



Gallatin  
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Emergency  
Management

Preparing Our Community

# All Hazard All Discipline Agenda

June 20, 2024 @ 11:30 am  
Gallatin County Coordination Center

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## Agenda

<b>Present</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrick Lonergan, Scott Sanders, John Vonk, Kevin Larsen, Jay Wittwer, Bret Birrer, Whitney Bermes, Chris Mahoney, Doug Dodge, Chris Grimes, Jake Simpson, Kalem Gustafson, Kyrsten Brinkley, Tim Martindale, Otto Marth, Paul Nutter, Maura Casey, Steve Sorlie, Kerri Strasheim, KO Spear, Nick Vertz</li> </ul>
<b>Minutes Approval</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 18, 2024</li> </ul>
<b>Presentations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>Discussion Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jake gave a quick recap on the Airport Full Scale exercise AAR. High level take aways were more on going cross agency training with airport staff, lots of new people in every organization. Escorted access from gate to incident site is always going to be awkward.</li> <li>A fairly lengthy discussion about the Bozeman Pass Closure and associated topics took place. Key take aways were to make sure leadership is not tactically engaged and steps back to help recognize when something is a big deal and shift away from thinking it's just about resolved. One communications challenge on the State side was that the Interstate was not officially closed by the official that had that authority, meaning that MDT by policy could not show it closed on 511, social media, media releases, etc... The authority to officially close roads has now be broadened and pushed to more individuals. The two counties and state have also agreed to meet in early fall to talk Bozeman Pass coordination.</li> </ul> <p>We also discussed Weather Service forecasting of the incident and if anyone thought they had gotten appropriate and accurate information distributed. No one present was aware of gaps. It also discussed how Bozeman Pass splits two weather offices and if information is consistent between the two offices. Patrick advised that NorthWestern Energy will be adding a high power camera to the top of the Pass this summer, with pending visibility should had another good tool for evaluating conditions. The Airport asked the question if there is still opportunity for a joint doppler radar in the valley with NWS. Sounds like it's a long bureaucratic process, but possible. The airport advised they have interest in exploring that further to support the visibility in the valley.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrick led a discussion on 2025 training courses to target. The consensus was to schedule the usual ICS 300 and 400 classes. There was also interest in looking into a TEEEX Disaster Recovery course. Those present felt it would be great to get a group to TEEEX's onsite Enhanced Incident Management Unified Command in College Station. The courses are now full and the 2025 course dates will be announced in early August.</li> </ul>
<b>Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrick updated the group on the Hazard Mitigation and Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update. Dates and locations are being locked in for the initial hazard vulnerability identification and prioritization sessions by community for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks in October. Depending on how everything lines up, we may also try and get an initial session together in July for discussion on modeling approaches for the Wildland Urban Interface approach.</li> <li>Patrick reported that the Emergency Medical Services Project is moving forward. Buck Taylor has been hired to coordinate with the agencies, determine the desired design and develop an implementation plan.</li> <li>Kevin reported that the Rescue Task Force program is continuing to meet. Their next activity will be a training session in Belgrade on August 6<sup>th</sup> with Belgrade School District.</li> <li>Patrick reported that the State of Montana provided \$250,000 out of the Resiliency Fund to serve as local match against federal mitigation funding. This is being used as match for our home ignition zone funding, making that work no cost to the homeowners in our project areas.</li> <li>Chris Mahoney presented on NRCS's wildfire mitigation funding they have available.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>August 15, 2024</b></li> </ul>

### Upcoming Activities

<b>Upcoming Training (<a href="https://www.readygallatin.com/training-opportunities">https://www.readygallatin.com/training-opportunities</a>)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICS 300 &amp; Forms Review, 7/16-18/24, Hardin, offered through TEEEX</li> <li>MGT 346, EOC Operations &amp; Planning, 8/21-22/24, Butte, offered through TEEEX</li> <li>MGT956, Liaison Officer, 9/23-25/24, Bozeman</li> <li>MGT 346, EOC Operations &amp; Planning, 10/16-17/24, Miles City, offered through TEEEX</li> <li>MGT 340 Crisis Leadership, 11/14/24, Bozeman</li> </ul>
<b>Upcoming Exercises</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>