

Working Across Boundaries to Implement the Cohesive Strategy in the Northern Rockies

June 20, 2019, 8:00-5:30

Northern Rockies Training Center
5765 W Broadway
Missoula, MT

Stop 1: Northern Rockies Training Center, Pintler Training Room –
Welcome, Objectives, and Logistics

Restrooms available

Time: 08:00 AM - 08:30 AM

Objectives: Welcome and objectives, logistics, safety

Schedule:

08:00 Social Networking, Light refreshments

08:10 Welcome & Objectives - **Vita Wright** (Northern Rockies Fire Science Network), **Kate Lighthall** (Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy, Western Region)

Safety message- **Joe Stutler**, Co-Chair, Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy, Western Region

Logistics for the Day – **Vita Wright**, RMRS & Lead, Northern Rockies Fire Science Network

08:30 Restroom Break & Load Bus

08:45 Bus Departs

Stop 2: Private Landowner Home

Indoor location if needed: Will stay at the NRTC Pintler Room (address above)

Part 1. Introduction to the Wildfire Adapted Missoula Project

Time: 09:15 AM - 09:45 AM

Objectives: Introduce Wildfire Adapted Missoula, a Joint Chiefs-awarded project focused on cross-boundary collaboration and addressing the three goals of the Cohesive Strategy.

Jen Hensiek, District Ranger, Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest – Wildfire Adapted Missoula and Marshall Woods Project

Joe Ashor, Field Office Manager, BLM Missoula Field Office – BLM projects along the Blackfoot Corridor

Stop 2: Private Landowner Home

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Part 2. Community Mitigation & Education on Private Lands

Time: 09:45 AM - 10:30 AM

Objectives: Discuss challenges and successes of wildfire preparedness and mitigation on private lands, importance of communication and partnership with the community.

Ashley Juran, MT DNRC - Fire Adapted Communities Montana

Steve Siebert, Private Landowner - Private landowner experiences with fuel treatment

Signe Leirfallom, Forestry Coordinator, Blackfoot Challenge – Implementation of the BLM Community Assistance program in the Blackfoot Corridor. Introduced by **Terina Goicoechea**, Fire Mitigation & Education Specialist, BLM - Western Montana District

Adriane Beck, Director, DES Coordinator, Missoula County Office of Emergency Management and Fire Warden – How fire adapted communities support fire response

10:25 Learning Lab Exercise – Part 1

10:40 Walk to main trailhead

Stop 3: Rattlesnake Trailhead - Marshall Wood Case Study: Lessons Learned about Fuel Treatment on Public Lands Adjacent to Complex Human Landscape
Indoor location if needed: Will stay at the NRTC Pintler Room (address above)

Restrooms available

Time: 10:45 AM – 11:40 PM

Objectives: Explore history of Marshall Woods project, including lessons learned in the planning, implementation, and outcomes. Learn how Marshall Woods led the way for Wildfire Adapted Missoula.

Jen Hensiek, District Ranger, Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest – Joint Chief’s project and working with partners; garnering community support; lessons learned

Dave Atkins, President, Treesource - Lolo Restoration Committee perspectives & lessons learned

Greg Dillon, Spatial Fire Analyst, Fire Modeling Institute, RMRS – Modeling Risk Zones for CWPP

Geoff Farinholt, Fuels Technician, Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest – Marshall Woods fuel treatment (hand thinning and prescribed burn); lessons learned in writing and implementing the burn plan

11:25 Learning Lab Exercise – Part 2

11:40 Walk back private landowner home and load buses. Drive to Greenough Park.

Stop 4: Greenough Park – Lunch

Indoor location if needed: Will stay at the NRTC Pintler Room (address above)

Restrooms available

Time: 11:50pm – 12:30pm

Objectives – Hear what’s happening in Missoula with the local Cohesive Strategy Work Group

11:50 Distribute lunches / Restroom break

12:05 Lunch Speaker: **Dave Strohmaier**, Missoula County Commissioner – Collaborative efforts in Missoula County, including the CWPP and shared fire prevention and education position

12:25 Load bus

12:30 Bus departs

Stop 5: Ravalli Interpretive Overlook Stop - Incident Response

Indoor location if needed: St. Ignatius Junior/Senior High 76 3rd Ave, St Ignatius

Restrooms available

Time: 1:15pm – 2:50pm

Objectives: Address the complexity of incident response on landscapes including WUI, Wilderness/Roadless, and everything in between, especially during multiple events. Understand the role of science in helping plan for and meet objectives

1:15 Arrive, quick restroom break and walk to speaking spot

1:25 **Tony Harwood**, Retired Fire Planner and FBAN, CSKT - Fire planning on the Flathead Reservation

LaWen Hollingsworth, Fire Behavior Specialist and LTAN, RMRS - Integrating Science into Fire Planning and Operations – from the Wilderness to the WUI – LTAN perspective

Joe Stutler, Co-Chair, Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy, Western Region - Area Command Perspective – Overview of 2017 Fire Season, Complexity of Managing Multiple Fires with limited resources

Ron Swaney, FMO, CSKT – Partnerships and sharing incident resources across boundaries

2:25 Learning Lab Exercise – Part 3

2:40 Walk back and load bus

2:50 Bus departs

Stop 6: Mission – Partnering with Tribes on Fire and Fuels Management
Address: St. Ignatius Junior/Senior High 76 3rd Ave, St Ignatius, MT 59865

Restrooms available

Time: 3:00 – 4:30pm

Objectives: Learn from an example of multi-jurisdictional fire and fuels management on and adjacent to the Flathead Reservation that incorporates traditional knowledge, western science, and partnership

Tony Incashola, Jr., Department Head, CSKT Department of Forestry - Welcome and Overview

Tony Harwood, Retired Fire Planner, CSKT Department of Forestry - Incorporating traditional knowledge about fire and cultural resources into fire management

Darrell Clairmont, Fuels Specialist, CSKT Department of Forestry - RTRL and related authorities and projects

4:05 **Learning Lab – Part 4** (Joe Stutler, Facilitator)

4:20 Restroom break / head back to bus

4:30 Bus departs

5:30 Drop-off at Northern Rockies Training Center