

CWPP Planning Session
Okanogan Conservation District Office
06/18/2024 | 9:00am – 11:00am

9:00 – 9:05 Public & Partner Comment

None.

9:05 – 9:15 2024 CWPP Document Review--Maps

We reviewed the map created by Dylan which displayed the previous treatment areas and areas affected by wildfire. Travis Baker asked if we could add priority treatment areas. We reviewed the Harvest Block maps. Travis Baker wanted to review the areas that had already been treated by the forest service. He noted that we should add the areas that are part of the Forest Service's 20-year plan. We reviewed the priority area map.

9:15 – 9:45 2024 CWPP Document Review--Text

- Eli noted that we are getting close to being done with filling in the gaps. We will make updates to the table of contents and acronyms when we get closer to the end. We will fill in the photos and maps later on due to formatting.
- Dylan calculated all the acres of the county that have burned in the last 50 years. Jessica Farmer noted that there may be some discrepancies in the fire calculations, specifically the Okanogan Complex Fire.
- We are missing a summary from the Methow ranger district.
- 1.b. Integration with other plans section is still in need of work. We may delete this section because it is not required, and we are missing a lot of information.
- The language about PBAs needs to be moved back to the prescribed fire section.
- Jessica Farmer asked if the demographics area needed additional information. She noted that she did not think it was reflective of our community. She was wondering if we should be addressing vulnerable populations as a part of the risk of wildfire. Jessica said that she can pull that data. We could also use wildfirerisk.org.
- Clean Air Methow expanded the Air Quality section. There is still some missing information on what the ECY or EPA graphic is.

- The wildfire characteristics has been built out to include information more accurate to Okanogan County.
- WUI second has been expanded. The WUI maps will be added.
- Wildfire in Suburban/Urban areas has been expanded but it can be further added to after public comment.
- Fuel treatment types section: This was not included on the previous CWPP plan but was included in the template. This part still needs information to be added. Some can be taken from the prescribed burn section.
- The town of Twisp and the town of Winthrop were the only municipalities to submit information. We will move this information to the end of the section to retain the flow.
- Jessica Farmer had a question about the post fire section. Their group is only deployed if it is declared a disastrous event. She wanted to know if she should differentiate post fire recovery depending on whether it has been declared disastrous. Eli says that we can describe that there are certain thresholds for certain assistance. These categories should be described so the audience can understand what happens in different scenarios.
- Mo Goodall will add information about how Okanogan County alert system has expanded since 2013

9:45 – 10:00 CWPP Timeline and To Dos

Eli will be leaving for a conference so Dylan and Emmy will be the point people for the project until he returns in July. We plan on doing the public comment period in July, it likely will not be possible to do by 6/24/24 as originally planned. We still plan on having the public comment meeting on July 10th.

Jessica Farmer asks if one of us should try to meet with the county departments to discuss their plans, ordinances, and zoning. We would mention that we are working on the CWPP and that zoning ordinances were included in the previous document. Jessica Farmer said that she will call the county as ask.

Eli asked partners to send photos and graphics that we can add to the document.

10:00

Adjournment

