

YAVAPAI FIREWISE/PAWUIC MEETING

December 1, 2022

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- **Welcome**
 - The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by Chair Shirley Howell. A warm welcome was extended to all in person and on zoom. (The audio was difficult to hear initially.)
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- **Raffle** - The Raffle winner was Marty Zytkowski
- **Approval of November 2022 Minutes (Motion/Vote by acclamation)**
 - Approved by acclamation
- **Treasurer and Grant Reports (Accept/Vote by acclamation)**
 - November Financials are not available as the statement did not close until 12:00 AM last night.
 - Grant activity on the WFHF 19-202 has closed, 20-204 has been extended until June 30, 2023, NFHF 21-205 has begun, HFI 2022 still waiting for final documents and signatures,
 - Have applied for three Western Bark Beetle grants for Groom Creek, High Valley Ranch, and Oak Knoll.
 - Waiting to hear back on those applications.
 - Title III – Money was returned as was not used within time allotted
 - Joint Chiefs grant closed 9/30/22
- **Agency Reports**
 - Ben Roe-PNF- Forester Little activity in December –
 - Activity with the Timber shop - Mastication off of Iron Springs at the Alto Pit near Black Jack-private inholdings about 76 acres with a partner. Just wrapped up.
 - Ansgar Mitchell-PNF – West Zone Fire Prevention AFMO in the Bradshaw Ranger District
 - Yesterday smoke in the air- there was Prescribed fire near Copper Basin-65 acres of debris pile burning along with that since mid-October they have completed 824 acres of debris pile burning in the Prescott Basin Area. Moving forward they are not planning on doing any more ignitions until there after the first of the year, but today on the Verde side they are going to be doing some burning on Mingus Mountain look at 456 acres. You can see where activity is occurring if you use the Prescott National Forest Website, Twitter or Facebook Page. There are phone numbers that you can call for information. Broadcast Burns were scheduled but have been cancelled due to weather concerns.
 - Shout out to cooperators AZ DFFM, DOC crews that have been instrumental to getting the work accomplished.
 - Question if burns on Mingus would affect Hwy 89 traffic? Concern regarding wind forecasted. Always I contact with National Weather Service before any burns are started.
 - Matt Rust - DFFM – Lead Fire Prevention Officer –

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- Working on Firewise Renewal applications. Yavapai County is only missing 3 or 4 sites that have not renewed. Will be in full compliance by the end of the year.
- Yavapai County has a new Firewise Site-Buckhorn Ranch in Peeples Valley. Congratulations to Ray and his team.
- If any of those 3 or 4 sites are having problems, contact Matt Rust, 602.339.4975, mrust@dffm.az.gov for assistance.
- Currently on day two of the Firewise assessors' class at the Prescott Police Department. Approximately 30 people in attendance with great feedback. Thank you to Lori Burkeen for finding another location when complications arose at the Training Center.
- Next event scheduled is the Prescott Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade and are looking forward to that.
- Dori Booth-Fire Marshal Sedona Fire District asked Matt to contact her to help coordinate with communities on the Coconino and Yavapai side of Sedona Fire for Firewise
- Ashley Alquist Yavapai County Emergency Management-
 - Quick thank you to all the folks and agencies who participated in the YCWPP process. Consultant is now compiling the data and Fred the planner for Emergency Management is working on revising the CWPP.
 - Title III Final awards will be presented December 7th by the Board of Supervisors.
 - Encourage all people to sign up for the new Emergency Alert System. The Sherriff's Office will be utilizing IPAWS- Integrated public alert and warning system. Similar to the Amber Alert system. Register with address to not only get alerts for where you are but your home as well. It is replacing Code Red, but not Ready Set Go. Question asking if you had to reregister if you were signed up for Code Red. Yes, you do. The information did not transfer over to the new platform. Go to YCSO.gov and there is information on how to sign up on their website.
 - Supervisor Brown reiterated how important it was to reregister for the new system before Fire Season for notification purposes.
- Ray Paiz –
 - Peeples Valley now has a new Firewise Community Buckhorn Trails. Thank you to Chief Bomar, his staff and DFFM for help with the process. Next project will be to work on making Ruger Ranch a Firewise community. Thank you to Dr. Stafford for helping with that effort. Update on progress in Peeples Valley.
 - Progress in Peeples Valley- This calendar year the Fire District and Fuels mitigation crew grew in efforts to provide mitigation and fire protection. They completed 105 acres treatment combined acreage residential, hand thinning, mowing, road side treatment, fuel breaks establishment, and acreage treatment for local ranches. Fuels Crew has done a tremendous job. Fuels crew has been approved by the fire district to work outside of the district. They helped Yarnell with hazardous fuels mitigation in their water district.
- Carlos Payan BLM-Phoenix-- 2 projects going right now
 - Work on Costco project. Thinning, use of Masticator, and chipping. Once they are done with project moving on the Cherry Ridge
 - Cherry Ridge-Crews working along the fence line and chipping
- Miles Graybill-PFD Forestry Crew –

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- Currently working at Camp Marapai, next Friendly Pines Camp with the Constellation Trail after that. When those projects are completed, the crew will be doing work on the invasive species grant by Willow Lake. After that they will be working on a Forest Agreement Grant by Goldwater Lake for 3 to 400 acres. This is a cooperative agreement with the Federal Government. They are also working on Chipping, snow removal and helping the State with the Firewise Assessor course.
- **Nominating Committee**
 - Still seeking a Secretary and Treasurer
- **Speaker Dr. Allison Meadow, Climate Assessment for the Southwest (CLIMAS) and Office of Societal Impact, University of Arizona.**
 - Request from Dori Booth, Sedona Fire for a list of plants that are viable for the Sedona area. (Shirley referred her to the AZ Cooperative Extension Office and Master Gardeners as a resource. Also, local Nurseries often have a list of native and drought tolerant plant species for the area)
 - This will be an ongoing informational piece.
- **Volunteers and agencies needed to participate in the 40th Annual Prescott Chamber Christmas Parade Saturday December 3, 2022 – 1:00 “A Superhero Christmas”**
 - **Participating agencies**
 - CAFMA
 - AZ DFFM
 - PNF
 - Prescott Fire
 - AWIMA
- **Communities Highlights – Open to Group**
- **General Open Discussion**
- **Announcements/Adjournment –**
 - Meeting Adjourned 9:10 AM
- **NEXT MEETING February 2, 2023 - Freeman Building on the Rodeo Grounds at 8 a.m.**
 - ***IN ATTENDANCE-Freeman Building-31***

Abby Harbicht	PAWUIC/LASER	Marty Zytkowski	Prescott Skyline
Lois Hoskinson	PAWUIC-Admin	Mary Ann Clark	PAWUIC
Shirley Howell	PAWUIC/Grants	Ashley Alquist	YCOEM
Dave Soto	Sedona Fire District	Paul Beck	Kingswood
Ron Weiss	Santa Fe Springs	Jon Jones	YCOEM
Bob Betts	Hidden Valley	Jerry Borgelt	Highland Pines
Ansgar Mitchell	PNF	Marty Borgelt	Highland Pines

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Chuck Silveira	Ponderosa Park	Donna Fagan	Vista del Cerro
Linda Conn	The Ranch	Carlo Martinelli	Estate at Cherry Ridge
Monica Friend	Estates at Cherry Ridge	Louis Cywinski	Yavapai Hills
Dave Misenak	Rancho Vista Hills	Mary Kelley	Quail Hollow
Ray Paiz	Peeples Valley	Kelley Paiz	Peeples Valley
Chris Espinoza	YCOEM	Bill Fields	Oro Flame Fuel Break
Mike Spencer	Prescott Foothills	Robert Gates	Preserve
Tom Knapp	Prescott Fire	Miles Graybill	PFD
Loren Bykerk			

IN ATTENDANCE Zoom-25

Jim Zimmerman	Pinon Oaks	Julius Koenigsknecht	StoneRidge
Ben Roe	PNF	Carlos Payan	BLM
Eileen Tellez	The Foothills	Larry Gray	Southview
Matthew Rust	AZ DFFM	Patrick	Timber Ridge
Richard Jackson	Oak Knoll	Russell LaFayette	Prescott Lakes
Sienna Stea Miller	AZ DFFM	Allison Meadow	Speaker
Steve Canter	Groom Creek	Tom DiCamillo	Walker
Steve Lombardo	PAWUIC	Elaine Chambers	Mountain Club
Zachary Czuprynski		Phil Johnson	Forest Hylands
Dennis Shaw	The Ranch	Craig Brown	YC BOS
Rick Contreras	Cottonwood Fire Marshal	Dori Booth	Sedona Fire Marshal
Marlyn VanKeuren	YC BOS	Debbie Miller	D-H
Ken Karkula	Highland Pines		