**LASSEN COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC. (LCFSC)**

**LCFSC DIAMOND MOUNTAIN INITIATIVE**

**WORKING GROUP MEETING**

Monday, June 1, 2015

5:30 PM

Susan River Fire Protection District

705-145 Hwy 395, Johnstonville, California

The LCFSC Diamond Mountain Initiative meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm on June 1, 2015 at the Susan River Fire Protection District Office, 705-145 Hwy 395, Johnstonville, California. Attendees were Hannah Tangeman, Phil Nemir, Bob Andrews, Don Hansen, Lorraine Forester-Hansen, Matt Boisseau, Ryan Hilburn, Mark Shaffer, Terre Pearson-Ramirez, Bobette Jones, Karl Todd, Hugh Parker, Carol Keefer, Tony Shaw, Lloyd Keefer, Dan Douglas, Tom Esgate, and Cathy Dirden.

1. Welcome and Introductions: LCFSC Managing Director Tom Esgate welcomed all and asked for introductions.
2. Review of Updated Map –

The updated map was posted on the wall. The entire project area is within the WUI boundary. Karl had added the DM Motorway. Tom pointed out the various entry/access points including Beaty’s and BLM’s. CEQA is not yet complete on some of Beaty’s; BLM’s work has been completed. Other potential areas were identified as well. Tom will email out copies of the updated map to the Group.

1. Field Trip Review

Bobette stated the USFS areas that can be mechanically treated were identified; they’ll have to work on the ingress/egress and safety issues along the road. Some access areas are a matter of reconstructing the road; they want to open up the Motorway on either side allowing for ingress/egress and safety issues along the road. Ryan stated logging in one area will be completed by Sept but he’ll find out what can be treated this year.

1. Planning Discussion

Status of Current UFSF NEPA Process – Tom suggested identifying the end date and working backwards to create the timeline. Terri said USFS needs the project defined by Thanksgiving 2015; which is a 90 day period. She’ll put the timeline together and fill in the details. SNC has 2 rounds of funding totaling $25 million. $75,000 is the maximum that can be requested for planning. Bobette thinks more funding will be available in 2017. She stated the Forest Leadership Team will review the proposal; they’re currently handling emergency items. The Group needs to identify what can be done by Sept 2016. Tom will discuss a timeline with SNC. NEPA can be done for the whole area and within the area multiple types of treatments can be done. The Group discussed grant funds and saw logs for commercial value. Tom stated that the project would need to be conducted as a Stewardship proposal; money generated by saw logs would go back into the project.

Tasks for completion:

* Tom to meet with Dave Hays/USFS
* Tom to meet with Lynn Campbell/SNC
* Terre Pearson-Ramirez to complete timeline

 Consultant/s Discussion – Bobette stated that Eileen Carey/LCFSC Consultant would be a good fit. LCFSC will handle all contracts for the SNC Planning Phase.

 Budget – Tom stated they will build the budgets during June/July/August.

1. SNC Timeline – Lynn Campbell was unable to attend due to illness.
2. Treatment Funding Discussion -

Phase I – CFSC Grants – LCFSC & HLVRCD

Phase II – WWUI – The private land owners need to be identified. The WWUI can be applied for before clearances are complete. Term will be for 2 years – June 2016 – June 2018; requires 50% match. SNC – CEQA needs to be completed by Sept 1, 2016. GHG / SRA – Cal Fire is to roll out another phase of funding for both.

1. Other – Ryan stated the Beaty area to the west won’t get done until 2017. He discussed the areas they can do.

Matt asked the number of acres involved. Bobette stated about 2,000. Matt said to be prepared to tell Dave Hays this is what can be accomplished the quickest.

Mark Shaffer asked if saw logs were a way to pay for it. The Group discussed options.

Terri stated it would be easier to do a landscape document to cover more area.

1. Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 6th at 5:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 6:32