

Cooperator's Agenda

Aug. 17, 2012

Introduction: Dwight Robanske
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Operations Update:

Weather Update:

Fire Behavior Update:

Concerns and Issues:

Property owners want current information:

Obtaining phone numbers to keep them updated and supplying road blocks with current information.

Wood Cutters out in Forest

Area closure in effect for Modoc Forest

Ruby Pipe Line, Concerned about an above ground pipe.

Received lat/longs, passed along to Operations

The use of local vendors

Septic service

Safeway for supply cache

Laundry

Sewer Treatment Plant

B.E.A.R. and also mechanism for the affected property owners to make claims for damaged property. Point of contact and method.

Point of contact is the Forest.

Recognizing local volunteer fire depts. for their hard work and cooperation with the team.

Make an effort to thank them individually and publicly.

8-17-12 with TATVBS

RADIO SPOTS ON

Next Meeting Time:

Lake County Sheriff: Phil McDonald [redacted]

Lake County Roads Manager: Rick DuMileu [redacted]

Lake County Commissioners: Dan Shoun [redacted] / Brad Winters [redacted] Ken Kestner [redacted]
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Lakeview Town Manager: Ray Simms [redacted]

Lake County Chamber of Commerce: Audrey Henry [redacted]

Oregon State University Extension Office: Pete Schrader [redacted]

Lake County Fairgrounds Manager: Don Moore [redacted] cell [redacted]

Westside Store: 947-3606

Safeway: 947-2324

Permittees and Homeowners:

Barb Albertson [redacted] *Brett Jasper* [redacted]

Jack Sparrowk [redacted] Bev Sparrowk [redacted]

Sally and Con Fitzgerald [redacted] or Brendan Fitzgerald [redacted]

Warren Taylor (Utley Ranch) [redacted] *landowner*

Good contact for homeowners (Deputy Sherriff Jimmy Dean) [redacted]

Ace Felder [redacted] *ranch hand*

Jeff McNeck [redacted]

Ron Hotchkiss [redacted]

Jerry Evans [redacted]

James Evans [redacted]

Ray Cain [redacted]

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- What if I have Fence damage?
- Who do I contact regarding road damage?
- Who do I contact regarding restoration?
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Affected Landowner Assistance Information

Having just experienced one of the biggest fires in Lake County, as an affected landowner, you might now be faced with the task of cleaning up and rehabilitating lands marked by fire.

You should begin work now to assess your land management options and develop a plan to address your short-term and long-term goals, prior to Oregon's wet season.

The severity of the fire that affected your land, the vegetation and nature of your land, as well as your overall land management objectives should be considered, as diverse ecosystems of the state require different fire rehabilitation techniques.

On forested lands with light intensity fires (those that burn through the shrubs and smaller trees while leaving the majority of the larger trees) little to no restoration efforts may be needed.

On the other hand, if fire burned intensively on your land, it may have been destructive, killing all vegetation and damaging soils. In these situations, it is important to act quickly to stabilize and protect the soil and/or reestablish vegetation prior to fall and winter rains.

Invasive Species

One important aspect of fire rehabilitation efforts may very likely be noxious weed control. Often, quick establishment of desired vegetation prevents the rapid spread of noxious weeds after wildfire. Be careful when selecting tree species and grass seed, since the planting of both can have long-term implications, as well as short-term effects on native plant growth and wildlife.

Local foresters and conservation technicians are available to assist with your restoration strategies, whether they include timber, grazing, fisheries and wildlife habitat, or other objectives.

Resource professionals can help you determine your specific needs by evaluating resources on your property and your overall land management objectives. In addition, web sites and publications are available that will lend guidance.

Under the Wyden Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Agreement authority (Pub. L. 105-277), Forest Service funding may be used to accomplish work on other ownerships if the work is essential to protect National Forest System lands, roads, or safety of Forest visitors. Use of Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) funding to implement emergency stabilization on non-Federal burned lands is appropriate when there is a clear benefit to safety or critical resources on National Forest System lands, when treatments conducted on National Forest System lands would otherwise not be effective, and when appropriate cost-sharing, protection, and liability agreements with the landowners are initiated.

AREAS OF ASSISTANCE

SALVAGE AND REFORESTATION

Salvage Logging:

- Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Tree planting (species, seedling type and availability):

- ODF Stewardship Foresters

Financial assistance (state and federal cost-share, state grants, federal income tax credits):

- ODF Stewardship Foresters, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and Watershed Councils or Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Seedlings - Unable to mix with federal cost share dollars.

Educational Assistance (publications and forestry courses):

- OSU Extension Service

SOIL STABILIZATION

Grass seeding mixtures:

- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Access and Habitat Program, NRCS, or local SWCD

Mechanical barriers:

- NRCS or ODF Service Foresters

Financial assistance:

- NRCS or Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB)

WILDLIFE HABITAT

Forage:

- ODFW Access and Habitat Program

Snags and downed logs:

- ODFW wildlife biologist or ODF field foresters

Financial assistance:

- ODFW Access and Habitat Program

RANGE IMPROVEMENT

Grass seeding mixtures:

- ODFW Access and Habitat Program, NRCS or Oregon State University Extension (OSU)

Financial assistance for seeding:

- NRCS and ODFW Access and Habitat Program,

Financial assistance for rebuilding fences:

- Farm Service Agency (FSA)

AGENCY CONTACTS

Farm Service Agency (FSA)

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<http://cms.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEEDS/Pages/contact.aspx>

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Planning Workshop for Barry Point Stakeholders

Monday - August 20, 2012 – 3 p.m.
Lake County Chamber of Commerce Office

GOAL

Provide Barry Point Fire stakeholders with an information packet which includes contacts and materials for rehabilitation, restoration, financial aid, etc. Stakeholders include affected landowners and permittees.

OBJECTIVES

Determine what each participating entity can do to assist stakeholders

Prepare for an information forum for stakeholders

AGENDA

Welcome

Participant Introductions/Titles/Websites

What can each of us do to assist the stakeholders?

- ✓ Property Damage
- ✓ Cattle Loss
- ✓ Turn Back Standards
- ✓ Road Damage
- ✓ Restoration
- ✓ Salvage
- ✓ Thanks You(s)
- ✓ Claims or Complaints
- ✓ Agency Information
- ✓ Invasive Species

Determine stakeholder meeting:

- ≈ Date
- ≈ Time
- ≈ Location

Barry Point Fire Planning Workshop Participants

Farm Service Agency

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Fencing –Can do 75% on both federal and private land

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440, 000 acres burned

55 landowners (24 grazing only)

4,870 acres of timber

7,449 acres of grazing (private)

National Forest lands

Immediate post suppression rehabilitation...Severity map will give the Forest a better idea of needs.

Roads are being analyzed. Dozer lines – water bars in place

Mapping suppression features

Fences cut for fire suppression purposes

BAER TEAM is here to get analysis on the effects of the fire on the land. This is mostly on federal land unless it has a direct effect on private lands (report in two weeks).

Rapid assessment

The Forest and assessment teams will look at severity, fences, water and vegetative recovery

Lucas Phillips will be Forest Contact

ODF

Will do rehabilitation where suppression efforts were used.

Will make contact with every landowner to discuss rehabilitation efforts and salvage.

Salvaging will trigger a requirement for reforestation.

Some salvage efforts won't create much of a profit.

We can suspend reforestation which offers the landowner some cost share.

NRCS

Oregon is trying to set up special fund for the wildfires. We have two funds, the Equity incentive program and Wildlife incentive program. Cost share funds. The funds are dependent on 2013 funds. Continuous sign up.

Landowners are encouraged to come in and apply. Separate fund for Lake county. Reseeding for erosion control, normal need signed contract but are currently looking at waivers.

Farm Agency

Emergency conservation program 75% cost shares

We could start doing manual applications to get them started

Dependent on the age of the fence cost share maybe 60% cost share. If fence is older than 30 years, probably not going to help.

May combine with Harney/ Malheur/Lake Counties.

We do have a livestock indemnity program. Market value is paid on livestock, unfortunately funds are dependent on continuous resolution or bill that will need to pass.

SWCD

Work a lot through OWEB. Working at the state level to see what can be accessed.

Looking mostly at reseeded.

They will need to make a tie to a watershed.

With the governor declaring the State of Emergency, there will be funds avail to help with wildfires.
Meeting was this morning at 10AM

OWEB Cycle is mid October this year.

Small grant from OWEB funds work on a biennium next July.

Extension Agency

Evaluations on grazing plans

Offer workshop on grazing with private landowners and well as Forest Service

Will be a clearing house for donations such as hay.

Steve Fitzgerald out of Bend is the extension Forester to help with workshop on reforestation.

LCCWC

Straw and seed being brought in... would encourage weed free straw.

We could offer a cost share, on testing for weeds.

Called State weed board, rehab is not out of the program. We could possibly put in grants for private landowners.

ODFW

Aprox. \$115,000 in Access and Habitat Program – Emergency herbaceous reseeding. The grant needs to be applied for in the next 30days. Only on private land. Land must be open by permission only and no fee hunting on land. Better if it is winter range or critical habitat.

***Landowners should make first contact with Farm Agency and NRCS and they will tie in with watershed councils and other partners.