

**Prescott Area
Wildland/Urban Interface Commission
Minutes
June 7, 2018**

Participants: Michael Orr, Belinda Taylor, Lois Hoskinson, KC Yowell, Loren Bykerk, Joe Pendergast, Tom DiCamillo, Ted Stubblefield, Ron Sauntman, Tiffany Chiaravalloti, Michael Brady, Victoria Wendt, Gary Bernal, Julia Bernal, Dawn Salcito, Bill Wolff, Jim Campbell, Gary Wellborn, Andie Smith, Sarah Tomsy, Mary Ann Clark, Ginny Shugars, Ken Karkula, Steve Lombardo, Chris Lowman, Jeff Phillips, M and D Taylor- Gebler, Hugh Vallely, Jeff Schalau, Joseph Mancino, Kathy Mancino, Christie Hamman, Rich Van Demark, Richard Poulton, Steve Mann, JAKS Firewise, Jerry Borgelt, Don Devendorf, Anthony Tunis, Russell Lafayette, C Silveira, Bret Lucas, Nadine Lulich, Jake Guadiana, Jim Zimmerman, Darrell Anderson, Craig Brown, Paul Beck, John Foucrier, Paul Scrivens, James Young, Sue Tone, Jim Buchanan, Bill Brye, Dennis Light, Bill Fields, Ron Norfleet, John Alden, Samantha Parsons, Betty Higgins, Artista Marchioni, Cindy Miner, Isiah Keeme

Recorder: Seleatha Mendibles

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting was called to order and introductions of new members were made.

2. Chairman's Remarks- Michael Orr

- The May 22, 2018 US drought monitor confirms that large portions of AZ are in the extreme and exceptional drought category. Since May 1, 2018 the extreme drought has increased from 60.35% to 73.61%. Exceptional drought increased from 9.62% to 15.71%.
- Slides were shared indicating major western wildfires as of last week. In AZ, the 377 fire was listed at 5200 acres with 20% containment. The Tinder fire ended up at 16,000 acres. In New Mexico, the Ute Park fire and Buzzard fires have 30% and 49% containment.
- Multiple agencies have assisted in an evaluation of water concerns involving the Juniper Heights/Old Senator Highway firewise community. Plans are already in development at the City of Prescott that should substantially increase both the diameter of the waterline to that region and the capacity of the storage tank adjacent to the community.
- Thank you to Chief Light for arranging for PAUUC to participate in the Home and Garden show last month. Over 16,000 people attended. Volunteers talked with hundreds of individuals and passed out a voluminous amount of educational material. Homeowners from Williamson Valley Road and Prescott Valley were especially interested in gathering information. Special thanks to Lois Hoskinson, Leigh Cosby, Jim Zimmerman, Chief Light, Marcie Slay, Judy Egan, Vicki Wendt, Patrick Rappold, and Marty Trembly for taking time out from their busy schedules to spend so much time and effort promoting firewise education. There were many longtime residents in attendance who had never heard of PAUUC and firewise so we still have a long way to go in our efforts to spread the word about the amazing accomplishments of this organization.
- Prescott was voted Best Arizona Destination for Nature Lovers by Travel Magazine. Sedona and Cottonwood were also mentioned.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved.

4. Financial Report- Treasurer's Report

March 31, 2018 Beginning Bank Balance	\$	36,448.78
Total Deposits	\$	3,954.97
Subtotal plus Credits/Deposits	\$	40,403.75
Debits/Expenses	\$	11,194.66
Ending Bank Balance	\$	29,209.09
Pending Expense Balance	\$	5,120.00
April 30, 2018 Checkbook Balance	\$	24,089.09
Title III Monies 2016	\$	3,749.70
AZ Community Foundation Grant	\$	-
Actual Operational Monies	\$	20,339.39

5. Presentation: Pete Gordon, Prescott National Forest Fire Staff Officer

Dr. Orr shared pictures from his recent tour of the Prescott Fire Center and cache. In 1990, the Prescott National Forest entered into a partnership with the City of Prescott to build the Prescott Fire Center. The airport is able to accommodate various sizes of aircraft. The cache is 15,000 feet of space and holds gear and equipment for use nationally during fire season.

Pete shared maps of the closure areas and provided an overview and rationale for why only portions of the forest are closed. One main reason for a specific closure area, is to reduce the probability of a fire accidentally starting. The closure won't prevent illegal activity and roadside fires. The community and homeowners have a responsibility to prevent wildfires by being firewise and remaining vigilant. Living in the wildland urban interface is a risk and the responsibility is high. The PNF has created a militia with additional resources to participate in additional patrol in all areas of the forest. Additional signs and road closures are in place and will be enforced. Resources are here from other areas of the country as well as from local partners such as AZGF, YCSO and the Jeep/Quad Posse.

6. Agency and Community Activity Reports/Issues

AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management- Recently toured the Tinder fire burn area and observed the resilient nature of the natural vegetation. There was a stark difference in the homes who had fire resistant vegetation and those that did not. Currently not under any closures, but have extended staffing 7 days a week.

Central AZ Fire and Medical Authority- Completed 11 assessments. A \$10,000 grant for chipping through the Ready, Set, Go program is still pending. Several resources are out on fire assignments. Two new type I engines have been put into service. Resources have responded to several structure fires, some are suspicious. Many thanks to the collaborative efforts of partners in assisting in the Viewpoint fire as well as with the several structure fires.

City of Prescott FD- Chipping truck is back in service; using Thursdays and Fridays as catch up days. Recruitment for the Citizens Academy remains open through the summer. Two resources are out on fires. The \$500 match grant is still available. Crews are working on several projects. The grand opening of the Granite Mountain Learning and Tribute Center at the mall is on 6/29/18 at noon. Unable to provide any definitive answers regarding fireworks at this time. Conditions and a great deal of other variables dictate the decision and with it still being 10 days out, things could change drastically.

Natural Resources Conservation Service- Applied for tech grant. Received \$50,000 to hire a cultural resource specialist. Please provide ideas for hiring criteria and suggested interview questions to Dawn Salcito. Working with 4 area camps to complete mitigation work. Also working with Crown King FD and the Walker Community Action Alliance on projects.

Office of Emergency Management- Mitigation plan was approved by FEMA. The chipper is back in service. Title III was approved and will begin in August.

Prescott National Forest- The Sycamore fire has burned about 230 acres. It is burning in the wilderness and crews are monitoring. Since January, there have been 19 fires, burning 2.5 acres. Since the closure on 6/1, there have been 5 closure violations, 5 smoking violations and 1 shooting violation.

University of AZ Cooperative Extension- Photos of juniper conditions on the Apache-Sitgreaves NF were shared. Conditions are similar in the local area. Completed 5 assessments in the Prescott Canyon Estates.

Alexa Scholl- Free slash program event at the Sundog Ranch location will be from 9-3 on 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, and 6/30. Please bring a city utility bill for identification.

7. Old Business-

Grant Updates

WFHF 15-208, closed.

WFHF 16-204, work is continuing and will close on 12/31/18. \$56,871.30 remains.

SFA 2017, for newer communities and education. \$\$105,050.00 remains.

Title III, deadline extended to 12/31/18.

FSP 17-0014- Grant available for PAUUIIC to create a movie regarding forest stewardship.

Working with NRCS and have already done several interviews. Work is continuing.

WFHF 2018- Status pending. Many thanks to the agencies who provided letters of recommendations.

Project Andrew- Is complete. Approximately ½ of 800 Ponderosa Pine trees were removed with 19 acres mitigated. There are many benefits to adjacent communities. Several agencies participated in this effort.

8. New Business-

F.A.C.S. Operations LLC (Fast Application Containment System) consists of a patented gluten based substrate which when combined with glycerin and water in varying amounts results in a protective coating that can be readily applied to any surface providing instant protection against the ravages of wildfires and extreme heat. Dan Sinclair, President of F.A.C.S. Ops is available for additional questions and can be reached at dan@facops.com or (602) 359-3719.

5/50 Raffle- Darryl Anderson won the raffle and donated the total back to PAUUIIC.

Adjourned: 9:23 a.m. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 2nd at 8:00 a.m.