

# Mono Basin Fire Safe Council (MBFSC) Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2021

Monthly meetings have been changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 5-6pm.

**Next meeting:** April 21, 2021 (5-6pm)

Future meetings will be recorded.

**Special thanks to John Warneke** who has volunteered to record meeting minutes in future MBFSC meetings. Thank you John!

## **UPDATE from Annamaria Echeverria:**

“I have briefed Gordon Martin, the Mono & Mammoth District Ranger, about the desire among members of the FSC to initiate a fuels reduction project on FS lands adjacent to Mono City private property and in the Mill Creek area on the west side of Hwy. 395. I have also let him know about the concern regarding the dispersed camping along Mill Creek because of the potential for an escape campfire to cause a wildland fire to threaten Mono City. Gordon is open to a project and he would like to attend a site visit to the area. Before I left on this assignment I was checking our environmental records to find out what resource analysis had been done already. When I get back I plan to sketch out a map of a proposed project area and schedule a site visit with Gordon and members of the FSC.”

## **Items discussed at the 4/21/21 meeting:**

- **Mono Basin FSC Website**
  - Working with Chance to update MBFSC website content
  - We will try to keep this website up to date this year with fire info
  - Additional discussions about website maintenance to come
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lee Vining and Mono City Fire Departments**
  - MOU signed with LVFD
  - MOU pending with MCFD
- **Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection (WRRAP) Meeting**
  - Robbie has been attending WRRAP meetings, coalition of entities throughout the state

- Emphasis on defensible space, home hardening, and working with insurance companies
- Great materials, ideas, info being developed – stay tuned for more updates
- **Rezoning parcel on HWY 167**
  - MBFSC participants have expressed interest in tracking the Rea Ranch proposal regarding fire concerns
  - Robbie has included [MBFSCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:MBFSCouncil@gmail.com) to distribution lists relevant to the project
- **Access to gated SCE lands for emergency fire response**
  - LVFD concerned about not having access to certain SCE gates
  - Paul McFarland working with SCE to figure out a solution
- **Fire Safety Banner in Lee Vining**
  - Duncan has the Fire Safety Banner
  - Robbie will get the banner and organize volunteers to attach banner to the fire truck at Tioga Green
- **Fire safety fliers**
  - We will seek to distribute fire safety information this year as we have in previous years
  - Places to distribute fliers: shops that sell firewood, campgrounds, and info centers
  - Robbie will make a new flier that will be simpler, easier to read, and to the point
- **Dispersed Camping summit**
  - Robbie participating in the mapping subcommittee

**Participants:**

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