working on compiling NRCS funded projects related to reducing hazardous fuels on private lands for acres treated in years 2020 & 2021. Info will be provided to update the CWPP data.
- g. NCUAQMD
  - h. SPI
  - i. Southern Trinity FSC -
  - j. Tehama-Glenn FSC
  - k. Trinity Center VFD
  - l. Trinity County BOS
  - m. Trinity County Collaborative Group
  - n. Trinity County Planning
  - o. Trinity County RCD
    - i. Have a crew on working and bringing on a second crew in February and two crews in early March.
  - p. Trinity PUD
  - q. UC Cooperative Extension
  - r. USFS Shasta-Trinity NF
  - s. USFS Six-Rivers NF
    - i. USFS receiving funding based on the infrastructure bill - \$5 B for the next five years, some of this is additional hiring - USFS hiring 10 positions - Mad River is hiring a fuels and natural resources specialist (sorting out if it is fire or fuels) and hire some interns and additional folks

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- ii. Trinity County was not successful in the Joint Chief's proposal for this year. Big Flat on Gasque Ranger District was successful.
- iii. August Complex Restoration EA is hoping to have a DRAFT EA out for comment period at the end of February, sign at end of July and start implementation this fall.
- t. The Watershed Research & Training Center
  - i. Bowerman Ridge Cooperative Fuel Break Project
- u. Weaverville VFD
- v. Willow Creek FSC

Adjourn 15:15

**Next Meeting:** February 24, 2022 1pm.



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**Minutes**

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**1. Welcome & Introductions**

- a. Carol Fall - Trinity County FSC Chair and Assistant Chief of TCVFD
- b. Tom March - Cal Trans
- c. Blaze Shannon - Willow Creek FSC and Lower Trinity River PBA
- d. Jerry Cousins - TCCG
- e. TCRCD- Amelia Fleitz, Chris Cole, Denise Wesley, Bethany Llewellyn, Maya Williams, Dave Johnson
- f. Dillon Sheedy, Ellen McGehee and Qualen Earstsen - WRTC
- g. Scott Conway and Joe Flannery - Vibrant Planet
- h. Keith Green - SPI
- i. Josh Cozine - reporter from the Trinity Journal
- j. Basho Parks - Lower Trinity River Prescribed Burn Association
  - i. PBA in the Willow Creek Area and the South Fork Trinity
- k. Jill Cox - Trinity County BOS
- l. Pat Frost - TCCG
- m. Dena Magdaleno - Tsnungwe

**2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda**

**3. Presentations**

- a. LandTender - Vibrant Planet - Joe Flannery and Scott Conway
  - i. Goal is to cover the entire state - Trinity County RCD and the WRTC are working collaboratively to bring this to Trinity County across all agencies and will be hosting another meeting to discuss local participation.
  - ii. Vibrant planet is a nonprofit with a public benefit corporation component to provide the benefits needed to attached Silicon Valley level skill to this product. The Non-profit is the data commons which makes all data they process publically available.
  - iii. Joe worked for USFS prior to working with Vibrant Planet. New collaborative and groups forming for watershed management and wildfire recovery.
    1. Forestry opportunities - forest resilience, carbon sequestration, and water security. Each person cares about the design of treatments and prioritization based on the values. Can include the current project accomplishments.
    2. County Supervisor - looking for wildfire recovery, supporting the economy etc.
    3. Biologists - concerns for meadows, aspen stands, NSO, etc. Demo for Sierra Nevada yellow legged frog.

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4. Collaborative tasks - project, NEPA, defend the NEPA, funds and initial project - continue to expand throughout the watershed.
5. Input - identify all the local data - input and review from the local group - vessel to carry all the models and infiltrate these into a model from which we can make decisions. Allow us to make decisions quickly and transparently - local data sets that are crucial to the community members.
6. Allows us to quantify trade-offs with value to compare ecological and economic values against one another.
7. Expose all the values to the unplanned the disturbance to understand risk - expose to our planned disturbances. Restorative return on investment. Ecological benefit of treatment. Create and generate projects together.
8. Example from Yuba - north yuba already using this tool.
9. SARA - Strategic Area Resource .....
- a. Most landscapes have identified approximately 50 different SARAs - selected by us.
- b. Economic section - 10 resilience pillars - by USFS and Nature Conservancy - common framework for resilience
  - i. Show areas for biodiversity conservation - priority - values that you have picked out and decided on.
  - ii. Disturbance hazard we can look at all the values that are working within the model - which fire simulations are being used - run by pyrologic - you can figure you what was done under our direction.
  - iii. Drought hazard models.
  - iv. Resilience - cumulative - overlapping in the purple areas.
  - v. Expose modeled values to our exposed risk. How to mitigate the risk -
- c. Using a planning area - treatment scenarios for what she cares about why weighing objectives
  - i. BOS - fire adapted communities and economic diversity - and ecological benefit from treatment. Yellow will indicate the rough approximation for prioritization map that we could treat to restore the treatment of investment on our landscape.
    1. Optimize the scenario - real world scenario - add the number of years and funding to optimize the funding
    2. Calling on the foresters to find and design the treatment in prioritize the treatments to prioritize the return on investment on the return on investment. First time it was run it took 16 hours, software engineers got it down to 4 minutes. Spit out 3 priority projects - in order of priority - best way to spend the \$1,000,000 for the things that Supervisor cared about.

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- ii. Allows for more strategic landscape treatments rather than just treating large acres, treating priority acres.
    - 1. Aide us to treat the priority acres.
    - 2. Downyville project - total acres - gross treatment cost - value in the timber - maximizes the budget - land ownership, and likely treatments
      - a. Tracks the co-benefits
        - i. Wetland integrity failing
        - b. What capacity do we need to build to process the approximate timber value for sale.
    - 3. Multiple agencies weigh project values against one another - based on objectives different values are weighted.
  - iii. Collaborative tool - take all three scenarios - generate three scenarios lined up side by side and compared to a no action scenario!!! - shows in the resilience pillars - shows what the benefit is to landscape if nothing is done.
    - 1.
    - 2. Only treated 1 area - trends are better than doing nothing - different scenarios allows transparency and clear collaboration and communication to track the co-benefits.
    - 3. Vie the spatial comparison - see the overlap of all three projects. Preferred alternative to treat the areas that were agreed upon by the values of three different stakeholders.
  - d. Provides a platform to design the project, prioritize the funding, have a good leg on CEQA/NEPA data for analysis, develop a prioritized alternative, and utilize this information for community meetings and transparency.
    - i. Tying public dollar investments to the values on the ground.
- iv. Questions:
- 1. Once you develop a plan - what kind of buy in do you have to get the USFS to get this moving forward? How does it fit from the community input? What happen if the community disagrees with the overall planning?
    - a. Scott - We recognize that there is a lot information out there - made the CWPP a dynamic ordeal. It is decision support not decision, not to replace all the social factors, and which treatment the community is ready to accept. Helps direct land managers to where they may go next.
    - b. Regarding on the ground work - we are being useful, but not trying to replace an RPF or silvaculturalist. All USFS districts operate differently, can't be operating in silos.
    - c. Nick - USFS local is strongly interested - hope to get their buy in with \$\$ behind it, to bridge all the conversations behind the work.

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Kristen - Mad River was unavailable this time. Shasta-Trinity NF signed the letter of support for the Upper Trinity River Watershed planning.

2. Jerry - Thank you! Happy to see those working to connect. How much does it cost? Annual fees, etc.
  - a. Proposal sent to Nick for the Trinity Upper Watershed and Trinity County RCD - Generally price on par for a consultant to do the work and support it over time. Consulting - how complex the area is and how good the data is. And the licensing side is an annual license. Hand holding - not is here is the software and instruction model and we invest a lot of support.
  - b. Nick looked for the Upper Trinity River Watershed and Amelia is looking for the Whole County. The proposal is a five-year license with the consulting support and 30 user licenses to place throughout the organization and agencies to pilot it, but there is a front end side that any stakeholder side could bring forward. Significant overlap with savings from both landscapes. If we are successful with the Upper Trinity Watershed Project funds we would be able to find funds for the whole thing. From a cost standpoint it is competitive with a high end GIS support.
3. Carol - Trinity County Collaborative came up with the Pilot project many years ago - and just finally working out of NEPA now - started in 2015.
4. Pat - liked the 10 pillars of fire resilience and biodiversity, for the Pilot project, we couldn't come to agreement the priority. But we hit the pitfalls - may have the greatest area to do a project, but has the highest NSO, 2:1 slopes and DG, and critical anadromous fish habitat.
  - a. ROI calculation comes into place - measuring avoided loss and treatment loss of this outcome.
  - b. Chaparral next to multi-million dollar homes, but the ROI would drive treatment next to the house. Unbiased negative and positive effect.
  - c. You can quantify the negative, but does this protect the loss.
5. How to we avoid the regulatory pit falls?
  - a. When NEPA/CEQA compliance shuts the project down - produce and measure the negative effects. High political risk - shows the risk. 6 nest sites in a sensitive watershed-
  - b. Nick states that you can set the sensitivity threshold for what is allowable or not for suitable habitat.
  - c. Could help to make the regulatory agency see how take or decrease in suitability in one area helps protect the other sites.
6. Other buy ins from CDFW and Fish people - no buy in from other agencies yet. Need to work with Fish people.
  - a. Land Tender interested in working with CDFW-who we extend the licenses to and how to utilize the project. Instead of keeping folks in the dark, include them on the front end a way to create the scenario and see the transparency.

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7. TCCG - begging agencies to come to the table at the front end and it has not happened. Many times it's a capacity issue. Always a reason for lack of participation.
8. Jill - When you have a tool like this which can project negative effects of any fire starting, what is the opportunity for new conversations with the USFS and the insurance rates and cascade of negative effects because we have allowed these things to happen. What are we truly willing to give up based on the past decisions? Does this tool help to lead to those kinds of conversations?
  - a. This is where the project value is. LandTender great planning and communication tool - what you can see you can track the co-benefits to biodiversity or to carbon or water supply, we see those open additional funding mechanisms. You can see how there are co-benefits - unlock a wider breadth of funding sources as we move forward. Not all competing over the same block grants to arrive only at a legislative body. Only few folks contributing to the health of the forest, but many people benefit.
9. Keith - where did you get your data for Downyville - you have to have people - the TCCG have interested people only has influence projects for federal land, how to incorporate other landowners? How does that fit into the prioritization, if you don't have control over the landscape?
  - a. At the mercy of the folks willing to provide the information, we have had situations in other landscapes where SPI has provided information and others have not. If there is an important stand of trees or a local item that needs protection - that needs to be tailored into the system and the values when working with the local data managers. Good data in and good data out.
  - b. [joe@vibrantplanet.net](mailto:joe@vibrantplanet.net)

#### 4. Discussions

- a. Caltrans - SR 299 (Mile Marker 64-70 Project) - Tom March
  - i. Caltrans planning has a roadwork maintenance project 2026-2027 and wanted to through in the fuel maintenance work for the environmental planning.
  - ii. Environmental study and the implementation both need funding, but right now just working on the planning. Tom wants to know what scope and outcomes we would want to seek.
  - iii. Near Trinity Dam BLVD near Lewiston, and the right of way changes every ¼- 1/2 mile. There is multiple landownership in this area. Looking for prescription and the consensus for the roadwork to avoid the sensitive sites, there is a known spotted owl and a water shed in this area. Keep low hanging fruit, more complicated more expensive per acre.
  - iv. What prescription has worked? Have there been an fires that have gone through prescriptions did the work well? Did they hold up? What kind of spacing and basal area should we be looking for? Approve trees directly from the traveled way - the white line. Susanville went from 30ft to 50ft off of the white line. No trees within 50 ft of the white line. Community was supportive to see that outcome.

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- v. Caltrans doesn't have their own prescription? Tom is looking for community input. Could be too aggressive. Provided the gap and thinned the trees. Thirty to 50 ft of all type of vegetation.
  - vi. Manipulate the vegetation for perineal grass and prevent the annuals, would you mow it or spray it? - Spray it in Susanville.
  - vii. Pat - hard to determine what to do.
  - viii. Only example SR 3 - North out of Weaverville - Browns Shaded Fuel Break along SR 3 - just above the s curves, musser hill up to rush creek rd. - Done in 2004 or 5 with RAC funding and the RX was anything less than six inches was taken out. Does that make sense to you guys? Has not had a lot of regrowth - still 100% crown closure in most areas. Bigger differences on this stretch of 299 - DG has more concerns with erosion and Carol believes there are cannabis grows in there that are using the trees as their screening. Tom hears that aesthetic value for screening.
  - ix. Amelia will send Tom - examples of existing treatments and additional materials in the area.
- b. USFS 10 Year Strategy to Confront the Wildfire Crisis (Available at the bottom of the newsletter). If you would like to be added to the newsletter please contact [afleitz@tcrd.net](mailto:afleitz@tcrd.net).
- i. There are two priority zones identified for Trinity County the Weaverville and Lewiston Project and the Willow Creek area.

## 5. Grants

- a. Letter of Support for Trinity County RCD to apply in the name of the Trinity County Fire Safe Council for PGE - Downriver Storm Clean-Up Funds
  - i. Similar project to what we have done in the past - targeted Suzy Q and Trinity Village and the recent storm negated the work that was previously done. TCRCD is asking for \$100,000 but would likely get funded for less. Applying for South Fork, Campbell Ridge Rd, Trinity Village, Suzy Q and other areas down river with fuel reduction and chipping.
  - ii. Do you recommend the same be done in the Humboldt County side be mirroring what the Trinity County RCD is doing in the Willow Creek FSC side of things?
  - iii. Dena would be happy to work with Tnsunwea Tribe to send a letter of support as well?
- ~~b. Letter of Support for USFS Shasta-Trinity NF for CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant for August Complex Restoration Work.~~

## 6. Project Updates

- a. BLM - absent
- b. CAL FIRE - absent
- c. Caltrans - Tom
  - i. Next month starting hazard tree removal in Southern Trinity with USFS and cut leave on site. SR 3 and 36.
  - ii. Fuels work dependent on CAL FIRE inmate crews and all the routine mowing and mechanical will get started.
- d. Hyampom FSC
- e. Lower Trinity River PBA - Basho Parks



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- i. Moving forward with office space in down town Willow Creek - received \$35K from Humboldt Bay Area Foundation.
- ii. Membership drive on March 13<sup>th</sup> following a Saturday Chainsaw Club meeting facilitation.
- iii. March 7<sup>th</sup> co-sponsoring with Dreamquest - Zone Haven request. Ryan Derby from Humboldt OES. Starts the conversation for CERT Team in the Willow Creek area.
  - 1. Basho - invites reps to attend and provides zoom access too. Have you talked to Jeremy?
- iv. Denise has had many talks with other districts - some people are willing to present to us for how it works- Shasta, Siskiyou, Humboldt, and Tehama is working on it.
  - 1. Suzi is working on the county collaborative group. Look into reaching out to her.
  - 2. When working across County Boundaries it is harder to communicate across boundary lines.
- v. Evacuation and planning zones will come back next month.
- f. NRCS
- g. NCUAQMD
- h. SPI - Keith Greenwood
  - i. Planning and planning tools - getting through the process for project approval and for implementation is a major sticking point. We have the project idea and most everyone wants to do it and it is hard to get through. SPI has been focused on coordination and working on fuel break construction with the neighbors. You will achieve different directives with different objectives and with different widths. With the width you may only be able to stop a fire from the road, but you may be able to look at tackling other objectives. Some places only ground fuels, others ground and brush, others canopy is being treated to develop fuel breaks to protect others from us and us from others. May hear machines up on ridgetops for where we are working.
- i. Southern Trinity FSC
- j. Tehama-Glenn FSC
- k. Trinity Center VFD - Carol Fall
  - i. A homeowner's association asked about AB-38 mandatory CALFIRE defense inspections. HOA is doing long range planning and accommodate those who wants to know who else is getting this issue?
    - 1. Amelia stated she gets inquiries as to if she does them, and she says no.
    - 2. Buyer agrees to get the work done within a year.
      - a. A lot of defensible space work to sell the house.
    - 3. Dena - many people are losing their insurance, the CALFIRE standards is what the insurance companies are using to drop the residents. It is hard to get the local people down river into compliance because of the storm clean-up.
      - a. Look up the 1 year ruling for insurance to continue after natural disasters. Look at the California Insurance Commissioner's website.
- l. Trinity County BOS - No update

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- m. Trinity County Collaborative Group - hasn't met since the last FSC meeting - next March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- n. Trinity County Planning
- o. Trinity County RCD
  - i. Amelia -
  - ii. Chris - brought on one other forest health crew and on starting March 1<sup>st</sup> - mostly working in the Weaver Basin - cut around 30 acres.
  - iii. Assisted the USFS in their burns. 30-56 acres. Currently working in the rush creek area.
  - iv. Please send your treated areas form 2020 and 2021 to Denise and your planning area.
- p. Trinity PUD
- q. UC Cooperative Extension
- r. USFS Shasta-Trinity NF
- s. USFS Six-Rivers NF
- t. The Watershed Research & Training Center
  - i. Crews laid off, looking to start in March and bring on forestry, wildfire, and botany crews to work with the USFS in the next month.
  - ii. Bowerman Ridge - plan to work on projects once the snow melts. Carol wants to know which parts are in the fuel break project vs the Trinity Camps.
- u. Weaverville VFD
- v. Willow Creek FSC - Blaze
  - i. Work to develop a Coordinator for the Willow Creek FSC
  - ii. Still trying to work on removing the hazard trees over driveways etc, this smaller snow storm there was a fear that more trees would fall.
    - 1. CAL FIRE letter of support for the Willow Creek FSC.
    - 2. Corn beef and cabbage dinner March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- w. Tsnungwe Tribe - Dena
  - i. Giving feedback to Trinity County, Humboldt County, the Heritage commission, USFS, weigh in.
  - ii. Federal project for road repairs to Denny.
  - iii. Area from Berry Summit to Cedar Flat - for cultural resources, refer them to the local tribe. Nor Rel Muk Wintu should be consulted for the Caltrans Project, may be some sensitive sites in there.
  - iv. Working to get rid of all the downed trees and brush. Thankful for PGE and Rite and TCRC and Willow Creek FSC for the Chipping and Trinity County Rds. Bus can reach Trinity Village again. Happy to hear the PGE grant is moving forward.
  - v. Any updates for the Ironside lookout- in contact with the Shasta-Trinity NF with Matt Padilla for communication towers - for the Burnt Ranch School ready for it to go in then the mountain burned and for emergency communication tower to go in. Nothing happening right now because there is snow on the mountain and it may be a complex problem.
- x. California Fire Safe Council - Pat Frost
  - i. 2022 SRA grant application process is opening up - if you want information go to CFSC website. Federal money to do defensible space and shaded fuel breaks.

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Amelia will be absent next month, Maya will help run the meeting and Amelia

Meeting Adjourned at 3:17PM

**Next Meeting:** March 24, 2022 1pm.



## Trinity County Fire Safe Council Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2022, 1:00pm

Zoom Call or in person

Trinity County RCD Conference Room  
30 Horseshoe Lane, Weaverville, CA



## Minutes

Teleconferencing available through: +1-669-900-9128, Meeting ID: 828 328 725#

No participant IDs required; press # to access the call. Password is 123456

Videoconferencing available through:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/828328725?pwd=a05MeVZNMkxoUmNyVGI4K2VjUjcwZz09>

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Carol Fall - Trinity County FSC Chair and Assistant Chief of TCVFD
- b. TCRCD - Maya Williams, Chris Cole, Denise Wesley, Dave Johnson, Marla Walters,
- c. Bryan Ward - Trinity County Sherriff's Department
- d. Jill Cox - Trinity County BOS
- e. NRCS - Tiffany Perez and Erin Taylor
  - i. Erin notes that she is ending her time in Trinity County and will be acting District Conservationist in Humboldt and Del Norte for next 120 days
- f. USFS - Tim Ritchey (Fuels Battalion Weaverville USFS), Chris Woodman (Detail Fuels Technician Weaverville USFS)
- g. Basho Parks and Blaze Shannon - LTRPBA, WCFSC, 6 rivers NF
- h. Debra Harris- NCUAMD (arrived late)
- i. Pat Frost- TCCG etc. (arrived late)

### 2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

### 3. Presentations

- a. Evacuation Zones - Bryan Ward - Trinity County Sherriff's Department
  - i. CAL FIRE and USFS incident management have requested zones for organized warnings, evacs, repopulation
    1. Most counties have this in place
  - ii. SAR has been using sartopo (free)
    1. <https://sartopo.com/m/HVRM>
    2. Individuals can use this
    3. SAR has a team account enabling sharing
  - iii. Butte county uses this and helped break Trinity County into zones
  - iv. SAR and TCRCD are working on making maps based on these zones, distributing maps and educating public
  - v. Working on utilizing Code Red within zones
    1. Zones will be preloaded in Code Red so dispatchers don't need to build map themselves
  - vi. Sartopo can be used to create maps with QR codes built in
    1. Hope to integrate linked maps into Code Red for residents to visualize zones

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- vii. Bryan shouts out Steve Renton for work on this, technical knowledge of sartopo
- viii. Sartopo allows for real-time modifications when updates are necessary
  - 1. While zones should be kept consistent, this allows zones to be subdivided in real time when conditions differ
- ix. Carol: other counties are adopting Zone Haven, will we be sticking with Code Red?
  - 1. Jill: Zone Haven is expensive
  - 2. Bryan: Agrees with Jill- Zone Haven is expensive with up front and annual fees, not in County Budget. This is a low cost option
- x. Carol: Do any zones interact with adjacent counties or go to county boundary?
  - 1. Bryan: should just go to county line- he cannot issue orders in neighboring counties
- xi. Denise: any feedback on Zone map and how boundaries are drawn?
  - 1. Chris: how were current zones defined?
  - 2. Bryan: Geographical/man-made features (ridgelines, creeks, roadways)
  - 3. Carol: Would people be in different zones from neighbors across the street?
  - 4. Bryan: We tried to avoid this but it's possible
  - 5. Carol: how can people view maps to give feedback?
    - a. Denise: Maps were sent out on Google Drive- you can mark them up with any feedback and send to TCRC
- xii. Denise: we can put these boundaries in a shared evacuation layer and share with neighboring counties
- xiii. Carol: Do we have the ability to modify zones in the future if they aren't working?
  - 1. Bryan: yes- doing it in house like this means we can modify without extra cost
- xiv. Carol: when will these be in Code Red?
  - 1. Bryan: still working with Steve but it should start soon. Will have better timeline once they start working with Code Red.
- xv. Carol: Hopes to have maps to disseminate in May at wildfire preparedness day
- xvi. Tim: Can you clarify colors on map?
  - 1. Denise: these are from previous fire seasons- red=evac yellow=warning green=all clear
- xvii. Bryan: a phone map is also available with overlays such as active fires, fire history, wind. He thinks this interface is better than inciweb and updates just as fast. Very user friendly

#### **4. Discussions**

#### **5. Grants**

- a. Letter of Support for Trinity County RCD to apply to the CAL FIRE Block Grant for funding for the Emergency Forestry Restoration Team - Presentation on the EFRT by Chris Cole
  - i. The EFRT was piloted after Caldor and Dixie fires. Goal is to get together qualified personnel after a disaster to dispose of large woody debris through salvage logging before they lose commercial value. Team and funding would be prepared prior to the disaster to enable quicker responses than are currently

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possible. Would also fund conservation planners to support reforestation and recovery programs and get landowners into recovery programs. Would subsidize cost and timber funds would go back into restoration funds.

- ii. Jill: Environmental compliance?
  - 1. Chris: All private land- needs CEQA but there are many disaster exemptions. Does require an RPF- WRTC has an RPF, and we could potentially contract others
- iii. Jill: funding would be utilized if needed and held over if no disaster occurs?
  - 1. Chris: grant still has a term- could use some of it for River Complex, likely it will be needed for other fires
- iv. Carol: with no concerns or objections TCFSC will send letter.
- b. Letter of Support for Trinity County RCD to apply to California Fire Safe Council for funds to complete the 2025 CWPP Update in 2023-2024.
  - i. TCRCRD has been doing CWPP, this is a grant to fund the 2025 update
  - ii. Carol: Any concerns?
  - iii. Carol and Chris confirm that more updates are needed for downriver (title 3 funding) and Southern Trinity (USFS funding)
  - iv. Pat: please include last year's fires in this planning- request to get these on the maps
- c. Letter of Support Template Approval for Trinity Center VFD/CSD and Hayfork Fire to apply for the Fire Risk Reduction Communities List utilizing the Trinity County CWPP
  - i. CAL FIRE maintains a list of Fire Risk Reduction Communities who are actively trying to reduce fire risk in community; must apply to CAL FIRE. This increases priority in grant applications. Hayfork FPD and Trinity Center CSD are trying to get this designation. They must be firewise communities (we have 13 in the county) and active CWPP participants. Requested letter would confirm that communities are active in CWPP planning.
    - 1. Pat: who else could qualify for this?
      - a. Carol: Weaverville, Lewiston CSD, county as a whole. Amelia has sent this to agencies. Application due April 1.
      - b. Jill: Suggests more pressure should be applied to county to go for this
      - c. Carol: requirements are slightly more complex for county
      - d. Jill: will look over it
      - e. Carol: with no concerns from council, letters will be sent.
- d. Carol: any other grants? CAL FIRE rural fire capacity grants are due May 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. Debra: Grant program for developing clean air shelters for communities. She offers to look for more info.
    - 1. Carol asks that information be sent to Amelia for newsletter, to Ed Presley at county OES
      - a. Debra expects they have received this info, says she knows Humboldt county and coastal tribes are applying

## 6. Project Updates

- a. BLM - absent
- b. CAL FIRE - absent
- c. Caltrans - absent
- d. Hyampom FSC - absent

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- e. Lower Trinity River PBA
  - i. Directors nominated 9 directors to board
  - ii. Consensus voted to delay burns until fall due to environmental conditions
    - 1. Will be focusing on pre-treatments, burn plans, maps (acquiring ArcGIS)
- f. NRCS
  - i. Erin is leaving her position tomorrow to be acting DC in Humboldt
  - ii. The detail DC starts Monday, her name is Taylor Fredrich. Erin is leaving information for Taylor to attend FSC meetings.
    - 1. Detail is for 120 days or until position is filled
    - 2. Erin looks forward to continuing to work with us from her new position, especially the WCFSC
    - 3. Next EQIP sign-up deadline is April 1, anything after that will be for FY '23
    - 4. NRCS California is receiving many applications statewide due to wildfires- lots of competition for funding
    - 5. Conservation Stewardship Program application deadline is April 15
    - 6. She hopes future funding can be secured by submitting additional Joint Chiefs proposals: this significantly reduced competition for Trinity County applicants, allowing them to compete mostly among themselves instead of on a statewide/regional scale
- g. Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation - absent
- h. NCUAQMD
  - i. Making pre-wildfire-season outreach plan
  - ii. Continuing to work on smoke management; this has slowed due to dry conditions
- i. SPI - absent
- j. Southern Trinity FSC -absent
- k. Tehama-Glenn FSC -absent
- l. Trinity Center VFD -no updates
- m. Trinity County BOS -no updates
- n. Trinity County Collaborative Group
  - i. Most recent meeting was last week, working on resetting relationships with new USFS leadership
  - ii. Planning a field trip focused on slash cleanup in Westside Plantations
  - iii. A second field trip to portions of Pilot Project due to upcoming decision
    - 1. Will be discussing details of prescription to ensure everyone is on the same page
  - iv. USFS should have good money coming in from the infrastructure bill
- o. Trinity County Planning/DOT -absent
- p. Trinity County RCD
  - i. Forest health: four crews running
    - 1. Manual fuels reduction in Lewiston on BLM land, BLM funding
    - 2. Working behind Mormon church in Weaverville with CAL FIRE funding - finished grant from 2017
    - 3. Most crew time in Reading Indian Creek on BLM land with CAL FIRE forest health funding, goal is 50 acres, about 15 completed

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4. 8 crew members through Basic 32 to get red cards this week, 5 through RT-130
  - a. Almost entire staff is red-carded, the rest should complete training later this spring
  - b. Several went through firefighter type 1 training to be squad leaders
5. Contracting watershed center masticator in Reading Indian Creek area (30 acres), Lewiston (25 acres)
6. Chris has started conversations with USFS regarding expanding TCRCO program into more technical forestry services such as layout
  - a. Jill asks who Chris's point of contact is
    - i. Chris- Kelly McElroy
    - ii. Tim: she's an ecosystems staff officer, equivalent to Tara at SO level
7. Carol: are community chipping days scheduled in May?
  - a. They have been scheduled but Chris doesn't have schedule with him; they will be posted publicly. Pat reiterates that advance notice will be key
  - b. Chris states that Tuesdays in May are the tentative plan
  - c. Carol: will title 3 funding expand chipping days?
    - i. Chris: funding likely won't be available yet but will go to this in future
    - ii. Pat: Also RAC title 2 chipping funding
    - iii. Chris: If none of that has come through we have CAL FIRE funding as well
    - iv. Carol: Areas needing chipping should let Chris know
      1. Chris: downriver has had some chipping and is on the schedule
8. Dena: There was a Salyer community meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Amelia presented that 91 acres of fuels were reduced and had a volunteer hour total- how was this calculated? How much does a day cost the TCRCO
  - a. Chris: when landowners request chipping they self report hours and acreage on their parts. We assume \$25 hourly match for a landowner to do that work; our cost was not in those numbers
  - b. Pat: Dept. of labor statistics gives values to different types of volunteer work for match etc
  - c. Dena: chipping on South Fork Road has been documented in several ways. She clarifies: #volunteers x hours x wage from dept of labor statistics is how this is calculated?
    - i. Carol confirms: wages are available online, easy enough to calculate
    - ii. Dena: accounting for volunteer hours is a challenge for grant reporting for them



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- iii. Chris emphasizes the importance of clear documentation of volunteer effort
- iv. Dena asks how much the RCD spent downriver
  - 1. Chris says he could provide these costs to Dena if she reaches out to him directly
- q. Trinity PUD -absent
- r. Tsnungwe Tribe
  - i. Nothing on Ironside currently: snowy, awaiting USFS meeting
  - ii. The tribe is navigating how to have a voice in organizations such as the PBA and FSC. She requests active inclusion in planning for the tribe.
    - 1. Carol affirms her appreciation for Dena's presence
- s. UC Cooperative Extension -absent
- t. USFS Shasta-Trinity NF
  - i. Tim acknowledges that he has been absent from several meetings
  - ii. Will be attending upcoming POD (potential operational delineation) workshop with North Coast Resource Partnership on April 5. Spatial analysis was improved greatly since previous analyses and this workshop should assist in focusing fuels reduction and fire suppression efforts
  - iii. Local fire agreements with VFDs should be coming up soon leading into this fire season
    - 1. Should be taking local work more into consideration
  - iv. RAC title II: Tim is working on chipping grant, waiting for Chris for Guy Covington info
  - v. Bowerman: watershed center is doing some good surveying. This will align with an NRA project called Trinity Camps that should address fuels around Trinity NRA campgrounds, starting at Stoney Point and including work around Ridgeville. Draft project initiation and field trip for this are upcoming. Fires escaping from campgrounds is a big concern in this area that this work should address
  - vi. Pettijohn: Starting to look at fuels side, starting with a fuel break in Lewiston from new bridge to the heli base turn-in (~166 acres). Work should start on this mid-June.
  - vii. WCF: 180 acres were masticated or burned this winter. More mastication hopeful this year awaiting heritage info. Final 5-6 acres of pile burning above hwy 299 should occur soon. When wildlife finishes surveys work will resume on Glennison Gap and Low Gap.
  - viii. Barney fire: was not associated with pile burning but is under investigation. Was likely burning for a week before it was called in. 31 acre total size.
  - ix. USFS is staffing an engine 7 days a week due to dry conditions
  - x. Pat: what is the status of community forest maintenance phase II?
    - 1. Tim: should be signed this fall, Arc surveys need to be finished
    - 2. Tim will request small revisions to include more mastication due to conditions in the field
  - xi. Infrastructure funding and disaster recovery funding: this is rumored but not in hand yet- planning to use this funding if it comes.
    - 1. Looking at ~300 miles of road maintenance in Monument/River complex burn scars: culverts, fuel reduction, hazard tree removal

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2. \$20 million is the quantity “thrown around”
- xii. Dena: Grays Creek and Hennessy were closed during the Monument Fire; these are escape routes for people on Burnt Ranch, South Fork. Have these roads been worked on/looked at?
  1. Tim: these roads are on SFMU. TRMU provided a chipper out there but most work will fall on SFMU. Emergency funding is focused on fire area but not storm damage
  2. Dena asks about areas near Burnt Ranch that are on TRMU; will work be done other than roadside chipping?
  3. Tim: Burnt Ranch project is in planning; immediate work will be mostly chipping outside of fire area
- xiii. Tim: due to staffing issues, only 4 of 6 engines will likely be staffed this year. He says this is tough but it means work will be limited.
  1. Dena: is any money in annual budget for Ironside?
  2. Tim hasn't been in these conversations- he just knows about a radio receiver and some post-fire cleanup
  3. Dena: the tribe is often asked about Ironside but wants to be clear that control is with the USFS and the tribe cannot do anything about it. The tribe has not been contacted or informed of what's happening in this area.
  4. Tim: Apologizes; this information is not coming to him either.
  5. Carol: Hopefully people at a higher pay grade than the TCFSC will communicate with the tribe
- xiv. Jill: is the currently staffed engine based in Weaverville?
  1. Tim: Weaverville or Mule Creek is staffed mon-thurs; Big Bar is staffed thurs-sun; they can move based on need
  2. The four staffed for the season will *likely* be Burnt Ranch, Big Bar, Weaverville, and Mule Creek or Coffee Creek. These will move based on threats. Big Bar is low risk, while Junction City and south of Coffee Creek are greater concerns. Next hiring round may bring in folks for one more engine, but they lost two engine captains and some other staff. Modoc is even worse, may only be staffing 6 on the whole *forest*.
- xv. Fuels planner was approved to fill at a developmental level with someone with the degree that can grow into the position. Hope to have someone by fall
- xvi. Jill: local agreements with fire departments- what seats at the table are available to re-engage with that discussion?
  1. Carol: Trinity center VFD and chiefs association had contacted legislatures with concern about cooperative agreements. Carol talked to Alex McBath who talked to Forest Supervisor; supervisor asked Carol and Marty Mather if they would go back to 4-hour initial attack with work reimbursable after four hours. Carol agreed to return to initial agreement. Letter confirming this from Washington was requested. If this is approved the matter will move back to where we were last year.
- xvii. Pat: Could RCD funding fill in private land on the Pettijohn fuel break.
  1. Gaps are the marina and another well-cleaned-up area, so private land isn't a big concern.
- xviii. Carol: will more burning occur in the Ballpark?

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1. Tim: if there's no more precipitation this might be a bad idea. Burning is planned here but may not happen this year due to risk of mortality with current conditions.
- xix. Carol: what about Guy Covington road to Bowerman boat ramps? Tara said brushing would occur along road, what's the status on this?
  1. Recreation is supposed to do this- won't be done on time (end of March) because the machinery has been tied up doing campground cleanup in Forest Glen and staffing is so tight
  2. Carol: let Tara know this will come up in coming community meeting
- xx. Carol: What's the status of the Guy Covington RAC proposal?
  1. Chris: Tara raised issues; Chris addressed them; proposal has been held up somewhere.
  2. Tim: last I heard we were waiting on RCD revisions. Tim is working on chipping grant.
- xxi. Debra: what burning do you see happening upcoming?
  1. Tim: permanent seasonals will be coming on in the next few weeks and they may tackle some smaller units- this depends on upcoming rain
  2. Debra plans to be on vacation in early June, expects suspension will be in by that time
  3. Time clarifies that CAL FIRE burn ban doesn't apply to USFS, if conditions are right they may attempt early June burning.
- u. USFS Six-Rivers NF - absent
- v. The Watershed Research & Training Center - absent
  - i. Dillon will be there until the end of April, but is taking the next two weeks off
- w. Trinity County FSC via Maya:
  - i. Local area advisor and Neighborhood ambassador programs will be advertised beginning next week in the newspaper
  - ii. Community meeting in Salyer went well, good turnout from WCFSC
  - iii. April: community meeting in Junction City and Downriver. Scheduling meetings for Hawkin's Bar and Burnt Ranch
  - iv. Amelia is working on CAL FIRE and CFSC grant applications
  - v. Wildfire Preparedness Day planning is underway: RSVP to have a booth or presentation by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - vi. Presentation of firewise community certificates to VFDs will occur at that event
  - vii. Amelia and Maya are both attending Fire Safe Council related trainings/conferences upcoming
  - viii. Amelia is working with Humboldt County and Willow Creek FSC on storm cleanup funding, youth programs, and connecting with conservation corps crews.
  - ix. Hazard mitigation plan: working with Ed Presley, will be advertising survey next month and collecting info at community meetings
  - x. Evacuation maps are ready for review and will be at the Chief's meeting next month and sent to chiefs via email
  - xi. Remember to submit data for completed CWPP projects to Denise so report can be released in May
- x. Weaverville VFD

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- y. Willow Creek FSC
  - i. Increased chipper program (240 hrs volunteer work on South Fork Mountain this week)
  - ii. Will be electing director in upcoming management meeting
  - iii. Waiting on CAL FIRE emergency funds
  - iv. Carol: any updates from planning with Humboldt County?
    - 1. Blaze: planning meeting on 3/22 got everyone acquainted, no clear plans yet. Cybelle submitted grant on their behalf to CAL FIRE to create a coordinator position for WCFSC, do some additional cleanup from winter storms

Pat: reminder that USFS community meetings are coming up the first week of April. This is an important chance to get facetime with the Ranger.

**Next Meeting:** April 28, 2022 1pm.



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Thursday, April 28, 2022, 1:00pm

Zoom Call or in Person

TCRCD Conference Room at

30 Horse Shoe Lane

Weaverville, CA



### Agenda

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#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Trinity County RCD - Amelia Fleitz, Marla Walters, Chris Cole, Bethany Llewellyn (Grizzly Corps), Kelly Sheen
- b. Trinity Center VFD- Carol Fall FSC chair
- c. Trinity County Board of Supervisor - Jill Cox
- d. Kenneth Baldwin - RPF
- e. WRTC - Randi Paris and Dillon Sheedy
- f. Larry Glass - SAFE - Safe Alternatives for Forest Environment
- g. CALFIRE Shasta-Trinity Unit- David Jaramillo (Risk Management Program), Nick Ciaponni (local unit Battalion Chief), and Aaron Hathaway (Fuels Abatement and Mapping)
- h. Trinity County Collaborative Group - Jerry Cousins and Pat Frost
- i. Ric Leutwyler - Volunteer - BOS Candidate - Interested party
- j. NRCS - Taylor Fridrich
- k. SPO - Mike Aronson

#### 2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

- a. Add: FSC coordinator's report update on last month for this month and carrying forward (move these items from discussions)

#### 3. Presentations

#### 4. Discussions

- a. Wildfire Preparedness Day and other Wildfire Preparedness Events- Amelia
  - i. May 7<sup>th</sup> is the fair: Schneider highland meadows from 10am-2pm
    1. May is wildfire awareness month; first week of May is California wildfire awareness week
    2. First year hosting in Weaverville. Planning to move to Hayfork next year and either alternate or keep moving around. 14 booths scheduled so far.
    3. Current schedule:
      - a. 10am Firewise Awareness Presentations
      - b. 10:15 / 10:30 Neighborhood Ambassadors
      - c. 11am Landowner Resources - NRCS - EQIP (Tiffany)
      - d. 11:15 - Firewise Landscaping - Master Gardeners (Carol)
      - e. 11:30 Air quality index and smoke management plans - NCUAQMD

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- f. Openings at 10:45 and 11:45
- g. Noon hour - needs to be filled with resources
- h. Door prizes at noon and 2 (smoke alarms, fire extinguishers)
- i. Possible addition: CFIP from CalFire since we're talking about EQUIP (Shane in Redding does this)
- j. Dave Jaramillo: could probably present on this, will talk to Shane
4. Possible addition: Defensible Space - Home Hardening - Aaron trying to get someone to come on these 2 topics. Change in their program: adding 0-5 to the 5-30 and 30-100
  - a. Foam - Fire-resistant vents - New approved decking - CalFire to cover
5. 1pm Kid's hour with local book about firefighters; fire extinguisher practice; kids games
6. Whiskeytown will run junior ranger program- about 45 minutes, not yet scheduled
  - a. Carol: Could Ivan or Ivan book attend?
  - b. Amelia: Have not yet; USFS has been unresponsive. No response to requests about Smokey, other participation Qs.
7. Calendar update: hoping to get 12 Ivan cartoons for the Trinity County Fire Safe Council 2023 calendar
8. Additional presenter ideas?
  - a. Insurance: state farm is not available
    - i. Pat: what about Trinity Insurance; Amelia will contact
    - b. Carol: what about home hardening vendors, home hardening info (vents, foam, etc)
      - i. Cal fire will bring
  - ii. Fire safe home demonstration day in Trinity Center: booths from RCD and TCFSC, others. May 14<sup>th</sup> 10-12.
    1. Also walk across the street from Fire Hall is Oddfellows Hall - Replace the current vents with the fire-resistant foundation vents and put a 3-5' non-combustible zone around the foundation.
    2. 2 home hardening model residences available for folks to visit
  - iii. May 14<sup>th</sup> in Willow Creek - community meeting through WCFSC, LTPBA in afternoon
  - iv. May 21<sup>st</sup> - WCFSC FireWise and Youth Education Day - at Veterans' Park
  - v. May 16<sup>th</sup> - Community Meeting in Coffee Creek. Asking for an update from the County on stages of cleanup. Amelia invited TC Dept Heads to share.
  - vi. Times for all in email flyer
- b. Local Area Advisors and Neighborhood Ambassadors Program
  - i. First review of applicants April 30
    1. Reviews will continue quarterly for additional applicants
  - ii. Flyers for both programs are available electronically or physically
  - iii. Orientation for both programs is in development
    1. ICS200, L180
    2. Will have meeting with OES, Amelia, LAA
    3. Neighborhood ambassadors will be in house training- mostly outreach
    4. Kenneth: are these programs open for a smaller or decentralized community like Indian Creek drainage?

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- a. Amelia: yes! Apply with an “other” community and write in who you would like to represent
5. Hopefully LAA will help bridge issues with IMTs and communities
6. Carol: PODS mapping- a complaint is that IMTs don’t incorporate local information. PODS had not included CWPP projects
  - a. Amelia hopes to use LAAs and advocate for the importance of their data
- c. Common themes from USFS Community Meetings
  - i. Lack of response on initial attack, lack of resources
    1. People will watch one tree burn and not get a forest service response, causing fires to grow
  - ii. Hayfork & Hyampom signed Local Mutual Aid Agreement - 4-hr initial attack with no reimbursement (paid after 4 hours). Question as to whether DC or anyone else has signed.
  - iii. Carol: TC had written a letter to politicians - Huffman, Vilsac and Moore- expressing concern about lack of reimbursement to time of initial attack. The STNF understands the concern - that TC is mostly national forest with all volunteer depts and little money - a lot of pressure to put on local VFD’s to respond to the bulk of the County. Rachel gets it; she wrote a letter asking a request for a waiver to the national office. Yesterday, she is still trying to get an answer, hopefully before the Chief’s meeting on Monday. Jerome Perez, fire director for National FS, saying as far as they are concerned, 12 hours with no reimbursement is the national standard. For CalFire, it means a lot of local VFD’s many will not sign local USFS Coop assignment. Instead they will hope CalFire will order them to respond: It’s 2 hours reimbursable.
  - iv. Nick hopes to be able to mobilize VFDs where possible, but can’t usually order to FRA fires. He’s working to get contracts in place to streamline this.
  - v. Coffee Creek: IMTs actions caused a lot of anger, expressed to Tara during community meeting.
    1. Amelia: Hayfork was also unhappy with quality and rotation of teams.
    2. Ric: Is additional healing/closure required as a follow up from this meeting?
      - a. Carol: there’s nobody to complain to at USFS
      - b. Pat: The problem is the complete isolation of the different silos in the FS. They’re independently run from the upper level management. You almost need an independent review/investigation. There’s not yet been any review from the Washington office. IMTs are also independent from each other.
      - c. Jill: is working with Tara and Rachel. There is a disconnect between local management and the IMTs. Plus, transitioning every two weeks means a lot of housekeeping, getting folks up to date.
      - d. Pat: River was also a Klamath-Forest-led effort, even though it was burning into shasta T
        - i. Amelia: same with August, led by Mendocino NF
      - e. Larry: the trajectory is bad; no learning from mistakes during August complex
      - f. Carol: having LAAs, evac maps, etc will help

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- i. Kenneth: will they listen?
  - ii. Carol: Sometimes they have listened to me; others haven't
  - iii. Jerry: History goes back to SIMS fire in Hyampom and not listening to the local people who know the environment. The overarching problem is afternoon backburns when the winds come up (Amelia agrees).
  - iv. Carol: they don't even listen to CAL FIRE
3. Main take-away to express to Rachel: IMTs need to listen to local sources
- d. Evacuation Zones/Routes Update- Amelia
- i. Evacuation Zones: Kelly is looking at zones prepared by Butte County. The final will be ready for public review on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Drafting the evac zone flyer - brochure. Printed and mailing June 1<sup>st</sup>. Will also include go bags with go-bag lists for humans and people. 1,000 of each version of go bags have been ordered.
  - ii. Routes are already identified, they're buried in County archives. Metal/plasma-engraved printed sign next to Wiley's Grocery Store showing evac routes is desired. Proposed to also work with HES to use their plasma cutter. No funding yet but this is possible
  - iii. Carol: Evac routes change based on where the fire is -
    1. Amelia: but at least the map would make people think and prepare, would include standard routes to cardinal directions. Maps will also include info: Warning - Hard Closure - Soft Closure - etc...what do they all mean?
  - iv. For the moment - draw the routes out of your zone.
    1. Many newer residents don't know the backroads- disseminating information about this is a future FSC goal
  - v. Waiting on funding for routes: asked for half the allowable amount - trying to squeak this out for this year. May be able to make next round if this year doesn't come through.
    1. Kenneth: what's included for Indian creek?
    2. Carol: Warnings/orders are within ZONES. Gates will be on the Zone maps so when people map their own route for the present time, they'll know they won't get stuck at a gate. The ROUTES are a part of the next step if they get the FSC Grant.
- e. June/July Community Engagement Initiative
- i. Amelia has been struggling to get engagement through newspaper etc; will be trying new methods
    1. Post-office and grocery stores to get out info during regular errands hours
    2. She has identified days in June and July
    3. This will be in lieu of some community meetings with scheduling issues
    4. She welcomes company during these
    5. Kenneth: best place in Douglas City is post office; some days are high traffic (payday?)
  - ii. FSC Grizzlycorps member will onboard in September to take over some of this role

## 5. Grants

- a. Rural fire capacity grants from Cal Fire are due may 4<sup>th</sup>



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- b. Amelia: funding for downriver storm cleanup is coming from CAL FIRE
- c. Amelia: got title 3 funds
- d. RAC: Lejon said Title 3 funds are 2 years of allocations- \$700-800k next year is expected
- e. CAL FIRE block grant question: these are still under review

6. Project Updates

a. BLM

b. CAL FIRE

- i. Projects – only Trinity County project is Big Creek VTP
- ii. 1 engine staffed in Wvvl. Guessing middle of next month, going to 1 engine/station – might get pushed by weather and activity. 4 engines: 1 Hayfork, 2 Wvvl, 1 Fawn Lodge. In process of leasing the Hayfork church due to loss of property there– going well, Nick has a meeting on Monday night.
  - 1. Crew staffing for inmate crews is dwindling and dying slowly. Staffing 2 firefighter crews in the unit – so 40 people are in training now and will be for a month. Department as a whole is doing a tremendous upstaff with people and equipment – pushing through academies to bolster staffing.
  - 2. Nick can't really speak to grants: prioritized goals are projects that are achievable, maintainable, and coincide with other projects – good ridges, good spurs, and protect the forest from the community and vice versa. Trying to move past small spot projects that don't tie into each other.
  - 3. Trying to achieve quality work, emphasizes the need to take a lot of fuel wherever possible
- iii. Aaron: Defensible space teams inspections.
  - 1. Carol: Do you have DS teams coming to Trinity County?
  - 2. Aaron: Yes. The goal is to try to hit each structure within every 3 years that's outside of city districts. Wvvl is responsible for their own inspections.
    - a. Amelia: We've not seen this in the past.
    - b. Nick: 4291 Defensible Space Inspections are all on local CalFire.
    - c. Aaron: Hard part going to Trinity is downtime. Discussing having engine crews doing inspections, but can't always make that due to fire behavior. 5 DSI's are assigned to him 4 days/week 10hrs/day doing those inspections. Best way to get to our neighborhood are actual calls for complaints. The process is very complaint-driven as to where they go.
    - d. Nick: For Battalion 6 Trinity County – they have times where there's a lull at beginning and end of season. Trying to do a better job with this. Best thing to do is call in a complaint – if they want them to look at their neighbor's house, then they look at the whole street (people who call in complaints are often in violation as well). Districts might have target locations where inspectors could do the most good with the time they go out. The hard part of inspections is that the information is good

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and some people take it well and you actually see results, but that's maybe 10%. The other 90% don't do much with information- lack of enforcement follow-up.

3. Amelia: This falls under Trinity County's veg ordinance under nuisance: 4291 inspections can fall into nuisance veg management(8.68). Amelia is looking into increasing some pressure on the SO to have Code Enforcement follow up.
  4. Aaron contact: [Aaron.hathaway@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Aaron.hathaway@fire.ca.gov), 530.225.2418
    - a. Carol will pass on vegetation ordinance which could increase enforcement referrals
  5. Need 15-20 more defensible space inspectors on a permanent basis
  6. An issue with enforcement is low income, disabled, and seniors: TCRCD and WRTC have been piloting funding to do implementation so this isn't a burden for them
    - a. TCRCD and TCFSC will not be reporting violations
- c. Caltrans
  - d. Hyampom FSC
  - e. Lower Trinity PBA
  - f. NRCS
    - i. Not getting many forestry projects funded at the moment; Taylor is working with Tiffany to make applications more competitive and increase funding opportunities. She will be attending event May 7<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Taylor contact: [Taylor.fridrich@usda.gov](mailto:Taylor.fridrich@usda.gov)
  - g. NCUAQMD
  - h. Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu
  - i. SPI
    - i. Have been doing mastication on Mike's Peak and in DC on main ridges. Aaron's job is to maintain and help design and implement fuel breaks across company grounds. Currently working on a project involving road systems on SP, FS and private grounds- seeking funding. If roads cannot get allow people out and truck access in, the fuel breaks won't serve us.
    - ii. Carol: SPI was helpful allowing dozer lines to help evacuate Trinity Center. Got money to install a ranch gate on SPI land to allow an evacuation route to stay open without public access- comes out near Norwegian Ranch. Glad to have them - want to maintain them and not have them abused.
  - j. Southern Trinity FSC
  - k. Tehama-Glenn FSC
  - l. Trinity Center VFD- Kudos to FS along Guy Covington Drive to Bowerman Boat ramp
  - m. Trinity County BOS- Nick (WRTC) and Kelly (TCRCD) are looking to secure more funding for the county from emergency response funding from fires. The hope is to bring county in as a partner through good neighbor authority. This could aid with road work etc for fire recovery.
    - i. Jill: county is looking to hire new DOT head

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- ii. This may be able to reinvigorate county natural resources.
- n. Trinity County Collaborative Group- May 20th scheduled Westside Plantation & Pilot Project. This area is Hyampom's escape route - westside and pilot projects are all out there. Some completed - some marked to be done.
- o. Trinity County Planning
- p. Trinity County RCD
  - i. RCD: Chris - Forest Health Program. 4 crews.
    - 1. 2 larger projects funded through CalFire: Forest health in Indian/Reading Creek area. Working Fire prevention on Little Brown's Creek Road.
    - 2. Tucker Hill - 7 acres - working with WRTC.
    - 3. Brown's Phase III in Musser Hill area - cut and pile & burn.
    - 4. DC and Steel Bridge Campground Cleanup.
    - 5. Bought a new chipper - so now 3 are all operational.
    - 6. Setting up different community chipping days for next month.
    - 7. Guy Covington - Title II Project - is in Grants and Agreements for chipping.
    - 8. Awarded smaller grant from SNC to assist USFS with burning in the ball park area in Trinity Center
      - a. Will fund WRTC as well
  - ii. Kelly: CARCD - legislation they are tracking and supporting:
    - 1. SB926 Prescribed Fire Liability Program. Prescribed fire is uninsurable - this bill allows for some level of protection for burn bosses for wildfire mitigation. Sen Dodd - state senate.
    - 2. AB-1717 prevailing wage in inclusion of fuels reduction projects as far as public works are concerned. A number of concerns: no modification in the language to specifically include RCDs in that designation. As it stands now, when RCDs receive funding, they don't have to use prevailing wage to pay employees, but if they contract with another company, they would have to pay prevailing wage. This would have sweeping impact as to how they pay. Affects RCD differently than WRTC because they are a governmental entity. If RCD employed the WRTC, then the WRTC would have to pay prevailing wage under that agreement. Fringe benefits included move \$15/hr to \$30/hr to \$60/hr.
    - 3. Carol offers that letters of support or concern could come from TCFSC
- q. Trinity PUD
- r. Tsnungwe
- s. UC Cooperative Extension
- t. USFS Shasta-Trinity NF
- u. USFS Six-Rivers NF
- v. The Watershed Research & Training Center
  - i. 2 hand crews and 1 mastication crew currently working.
  - ii. 3<sup>rd</sup> hand crew headed to South Fork Road in Burnt Ranch area- this one is mostly made up of students, so they're not fully functioning yet.

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- iii. The other crews are focusing on roads in Hayfork Valley and DC area: Summit, Barker, Deerlick Springs. Title 3 money - they were able to get agreements in place and crews will start working in Hayfork, Hyampom and Southern Trinity. They are developing plans on how to implement.
- iv. Forestry Crews are working with FS to lay out crews for work in McFarland cleanup.
- w. Weaverville VFD
- x. Willow Creek FSC

**Next Meeting:** May 26, 2022 1pm.



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#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Trinity County RCD - Amelia Fleitz, Pat Frost, Maya Williams, Chris Cole, Dave Johnson
- b. Mike Cottone - Trinity County - OES
- c. Jerry Cousins - Trinity County Collaborative
- d. Larry Glass - SAFE
- e. Nancy Anderson - Local Area Advisor Applicant
- f. Dave DeLange - TPUD - Vegetation Program Manager
- g. Taylor Fridrich - NRCS
- h. Xander Winters - WRTC
- i. Debra Harris - NQUACMD

#### 2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

#### 3. Presentations

#### 4. Discussions

#### 5. Grants

- a. CALFIRE Evacuation Routes Grant - has been approved
  - i. Once approved and mapped
  - ii. Then coordinate that the routes are cleaned and coordinate moving forward to keep them cleaned.
- b. CALFIRE - Block Grant for Emergency Forestry Response Team
  - i. Did not receive the funding.
- c. Sierra Nevada Conservancy - next round of funding available in Early June
  - i. RCD will plan to two asks - USFS Pettijohn and a project with SPI
- d. Humboldt County Downriver Clean-up
  - i. Contract is coming along - likely
- e. California Fire Foundation - Grant funding is available; believe they are due June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Travis Ranch - CALFIRE Forest Heath Grant was awarded and will be using TCRCD as their lead for the CEQA. This work is mostly August Complex Restoration, Amelia was able to see the units yesterday and talk to the forester, it looks like a really cool project which will promote biodiverse restoration techniques.

#### 6. Fire Safe Council Coordinator Update (Amelia Fleitz)

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- a. Wildfire Preparedness Day on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Weaverville we had about 58 people in attendance and about 46 people helping volunteer or working to staff booths.
- b. Wildfire Preparedness Day in Trinity Center on May 14 we had about 20 contacts.
- c. Wildfire Youth Fair in Willow Creek on May 21<sup>st</sup> - our representative was sick and unable to attend.
- d. Community Meeting in Willow Creek on May 14<sup>th</sup> our representative was unable to attend due to family illness.
- e. Community Meeting in Coffee Creek on May 16<sup>th</sup> had about 6 people.
- f. Local Area Advisors and Neighborhood Ambassadors Programs are moving forward.
- g. Scheduled travel to go to each community in June and July is finalized and will be posted in the paper shortly.
- h. Evacuation Zones are in process; we need one more meeting with the Sheriff's department to finalize before printing the brochures.
- i. Chris and I met with the Code Enforcement officers last month to review the Vegetation Management Ordinance and are moving forward with that.

**7. Project Updates**

- a. BLM - absent
- b. CAL FIRE - absent
- c. Caltrans - absent
- d. Hyampom FSC - absent
- e. Lower Trinity PBA - absent
- f. NRCS - Tiffany Fridrich
  - i. Working towards their next deadline and hoping to get a few Trinity County projects funded in that round.
- g. NCUAQMD - Debra Harris
  - i. Attended the Wildfire Preparedness Event in Weaverville
  - ii. Was excited to provide a purple air sensor for a door prize.
  - iii. Working on the pre-wildfire meeting with the 3 counties.
  - iv. Working on putting out a grant to improve their HVAC systems for clean air shelters during the smoke season, good for schools and other public spaces.
  - v. Would like input - having issues with the East Vs West Trinity County Designation - CalFire do another news release. Burning is suspended and people have been burning when they should not be.
    - 1. Amelia asked if they have a map, but it is CALFIRE's map and it is not that good.
    - 2. Debra has asked CALFIRE to do a better job.
    - 3. Amelia propose mail delivery.
    - 4. Need to be better outreach overall.
- h. Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu
  - i. SPI
  - j. Southern Trinity FSC
  - k. Tehama-Glenn FSC
  - l. Trinity Center VFD
    - i. Hubel Dump is accepting brush again!
- m. Trinity County BOS
- n. Trinity County Collaborative Group - Jerry Cousins
  - i. Poorly attended last week - reviewing where they have been and where they need to go.

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- ii. Collaborative did a field trip with Tara Jones on the West Side field trip and the Pilot Project - which has been signed. Tom Walls discussed the marking plan for the project and Tara understands the project for shaded fuel breaks, and when the team goes out to mark, the collaborative members will go out to explain the intention with them.
- iii. Looked at previous projects where more work has to happen.
- iv. Larry - the lack of fuel reduction that took place on the West Side project - it was good to show her how bad the project had with an outcome. Tara is going to look on how to try to mitigate the project, as it was mostly a lop and scatter and replicating what the 6 Rivers does for clean-up, bring them on the road, and fire wood access for community members. Larry said they are excited about working with Tara "she seems to get it."
- o. Trinity County Planning - absent
- p. Trinity County OES - Mike Cottone
  - i. Working to get up to speed where Ed left off.
  - ii. Working on training and staffing up for their staff, and good turnout for the EOC training in April and three exercises in late April, how an EOC would respond to the trainings. Working on the Emergency Management Mutual Aid soon.
  - iii. Generator project for the Courthouse coming together - waiting on the supply chain to get everything together.
  - iv. Radios provided to Weaverville VFD, and a UTV for environmental health.
  - v. Sirens to be placed throughout the communities  $\frac{3}{4}$  are distributed and then the next steps are to insure the locations are identified and install them. Will connect them to the dispatch center at the new jail.
    - 1. Weaverville, Burnt Ranch, and Mad River.
    - 2. Next one Coffee Creek?
  - vi. Homeland security grant program - this fiscal year will be available in the fall - looking for 4 more sirens, to see where they would best be utilized. Looking for insight.
  - vii. Has been in touch with Amelia for the Local Area Advisor - working to appoint the two at the June 7<sup>th</sup> board of supervisors meeting.
    - 1. Neighborhood Ambassador - northern communities looking good, southern communities may need more representation
    - 2. Local Area Advisor - only two - send out the requirements and expectations.
  - viii. Debra - working to send out the pre-wildfire meeting with Trinity County OES and Public Health, asked for Mike to connect with Debra to get the most pertinent information.
- q. Trinity County RCD
  - i. Chris Cole
    - 1. Completed the implementation with the WRTC on Tucker Hill in Douglas City about 8 acres this period.
    - 2. Working on Musser Hill on USFS land about 8 acres.
    - 3. Indian Reading Creek for BLM about 8 acres.

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4. Heavy on the community chipping - a lot of success, most chipping we have ever done in a month during Chris' time. Total of 73 parcels and 63 acres of treatment.
  - a. Coffee Creek 5 parcels about 9 acres
  - b. Trinity Center 17 parcels about 9 acres
  - c. Lewiston 12,
  - d. Douglas City 8 - 7
  - e. Junction City 16 acres
  - f. Downriver - 5 parcels about 1 acre
  - g. Feedback - some people would not have done it if we had not had the chipping available
5. Future - plans for Musser Hill, Indian Creek, and working on the Rush Creek project on BLM land, then fuel breaks on Little Browns Creek roadsides, and working on the landowners on Browns Mountain to put in a fuel break from private land onto SPI.
  - ii. Kelly Sheen - in anticipation with the agreement for Humboldt County for the Greater Willow Creek - we are formalizing an agreement with Humboldt County RCD to allow our Districts to work across boundaries.
- r. Trinity PUD - (Dave DeLange)
  - i. Seeing a lot of tree mortality and all the reclosers are not reclosing at the moment, we will need to patrol the lines before reconnecting if something hits them.
  - ii. Con crews have been out to work on the 12 KV line right of way.
- s. Tsnungwe - absent
- t. UC Cooperative Extension - absent
- u. USFS Shasta-Trinity NF -absent
- v. USFS Six-Rivers NF - absent
- w. The Watershed Research & Training Center (Xander Winters)
  - i. Keeping the masticator ready while we have some large federal projects and then moving into smaller private land treatments.
  - ii. Just partnered with Post Mountain on an ingress/egress project they developed and funded.
  - iii. Working with SPI to connect HWY 3 at Hayfork Summit to just about the East fork of the Hayfork Creek
  - iv. Bowerman Ridge Hayfork Project - Sensitive Resource Assessments nos.
- x. Weaverville VFD - absent
- y. Willow Creek FSC - absent
- z. SAFE - No Update

**Next Meeting: June 23, 2022 1pm.**





**Trinity County Fire Safe Council Meeting**  
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### 1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Carol Fall - TCFSC chair, Trinity Center VFD
- b. TCRCD: Kelly Sheen, Chris Cole, Amelia Fleitz
- c. USFS- Glen Tingley TRMU, Keith Roars SFMU, Chris Woodman TRMU, Elliot Grew SFMU
- d. WRTC - Erin Banwell, Xander Winter, Ellen Mcgehee
- e. Neighborhood Ambassador, Rush Creek - Charlie Holthaus
- f. TCCG - Jerry Cousins
- g. WCFSC/LTRPBA - Blaze Shannon
- h. WCFSC - Gina Moon
- i. SAFE, South Fork Mountain community member - Larry Glass
- j. Redding BLM - Garrett Dunn
- k. NCUAQMD - Debra Harris
- l. Trinity PUD - Dave DeLang
- m. Lewiston Neighborhood Ambassador - Nancy Anderson
- n. CFSC - Mike Wilson
- o. Trinity County BOS - Ric Leutwyler, Jill Cox
- p. American Red Cross Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity: Patricia Watson, Andrew Bogart

### 2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

- a. Discuss providing comment on USFS wildfire crisis strategy

### 3. Presentations

- a. Prescribed Burn Associations - Erin Banwell (WRTC)
  - i. Intro to fire program staff:
    1. Erin: co-director, background in fire ecology, fire effects monitoring, prescribed fire, and fire suppression
    2. Miller: co-director; training specialist, safety officer, strong suppression background
    3. Andrew Bustos: training specialist; from Ecuador, background in community organizing, geographer, ecosystem health
    4. Jose Luis Duce: Global fire practitioner and TREX founder, “force multiplier”

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5. Ellen McGehee: local prescribed fire operations specialist- fire ecology and effects, operations, planning
  6. Qwalen Berntsen: local prescribed fire operations specialist- fire cache management, logistics, adaptive management
- b. Statewide capacity building for prescribed fire, especially community-based burning
- i. Assisting with workforce development and training
  - ii. Community mentoring and advising
  - iii. Assisting with burn plans, workshops, implementation
  - iv. PBA advising
- c. Prescribed Burn Associations
- i. Began in Midwest
  - ii. Grassroots workforce model
  - iii. Neighbors-helping-neighbors model, pooling knowledge, personnel power, and equipment
  - iv. Plan and implement private-lands prescribed burns
  - v. Model varies; RCDs and FSCs often run PBAs, as do private citizens
  - vi. [Map] many counties across California have or are forming PBAs
- d. Coordination Structure
- i. Lenya Quinn-Davidson and Jeff Stackhouse brought the PBA movement to California with UCCE Humboldt-Del Norte
  - ii. Resources:
    1. [CalPBA.org](http://CalPBA.org) website
    2. California Prescribed Burn Association Network on Podio
  - iii. PBA coaches: WRTC staff
  - iv. Other mentors and coaches from successful PBAs
- e. What is an effective PBA?
- i. Peer mentorship
  - ii. Cal-TREX events
  - iii. PBA coaching
  - iv. Interest from Adjacent Geographical Areas - spread the word and skills!
- f. Trinity County currently:
- i. WRTC-led Trinity Integrated Fire Management Partnership is a multi-organization, cross-boundary, grant-based network
    1. WRTC, TCRCD, VFDs, USFS, CAL FIRE
    2. Grant-based work is slower, less flexible- not a grassroots PBA
  - ii. Lower Trinity River PBA
  - iii. Hyampom PBA (new, started by Ellen and Qwalen)
  - iv. Emergency relief funding from Shasta-Trinity National Forest should assist the WRTC in community resilience, planning, PBA development
- g. Trinity County Future Opportunities:
- i. Micro-PBAs may be the best option for our county due to geographic are- could be for each localized neighborhood
  - ii. Need: community leaders to coordinate PBA efforts
    1. Don't need prescribed fire skills, just community network and organization
  - iii. WRTC can provide mentorship and trainings
    1. Four mentors located in Weaverville!

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- h. Additional resources:
  - i. [North State Public Radio: Fire Returned series by Sarah Bohannon](#)
  - ii. Erin and Miller can be reached by email at [firemanagement@thewatershedcenter.com](mailto:firemanagement@thewatershedcenter.com)
  - iii. Erin and Miller are open to presenting at meetings, helping communities around the county organize
  - iv. Fire is for Everyone is one of her mottos- small burns can be impactful and you don't have to be a fire professional to burn safely.
- i. Questions:
  - i. Debra - Is the fireline shown in photos a standard width? It looks wide.
    - 1. Erin: It can vary considerably based on conditions and objectives
    - 2. Debra: Complements the program as an example to the state
    - 3. Erin: Credits the importance of the air quality management district as well as a good CAL FIRE unit
  - ii. Carol - is there a way to pick demonstration sites and allow the public to come watch?
    - 1. Erin: absolutely, just need more coordination from the fire safe council etc.
    - 2. Carol: current info is generally just "it's ok if you see smoke," would be good to include information for people to come watch and volunteer
  - iii. Chris: What is liability like for private landowners?
    - 1. Erin: a lot going on at state level; all non-governmental agencies lost prescribed fire insurance two years ago. WRTC is still un-insured and does rigorous risk management.
      - a. Landowners take on liability, but risk management mitigates risks and makes landowners feel comfortable. This includes burn plans, prescriptions, qualified assistance, etc
      - b. Current legislation should create liability support for civil concerns
      - c. WRTC should be getting fire insurance back soon
  - iv. Dena (LTPBA): Very interested in partnering with WRTC especially to be trained on burn plans, liability, etc.
    - 1. Carol suggested contacting Lenya at UCCE; Dena and Erin confirmed that they have
  - v. Ellen and Qwalen: The micro-PBA model under a county-wide umbrella of PBAs will be crucial... maintaining critical mass in a town of 200 people is challenging, collaboration will be essential for smaller communities to get work done. If small towns can support each other in implementation more work will be possible.
- j. Erin, Miller, Jose, and Andrea are fully funded through the Regional Forestry and Fire Capacity Program for the next two years, allowing them to offer trainings for free

#### 4. Discussions

- a. Comments for USFS Wildfire Crisis Strategy
  - i. Amelia: comments due July 6. Has anyone read the whole strategy?
    - 1. No

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- ii. Carol suggests that Amelia and Carol read the document and send out suggestions to the group by the following week

**5. Grants**

- a. From NRCS: Joint Chiefs proposal is due soon; it will be an update to last year's unfunded proposal to fund fuels reduction work on USFS land in target areas.
- b. Chris - SNC window for wildfire prevention grants is open
  - i. TCRCD will be pursuing two, one with USFS on Pettijohn project and the other with SPI
  - ii. Pat: these are all for North Lake area?
    - 1. Chris confirms that these are for above Trinity Dam plus Rush Creek area
- c. Pat: RAC will meet July 11<sup>th</sup> and put out the dollar amount and timeline for FY '21

**6. Fire Safe Council Coordinator Update**

- a. Evacuation maps are moving forward: had final meeting with sheriff's department, brochure design is currently finishing, mailing list complete, will be going to printer soon
  - i. Larger zones will be sent our first, then smaller

**7. Project Updates**

- a. BLM
- b. CAL FIRE
- c. Caltrans
- d. Hyampom FSC
- e. Lower Trinity PBA
- f. NRCS
- g. NCUAQMD
- h. Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu
- i. SAFE
- j. SPI
- k. Southern Trinity FSC
- l. Tehama-Glenn FSC
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### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

- a. TCRCD: Miles Raymond, Charlie Curtin, Amelia Fleitz, Bethany Llewellyn, Chris Cole, Annysa Interrante, Kelly Sheen, Denise Wesley
- b. Wren Winter, Trinity River Lumber
- c. USFS- Tim Ritchey, Chris Woodman, Lejon Hammann, Nate Ulrich
- d. CAL FIRE- Dave Jaramillo
- e. CFSC- Mike Wilson
- f. HC- Julia Cavalli (FLASH program)
- g. TCCG - Jerry Cousins
- h. WCFSC - Regina Moon
- i. SAFE - Larry Glass
- j. TCOES- Mike Cottone, Philip Simi
- k. NRCS- Erin Taylor
- l. NCUAQMD - Debra Harris
- m. Weaverville VFD - Todd Corbett
- n. Trinity Center VFD - Carol Fall
- o. BOS – Jill Cox (15 minutes late)

### **2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda**

- a. Removal of Caltrans Main Street Weaverville Tree Project from agenda, as no Caltrans representative is present

### **3. Discussions:**

- a. TCFSC MOU/Chair and Nominations
  - i. Amelia proposes that we continue with Todd as interim chair until MOU is updated; MOU will be ready for signatures by first of January. At this point MOU will be used to elect chair and vice chair. Any objections?
  - ii. None- Jerry seconds this idea
- b. Humboldt County Fire Safe Council – FLASH Program, presented by Julia Cavalli
  - i. Amelia: this program is being used for defensible space in HC. We can discuss how it

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could be used here.

- c. Stands for fire adapted landscapes and safe homes program
  - i. Cost share rebate for hazardous fuels reduction for Humboldt residents. Works on private parcels and along access roads.
  - ii. Homeowners also receive home risk assessment
  - iii. Rebate is limited to vegetation removal, but home risk assessment encourages landowners to do home hardening
  - iv. Reimbursement is per-acre. Can do the work themselves or hire a contractor. Minimum 0.5 acre project.
- d. Steps:
  - i. Participant screening
  - ii. Initial visit
    - 1. includes home risk assessment, photos, vegetation recommendations
  - iii. Project implementation
  - iv. Final visit to do cost share documentation, take “after” photos
  - v. Landowners reimbursed
  - vi. Rates per acre:
    - 1. Thinning and limbing: \$280 light, \$560 mod, \$900 heavy; managing grass and flashy fuels: \$150 light, \$440 moderate, \$800 heavy
- e. Program development steps
  - i. Apply for grant funding- program has been intermittent since 2010, most recent funding had been larger
    - 1. First four rounds funded by CFSC
    - 2. Now CAL FIRE fire prevention grants
    - 3. Supplemental funds from CAL FIRE, CFSC
  - ii. Results: since 2010, 556 participants, 1518 acres completed or in progress
- f. Develop and update program documents
- g. Received a NOE under CEQA
- h. Completed a request for proposals and contracted with four technician teams supporting different geographical areas of the county
  - i. Especially helpful for remote geographical regions of the county
- i. Solicit interest:
  - i. Currently trying to scale up the program, coming with data management and logistical challenges
  - ii. Tools:
    - 1. Survey123
      - a. This is used as an online survey to identify candidates for FLASH and other programs
      - b. Helps display geographic distribution of applicants automatically
      - c. Surveys help understand needs and guide future grant asks
    - 2. Make.com
      - a. Used to analyze responses and send emails based on different outcomes
    - 3. Google sheets
      - a. Used to track applicants and follow up actions that have been taken
    - 4. Google drive
  - iii. Provide information prior to site visit:
    - 1. Program requirements including details about what it is, what they can expect
      - a. Reimbursement is classified as income and will be taxed

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2. This includes project examples
- j. Home risk assessment:
- i. Explains science of fire behavior and ignition; they work with UCCE to update based on best available science
    1. Issues of concern are discussed with the FLASH technician to provide detailed recommendations
  - ii. Treatment guide
    1. Lays out eligible treatments for reimbursement in the program
    2. Work is expected to be “light touch” and not ground disturbing, due to environmental coverage.
    3. Treatments separated into the woody vs flashy fuels categories
    4. Includes guidelines for spacing vegetation
    5. Fuel disposal in non-ground-disturbing methods is included
  - iii. A number of forms are required for liability, participation
  - iv. The site visit: technicians use field maps to map elements of a property while doing the site visit.
    1. Connects to survey interest form, assisting in data management
  - v. Lessons learned:
    1. Flash fills a niche:
      - a. Direct defensible space assistance for elderly/low-income/disabled- these populations are better served in direct assistance instead of a cost-share program that requires an able-bodied person and/or cashflow to hire contractor.
      - b. Slightly wealthier or more able bodied: ideal FLASH customers
      - c. Larger projects: fit under CFIP, EQIP
  - vi. Improvements
    1. Streamlining interest form, automations, data management
    2. Finding the right audience
    3. Mapping
    4. Concentrating projects
  - vii. Questions:
    1. Carol: Is the minimum half-acre the parcel size or treatment area?
      - a. Julia: treatment area, in order to cover administrative cost of the program.
    2. Carol: What is the average project size?
      - a. Julia: Generally 2-3 acres
    3. Debra: Is a contractor list maintained by HC?
      - a. Currently no, as there is not time to vet/ recommend contractors, but this is a need. Southern HC does maintain a list.
    4. Amelia: Can landowners repeat requests for funding?
      - a. Julia: they do allow this, never within the same funding round. When they have repeat customers, it is generally in a different part of their property
    5. Pat: Do you feel as though you miss populations without access to technology?
      - a. Julia: this is possible, we do not require email and will take paperwork by mail or information over the phone. Interacting digitally does streamline things.
    6. Dave: Can multiple landowners combine parts of their yards in order to hit the 0.5 acre minimum?
      - a. Julia: they do allow multi-parcel projects, she can't think of an example

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where this was needed to reach the minimum but this could work.

7. Carol: Do you have a waiting list? What's the funding-to-interest match?
  - a. Currently about 300 people on list in various stages. Interest comes in waves and tends to follow their outreach efforts.
8. Chris: Is there a maximum acreage?
  - a. Julia: no maximum acreage but maximum reimbursement is \$4500
  - b. Amelia: is this per person for always or per ask?
  - c. Julia: per ask
9. Carol: are technicians funded by grants as well?
  - a. Yes
- viii. Amelia: Are we interested in pursuing this in Trinity County?
  1. Pat: We should look into it more
  2. Carol: What is the population we're trying to serve? She sees this as mostly small lots owned by people who couldn't do it themselves
  3. Pat: Maybe TCRC/ WRTC could look at what kind of landowners we aren't serving
  4. Carol: What kind of requests is Todd seeing?
  5. Todd: about 80% are over half an acre
  6. Amelia: A lot of contracts are low income, disabled, elderly. How could we fill this gap?
  7. Dave: He likes that this incentivizes community buy-in by encouraging people to take some responsibility for their own work
  8. Pat: RCD sees this niche (people with small parcels and some ability to do work) in the requests for chipping, as debris disposal is a need
- ix. Jerry: Reimbursement is based only on after photos?
  1. Julia: Reimbursement is based on final site visit and on acreage completed, not on contractor cost. Participants track match.
- x. Pat: Do you give information on liability? As unlicensed contractors can incur liability on the landowner?
  1. Julia: No, as contracts are just between landowners and contractors
  2. Pat: This can have consequences for people- if the contractor drops a tree on the house, cuts themselves, etc
  3. Julia: This would be the case whether a participant is in FLASH program or not.
- xi. Carol: What about seasonal residents? Getting them information on this could incentivize them to do work if they can get funds?
  1. Amelia: Do you think this would be more incentive than free TCRC/ WRTC programs?
  2. Carol: It might catch a different group of people.
- k. Ready Raccoon – Butte County Fire Safe Council Mascot (Amelia)
  - i. Amelia: the Butte County FSC mascot is preparing to be expanded to other FSCs, are we interested in having a mascot and would this be the one? She also nominates Ivan.
  - ii. Pat: Is there a cost due to trademark?
    1. Amelia: We have to buy materials but not pay for trademark.
  - iii. Tim: What's his message
    1. Be ready for wildfire
  - iv. Group requests to see photos
    1. See ready raccoon rap [“The Official Wildfire Ready Raccoon Rap”](#)



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v. Group is not that interested at this time

4. **Grants**

a. Xander (WRTC)- Community Wildfire Defense Grant request for letter of support

i. USDA CWDG: for non-federal areas addressed in the CWPP

1. One area in Hyampom Valley doing defensible space and ingress/egress, on private property adjacent to federal land
2. One area in the Weaverville area, expanding and improving upon fuel breaks in the democrat ridge area- connecting Oregon Mountain summit down to JC. This is to improve on existing fuel breaks in this area
  - a. Also some defensible space work in Douglas City, Weaverville, Junction City.
3. Chris: Do you have a map?
  - a. Xander: Not for the Weaverville side.
4. Jill: She would like to see the map when ready.
  - a. Xander: This will be distributed when ready.
5. Pat: When is this due?
  - a. Amelia: October 7<sup>th</sup>, before the next TCFSC meeting
6. Amelia: They have also written in outreach and education for firewise meetings, supporting neighborhood ambassadors.
7. Pat: Is match required?
  - a. Xander: not in low income areas.
  - b. Carol: not all of Weaverville is low income.
  - c. Xander: He's not sure, but he doesn't think they need it
8. Carol: Are these projects in the CWPP?
  - a. Xander: yes
9. Pat: does this include Forest Service "cohesive strategy" language
  - a. Xander: will check/add this language if needed.
10. Amelia: any concerns with supporting this grant?
  - a. None, with affirmations of support from Pat and Chris.

ii. Humboldt FSC CWDG letter of support request: they are applying to the same program, looking to include some projects in the Willow Creek area. They are working with TCRCDD to look at CWPP projects to implement in this area. Randi is also working with Humboldt to secure additional funds for South Fork Road fuel break work.

1. Any concerns?
  - a. Pat expresses support

iii. WCFSC/ Regina: WCFSC has a RAC grant proposal for Trinity County that they will be submitting, and they are requesting a letter of support.

1. The project is in Six Rivers NF off of South Fork Road. It includes road improvements, forest health improvement, fuels management. It is along County road 435 which connects south fork road to Hennessy Mountain road. She spoke to county roads department, who think they could waive the permit they usually require. USFS thinks NEPA may already be done for this road. This is an important ingress/egress and escape route between South Fork Road and Burnt Ranch. There's a landslide risk area in this area that this road assists in escape from. She took the road recently and it is extremely overgrown, not maintained by the USFS. It has been extra bad since the snow event last winter. She's hoping to speak with Pat (RAC chairman).
  - a. Pat will send contact info for Monique Rea, the RAC coordinator.

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- b. Carol: would recommend talking to the Six Rivers NF Supervisor because they may be able to get it into scheduled maintenance on that side
  - i. Gina: she talked to Nolan the district ranger, he says it's not on a list to get done. It is a county road but it goes mostly through National Forest.
- c. Chris: What would the funding ask be?
  - i. Gina: She's not sure, still ironing out details. They only have made one RAC ask in the past, trying to get estimates. It will most likely need to be contracted.
- d. Amelia: how many miles of treatments?
  - i. Gina: 7 miles
  - ii. Tim: that's 15 acres if it's 10 feet on each side of the road.
- e. Pat: Is it mostly trees or brush?
  - i. Gina: brush or logs. Many logs from snowdown are still down with only a thin path cut through. They probably will just include brushing with hope the grading can occur later.
- f. Amelia: What is the county right of way?
  - i. Tim thinks its 5-10 feet
  - ii. Lejon- he thinks it's 25 feet, which would make it 37 acres
- g. Gina: Still not sure what ballpark amount to request, they are looking for a local contractor to keep the funding local.
- h. Carol: When USFS specs were used on Guy Covington Drive, they just used the mower for 5-6 feet at the edge of the road. It depends on if they're just looking at the edge of the road or a wider swath
  - i. Gina: She would rather not use the mower, describing more manual treatment.
  - ii. Carol: What you're describing is more like a fuel break
  - iii. Gina: There's a lot of down trees, I don't think the mower will do a good job up there. She thinks a hand crew with a chipper would be the best
  - iv. Carol: Don't you need NEPA?
  - v. Gina: Nolan and Robert assured her that the road has an existing NEPA from hazard tree removal. She acknowledges that they still don't have a lot of logistics nailed down.
  - vi. Carol: is it mostly brush hanging into road? That's what we had at Guy Covington and they used the mover. I think it's a good project, just need to get details ironed out.
- i. Amelia: Can Carol and Gina discuss offline for project development support?

2. Pat, Carol, and Amelia abstain from comment and Amelia abstains from writing the letter of support. The rest of the group is in favor. Bethany will draft the letter.

**5. Fire Safe Council Coordinator Update**

- a. Fire safe council coordinators report (Amelia)
  - i. Welcome to Charlie and Miles, new TCRCO Grizzlycorps fellows who will be working with Neighborhood Ambassadors program.
  - ii. Welcome to Philip Simi, new OES manager
  - iii. Philip: Thank you for having me, I have an extensive wildfire and hazard mitigation background and I'm excited to work with you.

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- iv. Chris, Amelia, and Dave Johnson will be teaching National Volunteer Fire Council WFAP home assessment training on Oct 25 and 26, a new more streamlined replacement for the Big Red Truck program. The survey will be set up in ArcCollector by Charlie. Amelia will be renegotiating the contract with VFDs that participate due to the longer and more in-depth nature of this inspection format. The training will include a field day and thinking about language to use with landowners, as this is a suggestion-based model. A second training will be held in November on a weekend and have a hybrid format with online modules.
- v. Next month: we will discuss the MOU, Amelia has been collecting MOUs from other counties and will make some recommendations based on examples for our MOUs.
- vi. Community chipping is happening this month, dates are set
  1. Carol requests flyers

6. **Project Updates**

1. BLM: absent
2. CAL FIRE: They are looking to burn in Big Creek following these rains; working with Chris on project prescriptions for some TCRCO projects.
3. Caltrans: absent
4. Hyampom FSC: absent
5. LTPBA: They have been included in the CWDG grant from HCRCD. Some prep work has been done on sites for burning later this fall. PBA attended a zoom meeting with HCRCD to plan for the grant. The coordinator position remains funded.
6. NCUAQMD: Rx burning has started. Smoke management plans are rolling in. Women in TREX training and Tribal TREX are upcoming. Grant funding will be available for the coming year to pay for all permit fees associated with Smoke Management plans- so no air quality fees for projects this year and next.
7. NRM Wintu: absent
8. NRCS: They have been working on the Emergency Watershed Protection Program to do debris flow cleanup on Coffee Creek, this is wrapping up. They will be wrapping up the fiscal year '22 and will have updated rates and payment schedules coming in FY '23, she's hoping for rate increases due to inflation. She expects new participants coming from the Lightning Complex footprint. She hopes to assist with leveraging funds and she can be contacted for collaboration with private landowners. They hope to receive another Joint Chief's 3-year-cycle but have not received notice of who has been funded for FY '23 cycle. If funded, this will assist EQIP applicants in Trinity County. It would also include work for the USFS on public lands side. NRCS catastrophic wildfire recovery fund pool is set aside through EQIP to assist landowners directly impacted by fire. Forest health fund also remains open.
  1. Pat: they are in their 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> EQIP cycle, every time they have entered into an agreement the rates have gone up the next year.
  2. Erin: Yes- EQIP is locked into the rate of the FY in which it was awarded.
  3. Kelly: When will you hear back about JC?
    1. Erin: last year the response was 4-5 months delayed for unclear reasons, as this comes from national headquarters. She hopes for early October as this is important for making plans. If awarded, Trinity County applicants must only compete against other local applicants, while if not awarded they have to compete with other counties and states

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9. SAFE: Went out on a recent field tour to the Pilot Project. This is marked now and they are very happy with the marking, although it has taken a long time to get this going.
10. SPI: absent
11. Southern Trinity FSC
12. Tehama-Glenn FSC
13. TC VFD: They have been looking at “Know Your Zone,” and have had problems with the enter button on bottom right. They suggested adding “I acknowledge” to the language so non-tech-savvy users get it.
  1. Denise: let's fix that right after this meeting
  1. Carol: Great!
14. BOS: no updates
15. TCCG: The main thing was the Pilot Project field trip and a field trip to Browns I and III, they looked at a possible new fuel break project on Musser Ridge. They are planning a collaborative field trip October 21 to begin looking at Burnt Ranch – Coral Bottom – Hyampom as a potential next big NEPA project. This will connect several project that are unfinished into one NEPA document.
16. Trinity County Planning: absent
17. Trinity Lumber: no updates
18. TC OES: Had some requests from VFDs for equipment, and have been able to acquire laptops and PPE for some VFDs. One thing they have been struggling with is assessing damage after fires. They are adopting new software for offline data collection. They also have funding from Humboldt Area Foundation to provide fire shelters to emergency personnel and will get them when they are back in stock. Have an additional Local Area Advisor submission that should make the October board agenda.
19. TCRCD: Chris: Four crews on: two working down on Mad River until weather worsens. Other crews are working on Browns Mountain starting a larger fuels break. Also working on BLM lands in Democrat Gulch area. Upcoming, as PALs are favorable, crews will shift to Guy Covington starting next week. We are also planning with downriver folks to begin storm recovery work down there when planning is finalized. Two projects are out to bid, 100 acres on lake forest, 110 acres on reading Indian Creek. A mastication package for the Watershed Center is also being prepared for the Lake Forest area.
  1. Kelly: the WCF community forest steering committee has been providing comments on the Oregon Mountain EA and more work will be done there before it goes out to public scoping
  2. Timber prep agreement with USFS is going through and will be used to support layout and other technical assistance needs.
20. TPUD: absent
21. Tsnungwe: absent
22. UC Cooperative Extension: absent
23. USFS: Tim- they have an opportunity for Klamath Basin restoration funding opportunities. Possible projects include parts of community forest, downriver areas, and some in the August complex. This is a big chunk of funding and all for federal lands. It is for implementation-ready projects or NEPA almost done. It is for hazardous fuels treatments, hazard tree abatement, reforestation, and aquatic organism passage.
  1. Pat: a good fit for Gina's projects maybe
  2. Second item: The Hermit's Peak and Calf Canyon fires this year in New Mexico

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were escaped prescribed fires. 90-day prescribed fire ban following these incidents has been lifted but there are 7 new recommendations for USFS prescribed burning based on the investigation

1. Burn plans must be updated to new standards
2. Every day that agencies burn they must talk to administrators before burning
  1. This used to be something that happened only a few times per season, this will increase hoops to jump through but also share risk with administrators
  2. This is Tara for low-complexity pile burns but Carolyn Napper the District Ranger in Mount Shasta would be required for broadcast burns
  3. Admins will be on scene for high complexity burns, 40% of moderate complexity burns, maybe some lower complexity burns
  4. They would like further consideration of drought metrics
3. New trainings will be required
  1. Amelia asks- will this be required of partners?
  2. Tim isn't sure
4. A western prescribed fire academy will be established based on the model of one that currently exists in Florida
5. Remote weather station standards will be stricter; this can be mitigated by taking weather on site
6. Prescribed fire websites will be made/ updated
7. Long-term recommendations are in development in order to both increase pace and scale while maintaining safety. This will be an additional hurdle. We are doing many of these things locally already, so hopefully we will serve as a model and not need to change much.
8. A forest fuels meeting next week will address this strategy and getting through trainings. Trainings will be in person or via teams, not online, and must go to national level before approval.
3. Tim is trying to hire a 6-person winter fuels module and trying to do 7-day staffing through the winter.
4. Wildfirerisk.org – KRCR got hold of this and published some information about it. All communities in Trinity County are high risk except for Trinity Center.
5. Debris piles on Trinity Dam Blvd: the plan is to burn as many of these as possible this winter. Hoping to re-up agreement with CAL FIRE to get inmates burning these piles.
  1. Pat: the letter to the editor complaining about this was very positive about the work, just including the ongoing concern about folks with sensitive lungs experiencing smoke through the winter
  2. Amelia: does HHS have any programs to provide air filters to at-risk individuals to support burning?
  3. Mike: We have larger HEPA units such as at the library and at VFDs for clean air shelters. However, not so much for individuals. There is some funding available for permanent house upgrades. These units are mostly used for concentrated and larger areas such as senior centers, shelters, etc.
  4. Amelia will look into this
  5. Tim: the intent with smoke levels for prescribed fire is that it will not put communities at risk- it's just nuisance smoke.

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24. Six Rivers: TCRC is working on projects with them- fuels work under Nancy Kern. This is a Trinity County CWPP project identified by South County VFDs. TCRC roads department is working on implementing repairs and maintenance on some critical roads. The air curtain burner has burned well over 2000 tons and is continuing to work. Mad Ridge fuel break, Van Duzen VMP, and August complex pile burns are ongoing. Looking at some good upcoming years with NEPA documents wrapping up and funding coming in. Acre Woods timber sale is listed and expected to be sold by the end of the year (6.1 million board feet). This is the same shaded fuel break project that was interrupted by August Complex.
25. WRTC: Bowerman should be in public scoping by the end of this month. CWDG application is in progress, as mentioned in 4a. Randi is looking at new uses for the master stewardship agreement between WRTC and USFS; this should include some contract administration, mostly focused within the Monument burn. A new agreement was recently signed with BLM to assist with project planning and other details Xander isn't sure of. The fire department is refreshing control lines on the unit by the water tower in Weaver Basin. They are working with TCRC for environmental compliance in a broader part of the Weaver Basin to include fire in environmental coverage.
26. WCFSC: They will be running a fundraising spaghetti dinner in October. The fire cab is still at the VFW hall. They are running volunteer chipping on Fridays. Subcontractor is on board and working on some projects. They received a technical assistance support grant, and have an upcoming interview with NCRP. They are partnering with HC CWDG grant- if this goes through it may include funding for crew development and other things. She put her emails in chat (moonshine2801@gmail.com, willowcreekfsc@gmail.com) and asks for updates as to projects in her area. WCFSC has been very busy.
27. Closing comments:
  1. Tim: He requests a meeting of main implementation agencies to talk about planned and in-progress CWPP projects so implementers are on board and able to do some collaboration.
    1. Carol: she supports this – she got a recent question about Coffee Creek's number one project, South Derrick Road. Some good work happened out here during the River Complex but this was an important request, it would be great if this was followed up on.
  2. Firewise community renewal:
    1. Amelia: we sent out renewal form- please fill this out to report work in communities
    2. Charlie, Miles, and Bethany will be doing community assessments
    3. Downriver field tour will be on 9/27 to Salyer, Hawkins Bar, Burnt Ranch – let Amelia know if you are interested in attending.
    4. New requirement is a 3-year action plan – this year will be pretty simple, while next year there can be more analysis to strengthen the plan.
    5. There also needs to be a board in each community and they can't all just be the TCFSC. Amelia will be working with community representation to put together a board for each community.
    6. Pat: Insurance companies are getting pushed to recognize Firewise communities, which means Firewise feels it's important to standardize and

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increase rigor (the new requirements are California-specific)

7. Amelia is looking for feedback towards her role- a survey is coming
3. Pat reminds folks to look at their calendars prior to the October meeting, as we will need to schedule the November/December meeting at that time.

Adjourn- 3pm

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- a. TCRCD: Amelie Fleitz, TCFSC Coordinator
- b. Keith Royce: Hayfork Shasta-Trinity NF Fuels Officer
- c. Pat Frost: Community Service District
- d. Mike Katoni: Deputy Director Trinity OES
- e. Bethany Llewellyn: TCRCD Forest Health Project Coordinator
- f. Chris Cole: Forest Health Program Manager TCRCD
- g. Phillip Simi: TC OES Emergency Operations Manager
- h. Miles Raymond: Grizzly Corps Fellow TCRCD
- i. Jill Cox: TC Board of Supervisors
- j. James Lee: TRRP - Citizens
- k. Tim Richey: Deputy Fire Management Officer - Shasta-Trinity
- l. Nancy Anderson: Local Area Advisor - Lewiston
- m. Dina Magdaleno - Representing Tsungwey Tribe
- n. Maya Williams: Education and Outreach Coordinator TCRCD
- o. Nancy Curran: Six Rivers Mad River Fuels Forester
- p. Carrol Fall: Trinity Center Volunteer Fire Department
- q. Ren Winter: Forester at Trinity River Lumber
- r. Regina Moon: TC Fire Safe Council

### 2. Set November/December Meeting Date

- a. November 17<sup>th</sup> 10-12

### 3. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

### 4. Discussions:

- a. MOU
  - i. 5 year period for MOU that is certified by the USFS
- b. Chair
  - i. Trinity County OES holds a Chair or Vice Chair seat. VFD Chief or Assistant chief to hold other seat.
  - ii. Duties are to run the meeting and provide feedback to the coordinator



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c. **Voting Rights**

- i. Agency or group must attend last month's meeting and then they can vote a subject
- ii. Tim Ritchey: USFS will not be voting, just participating
- iii. Majority votes for decisions with each organization getting one vote. Members of the community from each firewise community also may each have a vote.
- iv. Comment from Pat and Dena like the informality of the meetings and voting. Makes it feel more welcoming and accessible.
- v. Pat: Board of Supervisors should not vote if they are voting on something that is going to go before the board

5. **Grants**

a. TCRCD: Correction and resigning of Letter

- i. Letter of support from TCFSC for the RCD for getting a grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy
- ii. TCRCD scaled-down project to make the project more feasible
- iii. TCRCD is requesting to have the letter resigned with corrected miles and acres
- iv. Majority voted yes

b. TCRCD: McConnell North Lake Fuels Reduction

- i. Project is to do environmental compliance and public outreach and then later implement through administering contractors.
- ii. TCFSC to have a period for comment and then decide whether to send the letter of support for the RCD to carry out this project.

6. **Fire Safe Council Coordinator Update**

- i. Firewise Community Renewal: Asking for how much work is done in each community in the last year
- ii. Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Looking for project location done in the last year and a value of how many hour of amount of money spent in a community. Also looking for planning and implementation projects from 2020 to today to see what percentage of projects have been completed. Need these by November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. RCD will be presenting on an outcome of FireWise Assessments and will complete the Fire Wise 3 year plan
- iv. Maya Williams: Next week will be fire education in Weaverville Elementary with hopes to move to other schools. TCRCD will also be leading a fire education day with Creekside Learning Center

7. **Project Updates**

- a. BLM
- b. CAL FIRE
- c. Caltrans
- d. Hyampom FSC
- e. Lower Trinity PBA:
  - i. Blaze: Have the first 2 management plans approved
  - ii. Willow creek community, TCRCD, and Humboldt RCD worked together to apply for a wildfire defense grant.
  - iii. Is putting together a collaborative meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.
- f. NRCS
- g. NCUAQMD
  - i. Debra Harris: the district is ramping down from wildfire and is lifting fire restrictions. Six rivers have lifted campfire restrictions. Shasta

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Trinity will be coming out of restriction tomorrow. Residential and prescribed burn permits will be issued soon.

- h. Nor-Rel-Muk Wintu
- i. SAFE
- j. SPI
- k. Southern Trinity FSC
- l. Tehama-Glenn FSC
- m. Trinity Center VFD
  - i. Carrol: RCD is coming up to do fuel reduction in residential areas
- n. Trinity County BOS
  - i. Jill Cox: Community workshops for the general plan are coming up. People should share it as well as attend to best shape their community
- o. Trinity County OES
  - i. Phillip: Sirens have been purchased to start the evacuation when the sheriff cannot get there in a reasonable time. This is especially for people who are not signed up for code red or who do not have good cell service. These sirens have been purchased for 4 communities. Weaverville, Burnt Ranch, and Southern Trinity.
  - ii. New grant to install 19 ham radios and 2 repeaters throughout the county. This will be working with Red Cross and the local ham radio club.
  - iii. Mike: New ability to track public and private infrastructure damage assessments.
- p. Trinity County Collaborative Group
  - i. Pat: Field trip to look at Trinity River Management Unit to look at its next NEPA Project. Will likely be a thinning project as well as thin from below. Next collaborative meeting will be on November 18 from 10-1. This meeting will be open to the TCFSC and WCF group.
- q. Trinity County Planning
- r. Trinity County RCD
  - i. Chris: Chipping has been going on throughout the county. Working on SPI and federal land in Guy Covington. Working on Sierra Nevada Conservancy grants. Has also been meeting with state lands commission to do work in Weaverville on state lands. Looking for permission to access and treat land.
  - ii. Amelia: TCFSC has \$20,000 in grant funding to put towards something. The Watershed Center is interested in using it for prescribed burning association education
- s. Trinity Lumber: Getting into the prescribed burning season.
- t. Tsungwe: Dena: Students from Burnt Ranch School now have high-speed internet. The USFS is also planning to do a hazmat cleanup at the top of the hill from the monument fire. There was a cleanup in the Southfork area. Primarily tribal families live there and people are happy with it. There are plans to put up an emergency communication tower for the FS as well as other agencies.
- u. Trinity PUD
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- w. USFS Shasta-Trinity NF

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- i. Nate: Work contracted along trinity dam blvd is complete and hoping to burn piles next winter. Carville memo was signed to complete a cut and chip project. Working on a Carville cut and chip project
- ii. Tim: Resume Have authorization to resume and support prescribed fire activities. Are updating burn plans and template.
  - 1. Coming out of fire restrictions in Trinity and Shasta National Forest
  - 2. Resume prescribed fire activities in the forest. Updating burn plans and are authorized to carry out and support prescribed burn activities.
- iii. Kieth: Clearing roads to get better access for equipment. Are going to start looking into burning hand piles. Have an understory burn at Harrison Gulch Admin Compound. Plan on doing site prep on some plantations that were burnt over during the August fire.
- x. USFS Six-Rivers NF: Absent
  - i. Nancy Curran -FS
    - 1. Just completed 3 projects within or adjacent to the Mad Ridge Fuelbreak: All work accomplished by the Watershed Center mastication and fuels crews and funded by Joint Chiefs' and/or Cal Fire Forest Health CCI funds awarded to the Watershed Center:
    - 2. D-70 Shaded Fuelbreak Maintenance and Expansion Project – **70 acres** lop and scatter brush and small trees under 8 inch DBH in preparation for jackpot understory burning
    - 3. Van Duzen Vegetation Management Project – **44 acres** maintenance mastication
    - 4. Mad Ridge Fuelbreak Project – **137 acres** maintenance mastication
    - 5. Ongoing Projects:
      - a. Beaverslide Biomass Utilization – 1,500 tons of biomass removed and burned (Air Curtain Incinerator), and 620 cords of firewood extracted from the Beaverslide Fire Salvage area. Operation funded Cal Fire Forest Health CCI funds awarded to the Watershed Center and will continue until funds are exhausted. At this time, at 3 cords per family, enough firewood to heat 207 residences.
      - b. Trinity County CWPP Project – So far, about 10 miles of road brushing and chipping has been accomplished by the Trinity County RCD in the Kettenpom-Zenia area. Strategic Forest Service roads identified by the local VFDs as needing brushing to improve access to WUI areas are scheduled for brushing and chipping.
    - 6. Other: August Restoration EA to be signed early November.
    - 7. The Watershed Research & Training Center: Absent
- y. Weaverville VFD: Absent
- z. Willow Creek FSC:
  - i. Regina: Grant come in from central credit union to help for chipping
  - ii. Library held meeting which earned FSC \$500 and also led to discussion
  - iii. Adopt a highway community gave them \$250 for cleaning highway
  - iv. Have a spaghetti dinner and raffle planned for next month to raise money

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