



Los Alamos County 2016 CWPP update public meeting

Wednesday April 20th, 2016

5:00 – 6:30pm

Los Alamos County Municipal Building
1000 Central Ave. Room 110

Attendees: Marla Rogers (NPS), Dan McCarn (landowner and Stable Owners Association), Rich Sack (Española Ranger District), Troy Hughes (Los Alamos County Fire), Ramon Garcia (Los Alamos County Fire), Melisa Arias (landowner), Brent Thompson (landowner), Erik Peterson (Los Alamos County).

Meeting Notes:

1. The plan needs a complete Communities at Risk list, for the entire county, that identifies all communities (neighborhoods) at-risk from wildfire and designates them with a high, medium, or low.
2. A map of community or neighborhood risk needs to be made public and shared. This will generate interest from the public before the next meeting in June.
3. Establish a deadline for feedback on the draft plan and make it obvious on the website.
4. Create a map with safety zones and evaluation routes (if they exist or are established under the All-Hazards Plan).
5. It was recommended that the plan call for a community liaison by neighborhood that has taken NWCG and FEMA basic classes and can interface with Incident Management Teams when an incident happens to serve as a conduit of information. It was also recommended that neighborhoods establish wildfire committees.
6. The swimming pool prescribed burn is not on the prescribed fires map.
7. Does LANL have a wildfire plan? I heard they have a forest management plan. Does the update reference this? Does it compliment or conflict with the County CWPP (2009 and 2016 need to be assessed).
8. The community is concerned with understory responses to mitigation treatments. They are concerned that as weeds and initial colonizing species initially establish, they create a fire hazard and can serve as a ladder fuel. The Stable Owner Association is working with LA County Fire on test plots with native seed mixes and tilling.
9. The community wants to stockpile a native understory seed mix of a large enough quantity to seed 100 acres.
10. Does the 2009 CWPP or 2016 draft update CWPP have a livestock safety/evacuation/shelter-in-place plan? If not, the Stable Owners Association should have one for themselves and draft one for all livestock/domestic animals. This can be a recommendation for an appendix to be added on later.

11. The CWPP should mention or refer to a county policy/recommendation of how homeowners should store flammable materials (in a flammable material cabinet).
12. Feedback Mechanisms for input on draft CWPP:
 - a. To provide LA County Fire with information that informs their program of work.
 - b. To provide the CWPP process with a feedback mechanism.
 - c. Recommendations
 - i. Combine surveys.
 - ii. Post online
 - iii. Create a PDF version that says who to return it to and what the survey deadline is.
 - iv. Should include instructions to ask people to be familiar with the CWPP draft first
 - v. Ways to get responses
 1. Newsletters: Rotary, Kiwanis, churches, LA Post, LA Monitor, Keep it local Los Alamos
 2. Make presentations to groups and hand out copies and pens: Rotary, Kiwanis, Churches, Summer Concert Series (starts 5/20/16).