



Bonner County LEPC
 Local Emergency Planning Committee
 Meeting Notes – 4/11/2019
 (Bonner County Administration Building)

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of the LEPC minutes: Motion for minutes to be approved Larry Larsen and seconded by Tony Bacino

Attendees

Adam Crippen – RACOM Corp	Jay Baker - IOEM
Tony Bacino – Montana Rail Link	Matt Butler – US Forest Service
Dale Hopkins - Selkirk Fire	Howard Coyle – Schweitzer public safety
Steve Sanchez - Pend Oreille Surgery Center	Cathy Coyle - WPOF
Christian Jostlein – BC Risk Management	Russ Schenck - Clark Fork Mayor
Mary Ziegler - Bonner General Health	James Hagler – North Summit Church
Ken Eldor - WPOSD	Mrs. Hagler – North Summit Church
Lee Lukehart – BC ARES	Pam Finley – BC Emergency Management
Emma Fields – Red Cross	Bob Howard – BC Emergency Management
Laurie Nisbet - NWS	Jessica Thomas – BC Emergency Management
Matt Price – NIL	Travis Cottier - NIL
Larry Larsen - WPOF	

Guest Speaker – Laurie Nisbet – National Weather Service

This winter vs average and the summer/fire season outlook.

- Dryer now then this time last year. 84% snow pack vs above 100% last year. 45 inches of water in snow pack now vs. 60 inches last year.
- Summer outlook is we will be hotter than average and have more than average precipitation.
- Fire season predicted to start in August.

Around the Room:

- Ken Eldor: Working on summer maintenance projects. Levey on May 21st.
- Matt Butler: Seasonal crews being brought on. Burns are scheduled for Bonners Ferry and Priest River. Firefighters out East.
- Matt Price: Waiting on weight limits to do any work.
- Larry Larsen: Station 3 work is about done. Waiting on weight limits to resume work on station 4.
- Jay Baker: FEMA exercise last month. Learned a lot of information.
- Lee Lukehart: ARES has a field day training in June. CERT is having classes in September, we have 8 people signed up but need 15.
- James Hagler: New kitchen is done and can provide for 300 people. Radios in place 2 repeaters. MOU in place with Bonner County.
- Emma Fields: Two Spokane fires recently. Needs volunteers for out East. Two Bonners Ferry home fires. One lady with 3rd degree burns was refused service for no insurance.
- Howard Coyle: Record ski season. Going to be busy on the mountain this summer. Five miles of road construction. Fiber Optic wires being installed. 8-9 new condos being built. Tearing down one chairlift and adding two more. Chairs will be donated to raise money for Sandpoint charities. You can buy a chair for \$2,000 and the money will be donated.
- Travis Cottier: Northern Lights wants to improve communication between agencies. They want to be informed when accidents, fires and down lines are reported. Dispatch has the non-public line to call. NIL will also provide training for first responders on powerline safety.
- Mary Ziegler: Table top in July. Planning for exercises in May and October.
- Steve Sanchez: 4/4/19 virtual table top for highly infectious diseases. We focused on Measles. 4/12/19 General Meeting.
- Laurie Nisbet: Spokane NWS is losing radar for three weeks this summer. Dates to be announced. The radar is 25 years old and needs upgraded.
- Pam Finley: Three CERT volunteers went to training in Bellingham to become CERT instructors. In May CERT is going to a S&R exercise and will help with camp functions. We are also working on grants and the new EOP.

Meeting Adjourned 9:47am
Next month's LEPC is 5/9/19