



MEETING SUMMARY

Wildfire Hazard Mapping Rulemaking Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 7, 2024
9:00 AM – 12:05 PM

Time	Agenda Item
9:00 - 9:10 a.m. (10 mins)	Welcome and Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Agenda Review
9:10 - 9:30 (20 min)	Introduction and Orientation, Charter Review
9:30 - 9:40 (10 min)	SB80 Overview
9:40 - 9:55 (15 mins)	Public Comment
9:55 - 10:10 (15 mins)	Review of Feedback to Date <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public• County
10:10 - 10:20 (10 mins)	Break
10:20 - 10:40 (20 mins)	Wildland-Urban Interface Identification 101
10:40 - 11:40 (60 mins)	Wildfire Hazard Mapping 101
11:40 - 12:00 (20 mins)	Setup for Irrigation presentation
12:00 - 12:05 (5 minutes)	Next Steps <i>Confirm action items, discuss follow-up, and share topics for next meeting.</i>
12:05	Adjourn

II. Participant Attendance List

Organization	Member	Attended	Alternate	Attended
RAC Committee Member	Phil Chang	Virtual		
RAC Committee Member	Steve Kramer	Virtual		
RAC Committee Member	Scott Hartell	Virtual		
RAC Committee Member	Holly Kerns	Virtual		
RAC Committee Member	Megan Montgomery	Virtual		
RAC Committee Member	Bob Hart	Virtual		
RAC Committee Member	Mary Kyle McCurdy	Virtual		
RAC Committee Member	Roger Beyer	Virtual		
RAC Committee Member	Scott Stenton	Virtual		
RAC Committee Member	Travis Worthington	Virtual		
RAC Committee Member	Enna Helms	Virtual		
ODF	Tim Holschbach	Virtual		
	Chad Hawkins	Virtual		
	Andy McEvoy	Virtual		
	Claire McGrew	Virtual		
	Nathan Fletcher	Virtual		
	Sean Lee	Virtual		
	Shannon Springer	Virtual		
	Daniel D	Virtual		
	Eric Bush	Virtual		
	Ian Rickert	Virtual		
	Bryan Baumgartner	Virtual		
	Alex Casey	Virtual		
	Shannon Murray	Virtual		
	Bill Drewien	Virtual		
	Anna Buckley	Virtual		
	Nate Jeffcoat	Virtual		
	Marvin	Virtual		
	Sage DeLong	Virtual		
ODF	Levi Hopkins	Virtual		
ODF	Shauna Morris	Virtual		
ODF	Ryan Miller	Virtual		
ODF	Derek Gasperini	Virtual		

III. Action Items

- Next meeting is set for 03/28/2024 set to start at 9:00 and adjourn at 12:00
- Follow up on Holly Kerns' question regarding burn season and pasture. What is the assumed burn season?
- Integrate Megan Montgomery's last comment in the chat into the question list for the next discussion.

IV. Meeting Chat

- 09:01:48 From Enna Helms to Tim Holschbach (direct message) : I will be available to listen in in 10 min.
- 09:09:01 From Derek Gasperini—ODF: Questions and comments welcome at: odf.wildfirehazardmap@odf.oregon.gov
- 09:13:30 From Enna Helms: I apologize in advance I am taking most of this call on the road.
- 09:20:43 From Derek Gasperini—ODF: No worries, Enna. Glad to have you join however you're able!
- 09:36:02 From Bill Drewien: It appears to me this will economically force people from rural lifestyle and force them into cities. There appears to be a correlation with this proposal and agenda 21, agenda 2030, globalization treaty and a host of other agreements.
- 09:49:39 From Jacob Ruhl: Off topic question, but say we have a landowner call in to the office wondering if they are in the WUI or not. Is the QWRA / Oregon Explorer program a valid source to use to help identify that in the time being until the hazard map is out? If not, what would be a good source to identify that to give them proper information?
- 10:00:37 From Tim Holschbach: Yes
- 10:07:59 From gtimmm to Tim Holschbach (direct message): Tim, what's the best number to reach you - perhaps tomorrow or next week.
- 10:09:41 From Tim Holschbach to gtimmm (direct message): 503-480-9756
- 10:11:21 From gtimmm to Tim Holschbach (direct message): Thanks, from beautiful Baker County
- 10:11:31 From gtimmm to Tim Holschbach (direct message): Thanks Tim,
- 10:12:14 From gtimmm to Tim Holschbach (direct message): Thanks Tim, from Beautiful Baker County - Gary
- 10:14:55 From Travis Worthington - RAC - OFMA: Please elaborate on your statement that WUI is a concept.
- How Fire Marshal's define WUI is in alignment with the US Fire Administration. The WUI is the zone of transition between unoccupied land and human development. It is the line, area or zone where structures and other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels.
- 10:18:15 From Travis Worthington - RAC - OFMA: So not a concept, Oregon just defined how it applies here. got it thank you.
- 10:21:20 From Derek Gasperini—ODF: Reacted to "So not a concept, Or..." with 👍
- 10:22:48 From Carolyn: Example of non-burnable fuels?
- 10:29:19 From Travis Worthington - RAC - OFMA: Why not define it as fire resistive?
- 10:29:29 From Carolyn: Thank you - the structures were my concern
- 10:32:00 From Anna Buckley: what distance was used for proximity to wildland fuels?
- 10:37:25 From Anna Buckley: Reacted to "what distance was us..." with 👍

10:38:40 From RAC: Scott Stanton - OFCA/UCFD1: IS there any thought having homeless camps in the WUI and if those are being categorized or captured in any way. This is a growing problem.


10:43:29 From Travis Worthington - RAC - OFMA: is there a set \$ property value associated with susceptibility?

10:49:37 From RAC Holly Kerns, Baker County: Can you elaborate on how the fire modeling for hay and pasturelands changed in terms of vegetation and burn season?

10:50:26 From Tim Holschbach: Great question Scott. This topic if of concern, however, also bridges a larger policy conversation regarding unsheltered populations. The integration of Urban Growth Boundaries as part of the WUI may capture where most of these camps currently reside.

10:51:40 From Tim Holschbach: Replying to "is there a set \$ pro..."

Not for this exercise, as susceptibility is not part of the hazard computation.

10:51:52 From Travis Worthington - RAC - OFMA: Reacted to "Not for this exercise..." with 

10:52:02 From Travis Worthington - RAC - OFMA: Replying to "is there a set \$ pro..."


Thank you.

10:53:28 From RAC Holly Kerns, Baker County: If I remember correctly, the materials also mentioned a change in burn season impacting the fire model for hay and pastureland, I was wondering if you could share what the assumed burn season is?

11:04:06 From RAC Enne Hølm: I have a question. How does the natural irrigation systems influence the map, particularly in areas where they intersect w logging activities. What's being taken into account when mapping in regards logging practices and how do changes to hydrology impact wildfire.

11:10:34 From ALT-RAC: Daniel Dougherty (Wasco County): Are Burn Probability and Flame Length Modifier their own independent variables multiplied to develop hazard number, or can they influence each other? e.g., Burn Prob. has a high number influencing the Flame Length to be higher?

11:31:20 From ALT-RAC: Daniel Dougherty (Wasco County): The technical guide provides that burn probability is primarily the reflection of regional climate patterns and vegetation types. Does vegetation type take into consideration made-made concrete (e.g., urban area)?

11:32:02 From Carolyn: Reacted to "The technical guide ..." with 

11:33:18 From RAC - Mary Kyle McCurdy (she/her) to Tim Holschbach (direct message): Hi Tim -

11:34:43 From RAC - Mary Kyle McCurdy (she/her) to Tim Holschbach (direct message): It is the legislature that determined where the wildfire safe building codes apply (to High hazard area). The more pertinent question for Commr Chang might be whether a city or county can apply the building codes beyond that.

11:34:58 From Tim Holschbach to RAC - Mary Kyle McCurdy (she/her) (direct message) : I'll give you a call after this

11:38:02 From RAC - Mary Kyle McCurdy (she/her) to Tim Holschbach (direct message) : Sounds good

- 11:38:35 From RAC Holly Kerns, Baker County: Is there someone with crop expertise who can help advise on irrigation impacts? Oregon produces over 200 crops and it's hard to look at this at a statewide level when we're all probably most familiar with our own areas.
- 11:38:52 From RAC - Meghan Montgomery-Jackson SWCD: Reacted to "Is there someone wit..." with 👍
- 11:41:19 From RAC - Meghan Montgomery-Jackson SWCD: It would probably also be worth considering to what degree irrigated lands have played a role in fire severity behavior in recent years. Is its significance driven by data or anecdotal comments/public complaint?
- 11:43:11 From gtimm to Tim Holschbach(direct message) : Thank you for your efforts.