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**IN THE OFFICE OF THE VALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CASCADE, IDAHO
April 20, 2020**

**PRESENT: DAVE BINGAMAN (COMMISSIONER)
SHERRY MAUPIN (COMMISSIONER)
ELTING HASBROUCK (CHAIRMAN)
DOUGLAS MILLER (CLERK)**

Chairman, Elting Hasbrouck called the commissioner meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner, Dave Bingaman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the commissioners' agenda for April 20, 2020. Commissioner Bingaman made a motion to approve the commissioners' agenda for April 20, 2020. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioners' agenda for April 20, 2020.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the meeting minutes of April 13, 2020. Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 13, 2020. Commissioner Bingaman seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the commissioner meeting minutes of April 13, 2020.

Chairman Hasbrouck presented the Idaho Health & Welfare Mosquito Surveillance Contract. Commissioner Bingaman made a motion to approve the Idaho Health & Welfare Mosquito Surveillance Contract. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the Idaho Health & Welfare Mosquito Surveillance Contract.

Planning & Zoning Administrator, Cynda Herrick provided an update to the commissioners regarding the Lake Management Plans. She reported that she had a conference call with the City of McCall, Michelle Groevenfelt and Bruce Meighan who had worked on several plans in the past. She explained that Bruce could be submitting an RFQ to Valley County and the City of McCall. She indicated that Michelle was putting together a draft RFQ to put out to various planners. The commissioner asked how the studies would be implemented in the comprehensive plan. Cynda explained how the general public could get involved and advised that she would be working with other governmental agencies. There was continued discussion on how the lake management plan would be utilized and discussed other studies that could be utilized to look at capacity. The commissioners also would like to see scientific studies before making any formal decisions. Cynda explained that all water bodies would be studied. The commissioners questioned if Waterways funding could be utilized and Clerk, Douglas Miller opined that he did not believe so but the Waterways Committee would need to be consulted.

Building Official, Annette Derrick informed the commissioners that an engineer conducted an onsite visit on April 16, 2020, of the Valley County Courthouse to review the earthquake damage. She advised that the engineer did view the damage but did not believe that it was beyond repair. She explained that he would provide a formal report for the commissioners to view.

Buildings & Grounds Employee, Scott Dejong presented to the commissioners the bid that was received from the Northwest Technology to conduct the asbestos cleanup. He advised that the bid was for \$8,700 and they would like to begin the cleanup during the week of May 4th, 2020. Scott advised that he would recommend that the employees at the north end of the building would need to work remotely. The commissioners discussed how to pay for the expenses of the cleanup and including the remodel of the north end. Clerk Miller provided his opinion on how to pay for the expenses including General Fund Reserve, PILT Fund or Court Facilities Fund. He recommended to the commissioners that they should consider budgeting for the improvements during the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget process. The commissioners continued to discuss how to move forward with the cleanup and new construction. They would like to continue to move forward with the asbestos cleanup first. Scott deJong also presented on his opinion regarding the boiler for heating of the north end of the building. He advised that he consulted with an electrician to see if alternative heating could be installed. The commissioners would like to see a formal proposal from Building & Grounds to move toward alternative heating and would first like to see moving towards baseboard heating with the possibility of looking at funding for heat and air conditioner units in the future. The commissioners also suggested reviewing all alternatives but would like the cleanup of the north end be done first.

Commissioner Bingaman made a motion to move forward with the asbestos removal and improvements of the north end of the Valley County Courthouse. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to move forward with the asbestos removal and improvements of the north end of the Valley County Courthouse.

Human Resource Director, Pat Duncan initially presented on the COVID-19 Transition Plan for Valley County Employees and General Public for Access to Valley County Courthouse and other county buildings. Pat provided an overview of the Governor's Orders and she explained that the plan that she developed was following the existing recommendations. The first action

was to limit the amount of individuals in one area and she elaborated on how it would be accomplished. The next action discussed was to stagger when employees are working in their offices and continue to allow employees that can to work remotely. The next action was to require employees to wear masks and clean the areas throughout the days. She also suggested that anyone that comes into the building would need to pass through courthouse security and require a medical screening. Courthouse Security Officer, Mary Ruskovich explained how she would be interacting with the general public for potential screenings. Pat continued discussing the proposal that she developed for employees and then continued to discuss options for when the general public was allowed into the building. It was recommended that the commissioners limit the number of individuals into the Valley County Courthouse and require those individuals coming to the building be required to wear masks. Prosecuting Attorney, Carol Brockmann was concerned about limiting the amount of individuals in the courthouse for the Court. Courthouse Security, Mary Ruskovich provided recommendations to the commissioners and explained steps that have been currently implemented. She also explained the protective gear that she would need to get as the first line defense. She wanted to prolong opening the Valley County Courthouse and continue to provide services online as much as possible. She made further recommendations for the employees and the general public. The commissioner advised that if Courthouse Security needed anything to let them be aware. The commissioners appreciate the start of the discussion but believed that Valley County needed to continue to develop protocols for mitigation. The commissioners would like to see an updated transition plan after the discussion and the matter would be added to the next commissioner agenda. IT Director, David Crawford provided an update related to the IT Services that are being provided. Commissioner Maupin discussed the work that she had been done related to bringing broadband to Valley County. The commissioners also provided guidance on what equipment they would like to see purchased including shield guards. P&Z Administrator, Cynda Herrick believed that the commissioners would need to continue to move forward with a transition plan for Public Hearings.

Mr. Larry Scarobrough with Valley County Search & Rescue presented to the commissioners a request to purchase a vehicle using Title III Funds for a truck to pull the mobile command unit. Mr. Scarobrough informed the commissioners about the current vehicle that was being used and indicated that the vehicle does not currently pull the mobile command unit. Clerk, Douglas Miller advised that formal bids would need to be requested through the newspaper based on the potential cost.

Commissioner Bingaman made a motion to allow Valley County Search & Rescue to move forward with the bid process for a new vehicle and to utilize Title III Funds. Commissioner Maupin seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed TO ALLOW Valley County Search & Rescue to move forward with the bid process for a new vehicle and to utilize Title III Funds for the purchase.

The commissioners advised that the Action Item for Crush the Curve Initiative would not be discussed.

Grant Writer, Mary Rosen presented on the submission of application for City of McCall LOT Funds. She provided a breakdown of items that Recreation Director, Larry Laxson would like to purchase using City of McCall LOT Funds. Recreation Director, Larry Laxson provided further information to the commissioners about the proposed purchases.

Commissioner Maupin made a motion to approve with the application for the City of McCall Lot funds as described by Grant Writer, Mary Rosen. Commissioner Bingaman seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed to approve the application for the city of McCall Lot Funds as described by Grant Writer, Mary Rosen.

Public Defender, Scott Erikson provided a public defender quarterly report for the commissioners. He provided a brief overview of how his office had been conducting operations since COVID-19 pandemic and advised that the public defender's office still had been available to their clients.

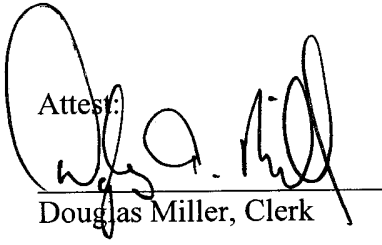
Payette National Forest District Ranger, Anthony Botello began the presentation to the commissioners and advised that the first matter that would be discussed would be a presentation regarding the Payette National Forest preparation for the upcoming fire season. Linda Jackson, Payette National Forest Supervisor presented to the commissioners. Ms. Jenni Blake, McCall District Ranger introduced herself. Shawn with the Payette National Forest Service Fire Staff presented to the commissioners. Shawn referred to the 2020 Payette National Forest Briefing and advised how operations have begun as well as how the Forest Service would be prepared. He explained that currently the smokejumpers have been quarantined at the smokejumper base and he provided an overview of precautions that had been made for the out of state smokejumpers. He advised that there are 30 repellers at the base in New Meadows. He discussed how the operations would look regionally and nationally. He discussed initial attacks that would be conducted on smaller fires. Chairman Hasbrouck asked about fire suppression on fires that occur in road less areas. Rod advised that it would be determined at a later date. Commissioner Maupin asked about specific protocol for the smokejumpers that have moved here from other states. Shawn provided the guidance that was used for those employees traveling here from other states. He advised those who had more than one day travel were quarantined at government housing. He discussed the testing procedures for those employees. Rod discussed aerial resources that would be available in Valley County and discussed the existing modules. A copy of all the documents provided will be appended to the commissioner meeting minutes. He discussed new employees that were hired for the Payette National Forest. He presented on the transition to the square parachutes and reported that there would be ten rookie smokejumpers. He also presented on the dispatchers for the Payette National Forest with a collaborative effort with SEPTA. He advised that Gary Murphy would be retiring in September of 2020 and a replacement would be filled in the near future. He advised that there would be 65 smokejumpers at the base in McCall. Rod advised that the airstrip would be resurfaced in 2020. He presented on the improvements that would be made and discussed how operations would continue. He advised that there are areas that are expecting larger fires and explained the areas that could potentially have higher fire seasons. Commissioner Maupin asked a question regarding the possibility of certain national forest shutting down which could push tourism to Idaho and she asked if Payette National Forest was taking precautions. Rod advised that the Payette National Forest was potentially looking at early fire restrictions. Ms. Linda Jackson advised that the developed recreation areas had been closed in certain parts of the nation and advised that the Forest Service was monitoring the situation closely. Shawn referred the commissioners to review the letter from the Chief related to the intent for wildland fire in 2020. He advised that the entire nation was on a pause for prescribed fires. He also elaborated on the letter from national Chief. He advised that they have determined the initial attack protocols to manage the COVID-19. He also discussed the BOR ground around Cascade


Reservoir and advised that the Payette National Forest was working towards those fires being dispatched out of the Payette Forest National Office. He presented on the process of moving towards at 80% permanent workforce and 10% temporary workforce. He explained that they are attempting to accomplish the goal by next year. Chairman Hasbrouck asked if it had been difficult to find housing for the permanent workforce. Shaun explained that it had been difficult but he provided options that the Forest Service had been looking at. District Ranger, Anthony Botello concluded the presentation and informed the commissioners that he would be taking a new position in Oregon as District Supervisor. Jenni Blake presented on timber harvest and trail work that had been planned on the Payette National Forest in 2020. Linda Jackson, Payette National Forest Supervisor communicated to the commissioners that a continued collaborative effort needs to be done with the Payette National Forest and Valley County. She also discussed the impact of COVID-19 and how operations would be done. She also introduced Susan Howell is the new Deputy Forest Supervisor who would begin on April 27, 2020.

Chairman Hasbrouck began the discussion related to Resolution 20-12 Short Term Rentals and Vacation Rentals. Commissioner Maupin began the discussion related to requesting to have the matter added on to the agenda related to the approval of Governor Little's Order dated April 15, 2020. The commissioners discussed the existing orders and believed that further direction will be done by the Governor of Idaho and the Federal Government. Commissioner Maupin discussed a committee that she had been involved with to consider reopening business. Commissioner Maupin believed that the commissioners needed to continue to educate and not regulate. Commissioner Bingaman agreed that the commissioners should not legislate anything beyond what the Governor has done. Commissioner Bingaman believed that the county needed to continue messaging. Commissioner Maupin believed that a business model needed to be prepared for opening business in Valley County. Commissioner Maupin made a motion that Valley County stands in support of the Governor's Order dated April 15, 2020. Commissioner Bingaman seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor. Motion passed that Valley County stands in support of the Governor's Order dated April 15, 2020.

IT Director, David Crawford presented to the commissioners regarding work that needs to be completed at the Valley County Jail. The commissioners advised that they would request that the work should be delayed until the end of April of 2020.

The commissioners adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Attest:

Douglas Miller, Clerk


Chairman, Elting Hasbrouck



Topic: 2020 Payette NF Wildfire Season County Commissioner briefing

Date: April 20, 2019

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SUMMARY

- What fire response looks like locally, regionally and Nationally with Covid-19.
- Aerial resources changes: SMKJ 1 Sherpa and 1 State SEATs in McCall.
- Module configurations are the same as 2019 and all modules will be fully staffed.
- The leadership consistency at the SO, Dispatch, Jumpbase, Tanker base, and Zones.
- RAM air parachute transition continues.
- The McCall Smokejumpers will have a rookie class for 2020.
- Dispatch will host a SITPA dispatcher again.

2019 PAYETTE NF WILDLAND FIRE RESOURCES

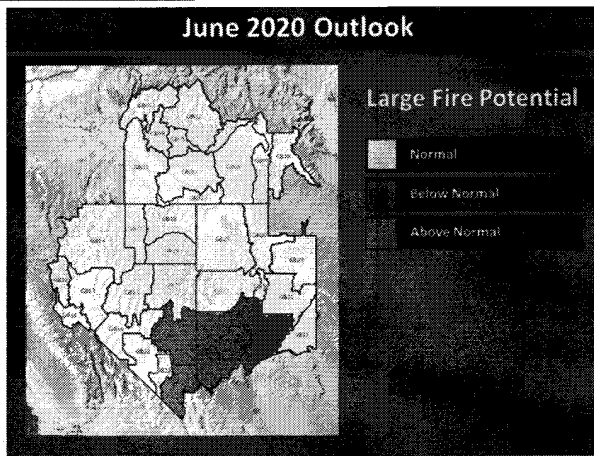
West Zone	Central Zone	East Zone
Christian Ramirez, FMO	Dave Vining, FMO	Tom Shultz, FMO
<u>Council District</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Type 4 Engine • 1 Type 6 Engine • 1 Wildland Fire Module Hells Canyon (Hand Crew) • 1 Wet Patrol (Prevention) <u>Weiser District</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Type 4 Engines • 1 Type 6 Engine • 1 Wet Patrol (Prevention) 	<u>McCall District</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Type 4 Engine • 1 Type 6 Engine • 1 Wildland Fire Module Snowslide (Hand Crew) <u>New Meadows District</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Type II Helicopters (Price Valley Rappellers 30) • 1 Type 4 Engine • 2 Wet Patrol (Prevention) 	<u>Krassel District</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type III Helicopter (Short Haul capable) • Type I Helicopter (McCall) • 5 Person Hand Crew (Krassel Work Center)

Jumpbase	Dispatch	Tanker Base	Supervisor's Office
Joe Brinkley, Base Mgr.	Gary Murphy, Manager	Michael Bassett, Manager	Sean Johnson, Staff Officer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loft Manager • Training Manager • Ops Manager • Load Manager • 65 jumpers • 2 Twin Otters • 1 Sherpa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations Asst. Mgr. • Intel Asst. Mgr. • 4 Initial Attack dispatchers • 1 SITPA dispatcher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Manager • Ramp resurface. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Staff Officer • Fire Planner (New) • Aviation Safety Officer • Air Attack Lead • Training Manager

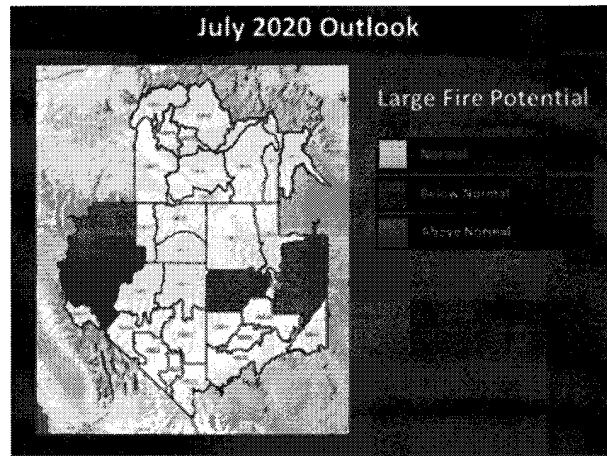




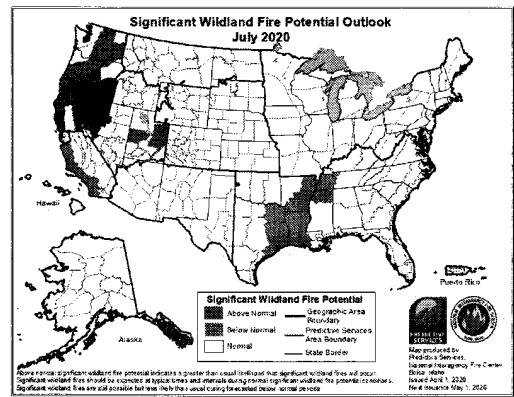
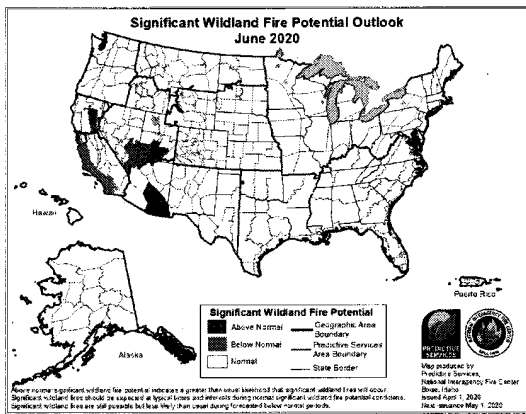
2020 OUTLOOK



Normal seasonal drying.



2018/19 grass crop with 2018/19 wet and no fires.



NATIONAL POLICY TOPICS

- Risk Management
- Accelerated Restoration
- Covid-19 Fire response Regionally and Nationally

LOCAL GUIDANCE TOPICS

- Initial Attack Protocols
- Automatic Response Zones - “No Man’s Land”
- Covid-19 and Fire responds on the Payette.





File Code: 5100
Route To:

Date: April 3, 2020

Subject: Chief's Letter of Intent for Wildland Fire - 2020

To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, IITF Director, Deputy Chiefs and WO Directors

The 2020 fire year is different than any we have previously experienced. We are managing wildfires while confronting the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. The way we have been and continue to respond to fire this year is definitely not the status quo. We are operating in a time of extreme uncertainty and we need to adjust our decisions and actions in light of what we know and what we don't know. We are changing how we approach fire management options during the COVID-19 pandemic across the board to adjust to this unprecedented challenge. Specific risk-based protocols for how we will respond will be developed at the field level by line officers and through the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group.

Objectives for this fire year will be to:

- Minimize to the extent feasible COVID-19 exposure and transmission and smoke exposure to firefighters and communities
- Prioritize the use of local suppression resources with the predominant strategy being rapid containment
- Commit resources only when there is a reasonable expectation of success in protecting life and critical property and infrastructure
- Describe expectations in Delegations of Authority for risk-based protocols to develop response strategies
- Encourage innovation and the use of doctrine for local adaptations
- Develop methods for broad information sharing given changed conditions
- Use the skills of the entire agency workforce to play a role this fire year

We remain committed to improving the wildland fire system during these challenging times. In our incident response strategies and tactics, we will commit responders to operations where we understand the risks of the fire environment and the virus as best we can - and where responders can be most successful with the least exposure necessary to meet reasonable objectives. We will stop, think, talk and act more now than ever before. This will be challenging during the 2020 fire year, but we will evolve, learn and adapt as the situation changes. For example, we need to hear what works and what doesn't directly from firefighters, and we will be setting up multiple ways to get that feedback.

Just as in any fire year, we are not in this alone. Responding to wildland fire in this country is a partnership – across all levels of government. We are seeing just how important these partnerships are as States, local government, contractors, Tribes and the Federal government band together to fight COVID-19 – just as we all band together to fight fires.



Above all, our focus during this fire year will be on sustaining life—on protecting the health and safety of our employees and the American people we serve as we carry out our core wildfire mission responsibilities. We will be successful when we meaningfully weigh the risks of each action; listen, learn and change quickly as the need arises; and work together with the communities we serve to best keep them and our employees as safe and healthy as possible during this uncertain time. To do that we must anchor to our core values, especially safety and service. We must also foster a safe, respectful workplace where everyone is valued for their contributions. Everything we do – every part of our mission – depends on creating a workplace where each one of us is able to thrive in our work, free from harassment. I am proud of you and all the work we do to face the challenges of managing wildfire together. Thank you for your service.

/S/ Victoria Christiansen

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VALLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA Monday April 20, 2020

Valley County adheres to ADA requirements. If anyone requires an accommodation, please contact the clerk prior to the meeting.

PROPOSED AGENDA Note: Any item(s) in need of a motion will be described in the agenda under the appropriate section.

- 9:00 Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Approve Agenda
- 9:05 Commissioner Discussion
 - Action Items:** Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2020
 - Idaho Health & Welfare Mosquito Surveillance Contract
- 9:15 Provide Update of Lake Management Plans – Planning and Zoning Administrator, Cynda Herrick
- 9:30 **Action Item:** Update on North End Courthouse Engineering Report and Asbestos Removal
- 9:45 **Action Item:** COVID-19 Transition Plan for Valley County Employees and General Public for Access to Valley County Courthouse
- 10:30 **Action Item:** Valley County Search & Rescue Request for Title III Funds for Vehicle
- 10:45 **Action Item:** Crush the Curve Initiative
- 11:00 **Action Item:** Submission of Applications for City of McCall LOT Funds
- 11:15 Public Defender Quarterly Report-Mr. Scott Erekson
- 11:30 Presentation from Payette National Forest-District Ranger, Anthony Botello
- 12:30 **Action Item:** Resolution 20-12 Short Term Rentals, Vacation Rentals
Approval of Governor Little's Order Dated April 15, 2020

Adjourn

COMMISSIONER'S FUTURE MEETING DATE

Monday April 27, 2020