



Minutes for Thursday, December 7, 2023 8:00 AM

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order at 8:00 am
 - Announcement about facilities & phone calls (outside)
2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes
 - Approved by acclimation
3. Agency Reports
 - AZ Department of Forestry & Fire Management: Suppression-side- training fire dept & future personnel (goal to get 10 engines to wildfires), Old Black Canyon City highway mitigation, Asking for list of site with adjoining state land
 - AZ State Land Department: none
 - Arizona Public Service: none
 - Bureau of Land Management: Derrick Black Canyon City thinning, Badger Spring thinning & spray treat, Skull Valley new project soon, Dewey. Project soon (early 2024)
 - Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority: none
 - Cottonwood Fire Department: none
 - Groom Creek Fire Department: no report today
 - Jeep Posse: transferring from fire help to snow help (getting first responders to work); snow rescue too; currently working on search & rescue; Now Caption Jakola
 - Jerome Fire Department: weed cutting along highway; mitigation in various areas around Jerome
 - Large Animal Shelter & Emergency Services (LASER): none
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service: none
 - Prescott Chipping Crew: 10 acres Mission Crew, Bean Creek 1- miles of trees, xxx , Gold Water mitigation 1.5 miles, 107 chipping piles off private home, 3 acres by Willow Lake,
 - Prescott Fire Department: none; continuing to work on move; drove old fire truck; Assessor class done; Requesting another chipper truck
 - Prescott National Forest: Ben- big projects near Breezy Pines 700 acres thinning (precipitation), ponderosa pine 250 acres thinning; Jerome project wildlife 1400 acres; Skyline near iron springs 50 acres thinning; Mayria pie Road 70 acres thinning (future burn) Sarah- Michael Orr; Prescribed burns 10,000 acres this fall; intended more in near future; try not to burn during holidays; Dale retiring; Sarah promoting to Prescott National Forest Supervisor; John xxx may replace Sarah's previous role (came here because of reputation for cooperation and urban-wildland interface efforts); continuing to see high level of commitment and cooperation! Priority for PNF.
 - Sedona Fire: none
 - University of AZ Cooperative Extension: none
 - Yavapai County Board of Supervisors: recognized xxx; Title 3 funds approved
 - Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management: Title 3 to be posted on website; approved adoption of Hazard Mitigation Plan; approval of Genesis ... evacuation zone program/planning;
 - Weber Mountain: People's Valley crew back; Weber project to be completed 3.6 miles of thinning; model creek thinning 3.5 acres; buckhorn legacy project in January; model creek base 31.5 acres, Ruger ranch project + entire community (January)
 - Williamson Valley / Bagdad Fire District: none
 - Yavapai Indian Tribe: no news; working on grants!

**Yavapai County Emergency Management Building
1100 Commerce Dr, Prescott, AZ**



4. Special Presentation

- Michelle L. Swavely | Personal Lines Account Executive | Crest Insurance Group
- ? What is being scored ? Wildfire risk is a growing concern for insurance companies.
- All risks are considered within an area (see side); 30 year history of wildfire + wildfire rating;
- Firewise communication with insurance representative is important, however classification is based on computer scores (AZ-WRAP: needs to be updated more often)
- Recommendation: contact insurance agents with information about Firewise-USA + FAC; and ask them to communicate to their underwriters about “improved wildfire safety”
- What can HOA do? Encourage Homeowners to talk to their agent ... educate them about Firewise (provide short story of prevention)
- Current application is suppression; Future needs to reflect prevention (which is Firewise)
- Ask Broker: access to broader spectrum of insurances

5. Strategic Plan Update

- Report moved to February

6. Gift Card Raffle

- Winner is Greg Wanket

7. Treasurer Report – Shirley / Lisa

- No report today, but will send new report with minutes

8. Grants Report – Shirley / Lisa

- NFHF 21-205 deadline is 12-31-2023
- Applied for 2 more grants ... details should be coming soon (maybe February)
- Get ‘er done

9. Communities Highlights

- None
- Ron Jakola is offering presentation at your site

10. Announcements / Upcoming Events

- Evaluating opportunity for radio spots ... **PLEASE helps us to execute this strategy**
- Annual Report ... need 1-2-3 most significant accomplishments

11. Adjournment at 9:21 am

NEXT:

- Distribute information on sites used by insurers (get list of all sources, send to all)