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| Chumstick Wildfire Stewardship Coalition | | **Date: May 27, 2021** |
| **Time:** 6:00 p.m. |
| **Location:**  Leavenworth Fire Station or via Zoom |
| **Meeting called by:** | John Callahan, CWSC Steering Committee Chair | |
| **Attendees:** | Andrew Holm, Lloyd McGee, Corrine Hoffman, Patrick Haggerty, Dave Nalle, Sharon Waters, Barbara Carrillo | |
| **Type of Meeting:** | CWSC Steering Committee Meeting | |

**Minutes**

* Welcome and call to order:
  + Johncalled meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.
  + Minutes from April meeting motion to approve by Andrew, seconded by Sharon
* Interest: Insurance industry presentation to SC?
  + Perhaps next month?
* Corrine needs to do financial report next meeting
* 123 Project:
  + 14 landowners are interested so far
  + Workshops coming up soon for both Eagle Creek and Little Chumstick areas
    - Suggestion for Little Chumstick: Snowgrass Farms location, Jenny Bushwa owner (spelling?): has done educational events with National Resources Conservation Service
    - Contact Nolan Brewer (DNR Landowner Assistance) and Gary Bell (Fish and Wildlife) to determine which plots may not be eligible or present special challenges
* 2021 Building Forest Partnerships: DNR is waiting for funding approval at state level before committing to contracts
* Woody Debris Recycling Days: $1,400 per day with chipper from CCFD3 and Cascadia Conservation District
* Chelan County Fire District 3 (CCFD3):
  + Doubled down on chipping this year: Mobile chipping (spring and fall, paid for with Ready Set Go! Grant) and Woody Debris Days
    - Mobile chipping helped around 40 people this spring
    - Intention is to help residents break down or get rid of extra fuels that can’t usually be removed from the area because of the Apple Maggot Quarantine Area and the Urban Growth Area (in City of Leavenworth)
  + Suggestion: Washington Fire Adapted Communities (WAFAC) funded Chelan County Fire District 1 (CCFD1) for printing yard waste bags with their logos and defensible space tips - they were free from CCFD1
    - We could sell them through Marsons?
    - City has a recycling center for residents with a ‘green bin’ for green waste disposal
    - City also picks up up to 4 bags 4 times per year for free
    - There doesn’t seem to be a need for more bag pickups- 16 bags is a lot
    - Perhaps there could be a partnership with Marsons - they could hand out CCFD3’s new ‘Ready Set Go’ pamphlets when they sell the bags?
  + New recycling center for composting: Winton Mill site
    - Would like a presentation from the County on this - Ask Bob Bugart who would be the right person, perhaps set up?
    - Compost center would be instead of the County Pit site on East Leavenworth and Icicle.
  + The 3 past permits to burn at the County Pit cost $20,000 to $30,000? Paid to Ecology
  + Ember House: Corrine designed, called out materials and created structural and design drawings
    - Should be built to Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) codes on the ‘fire adapted’ side
      * Ask Dave Nalle or Dustin Hoffman (Corrine’s architect husband)
    - NO hand seared wood
    - When done, Corrine will add velcro, we will use velcro balls for a kids game on parts of the House that are not fire resistant
    - Target audience should be to those homeowners who will retrofit their houses and structures (venting, new siding or roofing)
    - Retrofit study: University of Nevada: wildfire metal skirt along bottom (Patrick)
  + Town Hall meeting: Tuesday, June 1st at 1:00 at Leavenworth Fire Hall or via Zoom
    - Chuck Hersey and others will not be able to make it due to Representative Kim Shrier’s visit, but we will still have the meeting
      * Invite Rep. Shrier? Or one of her assistants? She will be in the neighborhood
      * Chief O’Brien gave her a presentation today - could he make that invite?
  + Chumstick to Lower Peshastin Project (USFS): What is our role?
    - Patrick: For the Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project (UWPP) he was the Core Team leader. 5 representatives were on that team with him - they lead their own teams and reported to the Core Team
      * Wildlife, aquatics, terrestrial, economics, outreach teams
      * Instrumental in shaping project
      * Corrine: Two options:
        + Chumstick Coalition takes Patrick’s position for Chumstick to LP (Core Team leader)
        + Corrine is a member of the Core Team
      * How many hours per week? Patrick: 10 to 60 hours per week, usually 10
      * This would be the same scale: Chumstick collaboration on steroids
        + Partick mentioned working with ~50 monitoring technicians in 3 hours?
    - The CWSC was the first Coalition on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest (Oka-Wen)
      * Private landowners expect noone has our level of experience
      * We could increase our capacity by a lot and not be ‘left behind’
    - Mad Roaring Mills and UWPP: both 50,000 to 70,000 acres are all around our borders
      * There is not a volunteer in this room. Where is the funding coming from?
    - Could we add a private landowners group to the Teams? Instead of 5 teams there would be one more: private landowners: That could be Corrine’s role
      * There are more private landowners in this area than either Mad Roaring or UWPP
    - Should we hire someone to do this?
      * UWPP is delayed by one more year. Where does ongoing funding come from?
    - Do we see Chumstick to LP as more streamlined than the UWPP?
      * Yes.
      * Economic Subgroup: is industry going to pay for this? A to Z style project?
      * Could CWSC get funding for this from industry investment?
    - Patrick: We should commit to being a participant on this team now. Need funding, however.
      * Andrew is committing to showing up and participating.
    - Human ecology mapping: How people use the land survey. Determine what are the most important values to landowners.
      * Local based
    - North Central Washington Forest Health Collaborative (NCWFHC): Next Wednesday will start determining who will be involved.
      * CWSC needs to consciously build capacity and engage public interest now
    - Yes, CWSC wants to be a part of the Core Group
    - Our mailing list is growing fast
      * Do they want to be involved?
  + Remote water tanks: John
    - John is creating an action plan around remote water tanks
    - Goal: 1 tank in the ground by summer 2022
    - We have 2 private landowners on board (Eagle Creek and ¾ way up Chumstick)
    - Need to determine things like easement needs, hold harmless clauses, permitting, if government funding can be spent on private lands and funding
    - Help from Keith Goehner, Brad Hawkins, etc.
    - USDA Rural Communities and DNR All Lands Forest Grant have expressed interest in funding projects
    - The last article in the Echo “Rural and Remote Challenges to Firefighting” hit on exactly why we need this (written for the CWSC by Barbara Carrillo)
      * Quotes by Kelly
  + Cascadia Conservation District: Has a new grant with PUD to work with landowners adjacent to PUD infrastructure: 200 - 300 foot fuel brakes
    - $2.8 million for 5 years
    - DNR 1784: project scale they would work on - ‘project pipeline’
    - Model: PODs: to make a reality need cross-boundary work to ‘stitch together’ those boundaries
    - This can be near any overhead lines, not only big ones
  + Lots of funding coming out of state now: 5 years ago it was $2 million, now $15 million
  + Patrick: Wenatchee River Institute (WRI): community work party idea: it’s a great demonstration site. Dave Nalle very interested.
    - Would be good to have signage about why the work happened, why it’s ‘Firewise’ or fire adapted, how fire works and moves across the landscape
    - Carolyn Bugart: let’s bring her something solid
    - DNR Landowner Assessment: approved for cost share
    - Could do cost-share and instead of hiring do work party so WRI can keep the DNR funding to work on the larger dangerous trees
  + Next meeting: July 1st at 6:00 pm
  + Adjourned: 7:31 pm by John C.