

**WILDLAND FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

*May 20, 2021  
Zoom Meeting*

**Committee Members Present:**

Allen Lebovitz – Wildland Fire Liaison, Chair  
Tony Craven – Small Forest Landowner  
Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt – State Land Trust Beneficiary  
J.D. Marshall – Industry Landowner (Timber)  
Bill Slosson – Assistant Fire Marshal  
KC Whitehouse - Washington State Council of Fire Fighters  
Reese Lolley – Statewide Environmental Representative  
Randy Johnson – Fire Chief (Eastside)  
Lee Hemmer – Industry Landowner (Range)  
Cody Desautel – Tribal Nations Representative

**Committee Members Absent:**

Vacant – Cowlitz County Commissioner  
Erick Walker – USFS Deputy Forest Supervisor  
Vacant – Fire Chief (Westside)  
Vacant – Fire District Commissioner  
Jim DeTro – County Commissioner (Eastside)

**Guests/Other Attendees:**

George Geissler – State Forester & Deputy Supervisor for Wildfire & Forest Health  
Chuck Turley – Wildfire Division Manager  
Loren Torgerson – Wildfire Policy Advisor  
Shelly Goodwin – WFAC Coordinator  
Mark Doumit  
Mark Teske - WDFW  
Lisa Borkowski  
Janessa Subido  
Jason Callahan  
Darcy Batura

**I. Opening, Roll Call**

The meeting of the Wildland Fire Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:06 p.m. on May 20, by Zoom. Roll was taken, 10 members were present by Zoom and 5 members were excused, constituting a quorum.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 18, 2021 council meeting were presented in draft and reviewed. Motion to approve draft minutes made by Committee member Lee

Hemmer, seconded by Committee member D.J. Marshall. Motion carried unanimously.

### III. Chairman's Report

Chairman Lebovitz had a written report. Report attached

### IV. Agency Updates

- a. Chuck Turley, Wildfire Division Manager – A lot of what we are focusing on right now is HB1168 and the budget have both been signed so we have some certainty about the additional resources that we are going to be able to bring into Wildfire and Forest Health programs. Those are not going to have impact on this fire season, funds won't be available until July 1. Lots of supply issues – delivery dates keep changing. We are focused on getting ready for fire season. We had significant fire activity in the middle of April, last year that occurred in March. There have been a couple large fires in Oregon. Southwest fire activity has picked up. Arizona has several big fires. North Dakota and South Dakota are in the midst of the driest conditions they have seen in 100+ years. We are seeing that kind of abnormally dry conditions start here. Unfortunately what it is looking like the most similar recent year as to today's conditions is 2015. It is very likely going to be a busy fire season for us. Training has been going well. We have some of our academy training done, most of the classroom work, and 3 of the 6 field days we have scheduled are complete. Regions have started to bring on a little bit of their seasonal staff, although most of that will come on after the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Aviation is starting to ramp up, normally in April we would have had only one or at most two helicopters available, we have actually had four and five staffed for much of April and early May. Like last year we are going to bring a couple of exclusive use type I helicopters under contract, we will have one tanked and one untanked, one will be a Black Hawk and one a Kmax.
- b. Bill Slosson, Assistant Fire Marshal – For mobilization we are getting ready for fire season that for us is a lot of preparation in meetings. For another 10 days we are supporting incident management organizations who are running COVID vaccination sites around the state. We are supporting IMT stuff and some operations. We are not spending any disaster account money to do this, it is all in a contract with DOH. With the budget signing we got an extra \$500,000 appropriation from disaster response account and that will fund a pilot project for repositioning fire mobilization resources. Primary field responder position will be posted soon so we will be running one spot light for a while.
- c. Erick Walker, USFS Deputy Forest Supervisor – Written report attached.
- d. George Geissler, State Forester and Deputy Supervisor for Wildfire & Forest Health – I want to talk to you a little bit about HB1168 and the process that the teams are going through right now. As we go into this next fiscal year the funding is coming as General funds state that adds complications and it does not roll over. So there is a lot more urgency to implementation on a lot of the items especially

with in the Forest Health side of the house where we could have allowed stuff to carry over multiple years, we can't do that with the type of funding we are receiving and we will have to structure everything in such ways that it potentially a 12 month or 24 month at most process. Identify issues right now and working through. At the same time there is implementation portions relative to HR – building PDF etc. It says 100 fire fighters but doesn't state where to put them, the regions and the operations teams are doing the analysis right now. They had done some and used some of the metrics earlier but we are looking where the greatest demand is so that we know when we place them we are putting them in the most effective places on the landscape. So operationally with in suppression there is a lot of that kind of ongoing discussion and analysis that is happening right now. Community Resiliency – We have had a lot of discussions with various partners, there are not only coordinators that are going to help make sure that the funding hits the ground in the most effective way possible but also we have a number of programs that are funneling funds into existing and new grant programs that have to be outlined. We are building a framework internally to have those discussions so that we can put some of the final meat on the bone so that when the funding is available we can immediately start getting it out the door and start making accomplishments as quickly as possible. Forest Health – They had a list of projects and deliverables and a lot of that is purely how we do it through contracts and our own finance rules to make sure we get everything done that's possible. Once we put all of that together and have it ready to go. The timeline for it is by June we should have kind of the package ready that the Commissioner will be looking at and we will be putting that forward to this committee and the FHAC just to show the intent to see if there is any concerns or input. A lot of the funding is step, it doesn't all come at the beginning of the year. Legislation has been a success but there is a lot of different pieces. Looking at organization structure within Wildfire and Forest Health divisions. We split the Wildfire division and pulled Forest Health out. We started looking at them and making sure everything is put in the right place and operationally it functions well. There may be some movement that goes on over the course of the next few months relative to that. This group will be kept informed on that is happening in DNR organizationally so you will know who is responsible for what. It is not intended to change the performance of the actual programs.

- e. Randy Johnson, Fire Chief (Eastside) – getting vaccine support wrapped up and folks back in station for availability going forward. IAA discussion that is ongoing between DNR and the Fire Service continues to move forward. Appreciate all the DNR is putting in to making this happen, without their efforts there would be no access for the fire service resources to participate given out lack of federal contracts. Preseason stuff here on the eastside. Not expecting a quiet summer.

## V. New Business

- a. Review work plan and discuss WFAC tasking – George Geissler and Allen Lebovitz – Would like to lean on the committee members, Loren, and George

for input on this. We have not been tasked with any work in quite a while, potentially we are tasking ourselves. We do have an approved work plan to work off of, what do we see as some of the priorities on it? Why these priorities are and what exactly would that look like? The first goal we identified as a priority is Goal 1, S1 – Provide leadership and coordination to guide implementation and facilitate agency alignment.

1. **Reese** – Some elements in 1168 that directed our committee and would be good to review at some point. Maybe an agenda item for a future meeting.
2. **Allen** – Proposed WFAC task order format, would like to turn into a tasking memo – gives us some direction on how to deal with stuff that may come across our desk that we could be tasked with.
3. **Randy** – Trying to help us be focused. What are/were the things driving this committee? Task order would help us anchor to something and keep us focused. We could say we have identified this as something we need to put some time and energy in to, what does right look like, what does success look like, so we can put it in a binder and track our progress. So we know that we have identified and addressed some of these problems that we believe are important to the work of this group.
4. **Loren** – If you go back to the work plan for the committee that is the general tasks over the roughly 2 years. I think the committee has looked at. We have completed some of these tasks. I think the connection with 1168 is there I think we might need to back up just a little bit and identify those as they relate to the strategies, how each of those strategies relate to the legislation and where is the department going with that. The work plan is there now it's implementing that work plan in light of 1168. Task 5 under the general task is really the transition to really looking at the rest of the strategy, in particular around as we start looking at Community Protection and the elements around that in 1168 as well. That is essentially I think where we are at in moving forward with the committee.
5. **Reese** – Work plan was created a year ago – confirming that these are still the tasks - is there new stuff the committee wants to add? **Allen** – That would be the task form.
6. **Cody** – I think the tasks are still relevant just maybe need more detail. We kind of talk randomly about things on the agenda but don't really have any deliverables per say. When this group started it was pretty specific that we were to advise the Commissioner on specific things, review and recommend. I don't know if we have anything that clear-cut now.
7. **Allen** – Honestly that is one thing I am struggling with a little bit on looking at this work plan because I don't have the benefit of having been in the room when you wrote it. What I can say to Reese and Randy's point is 1168 does specifically call out reporting on progress made on the strategic plan, so there is an expectation that many have including the legislature that we continue to look at the strategic plan and check off particular items on it and say yes we are addressing this and this is done. What done looks like is what I need your input on. It's definitely valid to update this work plan as we see it's needed. Starting with this first task. Loren can I get input on what you think was in mind when it was identified and called out as being a high priority.

8. **Reese** – to be clear none of this we made up, it is from the 10 year strategy
9. **Loren** – SI – Intent when strategy was created was to engage this committee in some aspect of implementation of those strategies. The foundational part of that strategy is looking across landscapes and doing the risk planning and prioritization for mitigation across landscapes in Washington. To get us to that point where we are bending the curve on risk to the communities, risk to resources etc. The committee should be involved on advising the department on the approach to take to do that kind of work. The additional guidance is doing a broader risk assessment similar to the work Forest Health is doing and it could be tied to that work. Advise DNR on those investment to achieve those goals. On the mitigation projects, what was envisioned was that this group knowing the constituency that's on this group could play a role in deciding where those investments should be made across the state. Those are the kinds of recommendations that were the vision of the committee participating in. That also was part of formalizing that relationship between WFAC and FHAC. That was the geniuses of creating that subcommittee.
10. **Allen** – There is a couple of strategies that speak to that. I guess the question is what role is there for WFAC in advancing and meeting these goals? Is there a tasking for us?
11. **Loren** – There could be as it relates to how do you carry out the coordination between Wildfire and Forest Health strategies? In particular is how it effects communities and highly valued resources. This group and the subgroup could play a role in integrating those more than they are now. Also speaks to having the resources and the plan to carry that work out. A task out of that might look like tasking that subgroup to look at where the high priorities are particularly as it relates to community protection which is a significant element of 1168, but how does that come together to meet that goal.
12. **Reese** – You have a suite of risk assessment tools, one has been developed on the Forest Health side. Are you looking at developing another product and getting input on the committee on that or input on whether another product needs to be developed?
13. **Loren** – The 10 year strategy was based on Rick Stratton's assessment. If you look through the strategy that needs to be expanded, it needs to address more values at risk than just what are in the current risk assessment and that could be more of the built environment of that risk assessment, and it was envisioned that this committee could advise on taking the Stratton's model and expanding on that. What it would take to build on that is both effective for the built environment but also long term risk planning, or is the Forest Health model good enough for now and how do we integrate that tool to be able to do that. That is really what it's about is looking at that landscape risk mitigation approach and what are the tools we need to be able to do that and how do we start really doing that aggressively as well.
14. **Cody** – The problem I am having with this and we have the same issue in the Forest Health Advisory Committee is there is we have kind of entered the operational phase of this and most of that work happens by DNR staff so I don't know at what point we are an advisory committee to what work they

should be doing in the future vs a monitoring committee that is looking at the progress we have made on the plans we have developed.

15. **Loren** – I think it's a little bit of both. The department needs to come to this committee seeking advice on how to skin that particular issue and here are some of the tools that we have currently and what we need going forward to ensure that we can identify risk on the landscape and start to do the work to mitigate that risk.
16. **Cody** – A step further if we are going to monitor that progress. Looking at the Forest Health Committee this is what work they have done. We are not really going back to look at that see if it really improved forest resilience and subsequently how that impacted the risk of fire.
17. **Loren** – I think that is all part of that first task. Really the strategy contemplating having within the Wildfire program sort of that risk management mitigation and protection planning is that there would be someone that is responsible in the agency to do that and coordinate with you all to get that done.
18. **Reese** – Using Randy's model would we would basically put this in to a task order component? Yes exactly
19. **Loren** – Over to the right side you see who is really playing the role in this. There may be some of these that it's just DNR for now but there could be some of those additional elements that is both WFAC and the taskforce. Then going through and prioritizing that. I think this is something that the department needs to internally do as well as it relates to 1168 and start thinking about where is the priority here to do that.
20. **Cody** – When we look at the guidance there is some actual planning activities, and again that is my struggle that those are really operational things for DNR staff to have to do, they are not really advisory board to do. So really we would just be looking at whatever report they compose or plans they compose.
21. **Loren** – And again playing somewhat of an advisory role. I see this as integrated collaborative approach between the department and the committee to do some of that. Again recognizing the constituents of this committee is significant to be able to advise on a broad scale some of those risk identification mitigation etc. Really other than the FHAC there really isn't anybody else that can advise the department at that level.
22. **Reese** – What you're getting at Loren is like if we had a meeting that was associated with this or a task order, maybe you are tasked with bringing this is the summary of how we are thinking about the risk assessment with these different bullets and pieces and then for the committee to do some pre work around that and get feedback on it. So basically you are not delivering us something for review at the very end with a report and we are going, why did you do it this way or this is not the product we think we would like to see the user implement...
23. **Loren** – Once those tools are in play where do we invest when it comes to wildfire risk mitigation and having you play a role in advising the Commissioner on where to invest in carrying out that mitigation.

24. **JD** – I think where this conversation is going is through the tasks on this first strategy. Doesn't look like the committee is supposed to start from scratch and develop these plans but advise on their development, seems that there is already a workflow that has started along those lines or in progress that somebody within the DNR is tasked with developing what we provided. I think we need to understand who we are interfacing with and see the work that already been developed along those lines.
25. **Loren** – I think some of that has occurred – for example with 1784 and a couple of the presentations that you have got on implementation of that. That is a prime one where it really starts to look at, or starts to sound like that duck of what we are trying to do there.
26. **Allen** – that was exactly the thinking behind bringing those presentations to you. To see what had been done so far. At this stage I was going to ask you what questions should we be bringing to you regarding that work plan based on this work plan to advise where we take that information and that tool. What we were hoping to achieve was getting your take on this work plan and saying ok is that a top priority for us to be working on as a committee or is there something else in this work plan that rises to the top for us first because of either the nature of what it is or what's going on in our world at the moment or if that is the most critical issue you should be taking on.
27. **JD** – The point Reese made at the very beginning of this discussion, it is a little bit difficult to prioritize based on this list when we know this list is not up to date as we have this discussion, 1168 is going to change it. Going through and prioritizing, yes they are important but with the addition of some other strategies and what not coming out of 1168 it is possible that those are all going to jump to the top of the list, and I suspect they might.
28. **Allen** – I guess that might be one thing for us to consider. Would be good to get George to join in on that conversation to talk about how we might engage the committee with looking at what 1168 does for prioritizing what items we work on.
29. **Loren** – It is going to take a culmination of the work that programs are doing currently identifying next steps with 1168 that will drive this. We can do this concurrently with that work and do that crosswalk as we go along, where does the committee play a role in implementing the strategy and 1168 and tweak this as we go along.
30. **Russ** – I think part of this discussion is our committee asking the DNR for an overview of priorities as they formalize how to approach 1168 and these other issues so that we are not just weighing in on the flavor of the month every month but having a longer term view of what it is that DNR would like us to look at so we can reflect on that.
31. **Loren** – So starting at the ground floor as opposed to the 13<sup>th</sup> floor.
32. **Cody** – When we first started this group it was the Commissioner that had items for us that she was looking for feedback on, I don't know that we have got that recently. Loren, George and Allen give us feedback and that is helpful but I am not sure if there are things she wants us to weigh in on or evaluate and just hasn't had time to talk to us about it. It was a pretty common theme

when this group first started that we would meet with her at least once a year.

33. **Reese** – That is a good point Cody and to maybe to get clarity then Allen from George, and the Commissioner on. As I remember when we went through the process basically reviewing 2093 and the charge of this committee we did look at the 10 year plan and what I recall is the Commissioner saying the 10 year plan is part of our charge as a committee working with DNR. But it would be good to get clarity.
34. **Allen** – The intent today was to put this in front of you and say do you see priorities from the perspective that you represent. What I am hearing is it would make more sense for us to take a look at 1168 and also the priorities that are being identified by the Commissioner and George and turn that question around to what are the priorities that those two perspectives drive for items in the strategy for the committee to be working on. That is something I can go to George with.
35. **George** – What the committee is intended for is to provide advice and input to the Commissioner. Over the last year or so we have struggled with what is the Commissioner and DNR need from this advisory committee. When Gary was here we were going through the work plan with the idea we would list within the work plan a number of the issues or the pieces of the wildfire strategy that we felt were the highest priority items, and that work plan we reviewed with the Commissioner and she said that this was a good place to start. Since that time we have had a pretty significant fire season, we had 1168 and essentially it came down to looking at this. I wanted to make certain we are giving both committees kind of a task of this is what the Commissioner would like to have you work on. What I talked with Allen about is we know this work plan has been overrun by the significant events. What my perception is the same place the committee finds itself. When you read this you feel like it has been overrun. Are there items in here because of 1168 or other higher priorities that this committee said no we should add these in or we should change the order going forward? The goal is once we had the feedback from this group, I am working with the Commissioner to pull it all together and come back to this group at the next meeting and say this is the list, this is the highest priority that the Commissioner has chosen and here is the tasking order for you guys to move forward. I would like to explore how you see the role of implementation of 1168 in fitting within this decision base.
36. **Reese** – I would flip that as well in how is DNR looking at what elements of 1168 provides, clearly there was not enough resources to move forward everything in the 10 year strategy. With some additional resources has it changed the options and also the priority of elements within the 10 year strategy component? WFAC is named within 1168 so also that we address that aspect of the bill.
37. **George** – If you look through the strategies that are outlined or the priorities that are outlined in the wildfire strategy, you can go down the list in 1168 and you will see that those priorities reflected in 1168 and how it's being implemented. There are also some big ticket items in there that have already been done. So 1168 has a how do we use the information provided by the



advisory committee as a part of your report, now we have the implementation team to spell out now how do we implement the recommendations of the advisory committee. As far as the priorities go, the team currently is going through and cross referencing 1168 with the priorities themselves, seeing which ones we have addressed and which ones we have not. The overall priority scheme 1168 is influencing that because there is some items that are significantly addressed by what is being provided within 1168. There are a number of items within here that still need to be worked on, those are the things the Commissioner is going to be waiting for is what are the thing in the strategy that are not addressed yet for her selections of what she would like to see added to the plan for this advisory committee. There are missing priorities, there are some that it is touching on a little bit or eluded to in the work plan that we currently have but it's something that we need to better flesh out and say this is the decisions base that we feel like we need to dive deeper in and provide a recommendation on. There is some ongoing work that we have to do. I want to make sure we get that done in the near future.

38. **Loren** – I think there are specific tasks that we have enlisted for the committee to take on and those can still be useful but another way to approach this is looking at the strategy in its totality. There is a rhyme and reason to the strategy and as we get into our next meeting I think it may be helpful for me to go back and sort of frame that up.
39. **Tony** – A lot of it was having to wait for funding to come through. I think we as a committee could put forth some recommendations as far as post fire recovery type stuff but it needs more meat on the table before we could get into that. Basically this was the things we wanted to work on but we needed more meat on the bone to kind of guide our discussions, or you could end up with us just way over here in lala land proposing impossible stuff.
40. **George** – The goal here is to be as transparent as possible.
41. **Russ** – One thing that might help our committee is now that DNR has had some time to digest 1168 and define what buckets of money are available and put that on a spreadsheet for us so that we know the areas and the funding associated with them and that will help us refine where we look to in our next level of advice.
42. **George** – That is what the team is putting together, where a lot of the breaking down related to the three buckets. It's all spelled out in the fiscal note to the bill but they are very dry and it's hard to get a full picture. I need it broke out to show more specifically where the money is broken out in each bucket. The legislation does specifically call out the percentages that have to be applied and all of what was listed in that fiscal note was within the context of the required percentages of the legislation. That is part of what can be provided to this group to help as well as the individual components of the fiscal note.
43. **George** – There will be additional opportunities for feedback. I know there is significant frustration in the committee that you want to do good work in the charge that the committee is given and I want to be respectful of your time and the purpose that the committee has. So getting the committee the tasking and the questions from the Commissioner and having her priorities informed

by what this committee sees as you represent your constituents, giving her that feedback as this is what you see as really important stuff and you need to think about that when your setting your overall priorities. I want to get that done in a very timely manner.

44. **Allen** – Thanks everybody for chiming in on this it was a bit of a challenging discussion at times to figure out how to direct it. Stay tuned we will work on this end to come back to you with more definition about how we should proceed with tasking this group.

## VI. Questions, Comments and Chat

- a. **Reese** – Hearing from a lot of partners how successful it is. I hope as you move forward that DNR looks at how you talk about the partnerships and how working together and how successful that was. Moving forward I really appreciate having an after action review and discussions about what worked well and what can improve for next time– **Allen** – We have learned a lot about building and maintaining partnerships and things to do better next time, that will be featured in our report. We felt really good about hearing the interest from our partners and about the value this was adding to their work. The real value is in using our ability to market and use our state megaphone essentially to draw awareness and attention to the issue but then to focus that interest and attention to our partners in a way that they can benefit.
- b. **Russ** – Have you begun to be able to phase out of COVID restrictions for fire crew personnel? At this point we have not made any changes to the measures that we have had in place. CDC put out the revised masking guidance last week that has led to a lot of confusion. Within DNR and State government as a whole, we are not making any changes yet. We may get some additional state agency guidance so everyone is just kind of standing by.
- c. **Cody**– the BIA sent out a memo stating that they didn't have to wear a mask if they had been vaccinated, the problem we have run into is it's a HIPPA violation to ask if someone has been vaccinated so I don't know how it will be enforced even if they move to those protocols. **Chuck** – There is not full agreement on what is and what isn't a HIPPA violation right now.
- d. **Bill** – What sort of platforms are you looking at in purchasing in this fixed wing program, what kind of aircraft? Quest Kodiak and Palatus.
- e. **Loren** – Did that appropriation for prepositioning was there a statutory change with that? No, that is approve IA. It's down and on one of the very last pages of the State Patrol. It's a biennium proviso not a statutory change.
- f. **Reese** – Bill I want to say Thanks to you and Melissa to making to connection with the CRR Coalition with the Washington Fire Adapted Communities and writing that presentation. **Bill** – That is a big program we are trying to lift off the ground and that's a big push from us. It's one of those that if we show the success then we can ask for more support for it.
- g. **Allen** – Do you have an end date for completing Covid vaccine clinic? The end of MOB supporting and managing the payment is May 30 with a few rare exceptions of June 10<sup>th</sup>. We made it clear that we have to be done by the time we have fires that start leaning towards a type 3 organization.

Reese – It's been a year with passage of HB 1168 and COVID Has there been any evaluation of passage 1168 relationship to the 10 year strategy? Second part is a relook at these that have been picked a year ago, has anything changed relative to prioritizing these for the committees focus this year? The answer is YES we have already started talking about what the relationship is with 1168 to the Strategic Plan. That conversation is ongoing. Chuck – Just with in the past week my ADM for Planning and Information put together a document that I think started to lay out some of those places where that integration needs to occur but hasn't yet.

- h. Cody – From a planning perspective how are we incorporating the fuels planning with the forest health planning? George – That is what we call our Land Owner Assistance program. That is something that we are looking at especially where the rubber meets the road in the regions, making sure that they are complimentary. With the way that the bill was structured we do have some flexibility there because there are additional funding that was received not just for Land Owner Assistance side but we also have this build out of essentially Small Forest Land Owner assistance and Service Forester model for the west side and some of the eastside where we were missing that. It is part of the implementation of 1168.
- i. Tony – Urban Forestry, can I get a brief rundown on that. George – We have had Urban Forestry technical assistance with in DNR it's one of the co-op forestry programs. Working with communities to improve the overall health of their urban forests. The way the Urban a Community Forestry program is concentrated on is working with city arborists and arborist programs in managing and providing care for public trees. What the bill did is it provides for expanding technical assistance to communities, adds a little bit of horse power to city ordinances and municipal tree programs, and provides a way for them to effectively manage the trees that they have and care for. The impact at DNR is we have had a program of a couple of employees, 100% federally funded, this allows for the expansion of that with state funded positions and also it has funds that go to various communities to further expand their own technical assistance of shops that they have as part of a grant program.

## VII. Committee roundtable – Public Comment

- a. Reese – wrapping up NE WA extended Trex – would like feedback – going to do After Action review.
- b. Tony – getting insurance in E WA could be an issue. Community relations – how do we funnel money – the community relationship is somewhat organized.
- c. Russ – appreciate Fire Conditions Outlook.
- d. KC – appreciate the discussion on HB1168 – short committee members, a couple sets of eyes may help with the tasks.
- e. Jim Cahill – thanks for the discussion there is a lot of work to do here. Interested in being updated on the implementation of 1168 and we are happy to work with you on that, particularly metrics.

- f. Mark Doumit – are you going to merge Forest Health Advisory Committee and Wildland Fire Advisory Committee? **Allen** -Not merging, we have established a work group.
- g. Mark Teske – Enjoyed the discussion, it was a little bit of dejavu as far as a plan that was developed a few years ago – Speaking of the budget proviso for shrub step.

**VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm. The next general meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2021 from 1 – 4 pm, by Zoom.

Draft minutes submitted by Shelly Goodwin, approved by Chairman Allen Lebovitz. Formal action to be taken to approve the minutes at the next general meeting.