



Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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Meeting Minutes

Call to order: The general meeting for the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (WFSC) was called to order by Jim Emery on September 16, 2025 at 1800 hours local time. This meeting was held at the Wrightwood Community Building. Audio of this meeting is available here: <https://www.wrightwoodfsc.com/zoom/WFSC.9.16.25.mp3>

Roll call: The following WFSC Board of Directors were present: John Aziz, Robert Comperini, Jim Emery, Tom Foley, Hank Hallmark, Tim Heinrich, Ben Smith.

The following agency representatives were present: See attached attendance log.

Flag salute: The flag salute was led by Jim Emery.

Public Comments: Strech Suba reports that a CERT basic training course will take place on 9/19/2025 – 9/21/2025 at the Wrightwood Community Building. On November 15, 2025 a CPR class will be held in the Wrightwood Community Building. For more information on these upcoming events, email: certwrightwood@gmail.com.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the 8/19/2025 meeting were accepted as written. Motion to approve made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Tim Heinrich. Motion approved 5/0. Jim Emery and Ben Smith abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

CWPP: Jim Emery reports that a virtual CWPP workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. This workshop is being hosted by LA County. Wrightwood FSC will participate in this meeting. See attached flyer.

Home Insurance Workshop: Sponsored by the Mountain Rim FSC & Wrightwood FSC. A home insurance workshop will be held on October 25, 2025 from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Wrightwood Community building. 30 people max. We will be discussing common problems dealing with obtaining and keeping home owner insurance. To register, email staff@wrightwoodfsc.com.

Cooperative partner & agency updates:

Angeles National Forest: (Ron White): Currently in preparedness level 3 in southern California. Nationally, the Forest Service saw a reduction in the number of burned acreage compared to last year. So far this year, the total number of burned acreage is 2 million less than last year, although there have been more starts this year.

In the Angeles, the fire danger rating has been increased to the “extreme” level. This means no wood or gas fires are allowed in undeveloped or developed sites, unless a special use permit is granted.

The ANF will be at the Antelope Valley Fair. Tree removal is in progress in the Blue Ridge area. Disposition of the downed wood is TBD. Road shoulder clearing also continues in the Forest.

Recently, the “Governor’s task force” met. This was a week-long event. ANF and Wrightwood FSC representatives participated, when the task force visited the local area. Bridge Fire fuels treatment areas were toured, to see how treated areas affected the outcome of the fire.

Darrell Vance introduced himself. Darrell comes to the ANF from the Cleveland NF. Darrell replaces Matthew Bokach.

San Bernardino National Forest: District Ranger Mike Nobles submitted a report via email. His email is attached.

CCC: No representative, no report. Ben Smith reports that he had been in contact with the CCC to have work done in the Grassy Hollow Visitor Center area, but reports no additions communications with them in the past month.

CAL FIRE (Drew Smith): Statewide, CAL FIRE responded to 22 lightning fires in the Sierras. Locally, CAL FIRE responded to 4 fires that were over ¼ acre in size. Monsoonal moisture coming in later this week, could bring more lightning activity. Local resources are coming back to the area, after supporting fires in northern California. The green waste events being held at the CAL FIRE Phelan station will continue, each weekend during the month of September. Drew briefly discussed local fuel reduction projects that will resume, now that resources are coming back from northern California. Current fuel moisture levels are at 59% (up from 58% last month).

Adrian Poloni introduced himself. Adrian is a forestry specialist with CAL FIRE, and is assigned to the southern region of CAL FIRE. He works with various agencies, including the IERCD, providing technical assistance related to forestry issues (GSOB, fire clearances, etc.). Adrian can be reached via email at: adrian.poloni@fire.ca.gov.

Caltrans: No representative, no report. John Aziz reports that a Caltrans representative will resume attending WFSC meetings in October 2025.

IERCD: See attached emails from Kayla Thompson and Julie Clark.

LA County AG: No representative, no report.

LA County Fire (Chief Jason Ghorbani): Chief Ghorbani discussed recent fires in the LA County area. LA County Fire is prepared to respond to any fires caused by lightning during the upcoming predicted storms. LA County Fire will participate in the Antelope Valley Fair.

SB County Fire (Capt. Michael Laabs): Captain Laabs briefly discussed their staffing levels. Sandbags and sand is available for residents at Station 14 in Wrightwood. Capt. Laabs briefly discussed some construction work taking place at station 14, regarding disabled parking and ADA compliance. Statistics for this past month: Engine responded to 76 total calls, which include 43 medical aid, 11 fires, and 6 traffic collisions. Our ambulance responded to 56 calls, which included transporting 28 people.

Peter Brierty: Peter discussed his continued support of various forestry and grant related projects.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

SB County OES: Two representatives from OES introduced themselves. This is their first time attending a FSC meeting.

New/continued business:

Fire hydrant mapping: Hank Hallmark will advertise on the local forum seeking people interested in adopting hydrants in their area.

CWPP Update: No updates.

Treasurer's report: One check for \$1020 was received from the CSD for the recent green waste event. Upcoming bills that need to be paid include \$805.63 for web hosting. Insurance renewal is also expected soon.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1930 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on October 21, 2025.

Minutes submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Comperini".

Robert Comperini, Secretary
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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Attendance Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: Sept. 16, 2025

Name	Agency/Organization	Email Address
Jim Emery	WFSC	
Tim Heinrich	WFSC	
Robert Comperman	WFSC	
John Azziz	WFSC	
Ben Smith	WFSC	
Hank Hollings Jr	WFSC	
Tom Foley	WFSC	
Ben Kanta	-	
Donna Sassaman	-	
Kathy Walsh		
Mario J. Moreno	USFS	
Ron White	USFS	
Darren Vance	USFS	
Vicky Rineck	MPN	
Drew Smith	CAL FIRE	
Adrian Poloni	CAL FIRE	adrian.poloni@fire.ca.gov
GAGE BRUCE	ONE TOWN AT A TIME	
STAN SONDERS	WW CERT	
JTRECH SUB A		
Peter Brierty	SB Co FIRE	
Brandon Grimmelst	SB Co FPD	
MICHAEL LAARS : CREW 14	SB Co FD	
Jason Ghorbanian	LA Co FIRE	JASON.GHORBANIAN@FIRE.LACOUNTY.GOV
Kara Hatfield		
Susan Carrelo	San Bernardino County OES	
Guadalupe Felix	SBC OES	

From Julie Clark, 9/15/2025

Hello Wrightwood!

Please see our update for tomorrow's meeting:

- California Invasive Species Advisory Committee (CISAC) is a statewide public group comprised by agencies, non-profit groups, community groups, private sector, and academia. It is helmed by California Department of Food and Agriculture. CISAC received several million dollars for statewide invasive species work for all types of species: Animals, aquatics, disease, insects, plants. A working group has been focused on proposing a Statewide GSOB program intended to address detection, treatment, wood management, research, education and outreach, statewide and regional coordinators. CISAC will decide about proposals in the next few weeks.
- Regional GSOB partners are working to plan new GSOB Blitz events this fall, which are free public events to train groups and individuals how to recognize and report infestations. We will contact you with details, if a blitz will be held in San Bernardino County.
- The federal funding that has supported the regional aspect of my position for almost 10 years has been revoked. I will be working solely in Ventura County starting October 1 until/unless new monies are identified for me to resume addressing pest issues at the larger scale. Collaborator Adrian Poloni - CAL FIRE has graciously agreed to serve in my place for Wrightwood. He is copied in the email. You are in excellent hands with forestry, informational, pest and disease matters with Adrian. I will miss contact with WFSC. You and your team are a highly tuned and much respected team.

Be well and of high spirit,

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From Kayla Thomson, 9/15/2025

Hi Wrightwood FSC,

I hope you are doing well and my apologies for not making it out there recently. We have been pulled in every which way!

IERCD updates for this months meeting are as follows:

Over the past couple of months, our staff have largely been supporting our federal partners at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) by providing technical assistance to landowners affected by the Bridge and Line fires. This month, we've scheduled site visits with five Wrightwood landowners to help identify which programs best address their property needs and resource concerns.

In addition, IERCD recently received a grant from the California Department of Conservation to support post-fire restoration. This funding will allow us to provide free reforestation services for properties impacted by the Bridge, Line, El Dorado, and Apple fires. Alongside connecting landowners with NRCS programs, we are also identifying potential project sites for this restoration work.

Looking ahead, IERCD will be receiving a CAL FIRE block grant early next year to fund Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB) treatments. Through this program, our staff will reconnect with landowners we've previously surveyed to cover the cost of oak tree treatments, including insecticide applications and the removal of amplifier trees. While the grant cannot reimburse past treatments, landowners with remaining concerns about their oaks can request a resurvey so we can prepare for next year's work.

If you are a landowner with black oak, coast live oak, or canyon live oak on your property, or if your property was impacted by the Bridge Fire, please reach out to us at forestry@iercd.org to schedule a site visit.

Let me know if there are any questions or concerns about these updates.

Thanks so much!!

Subject: RE: [External Email] Wrightwood Fire Safe Council Sep 2025 Meeting
From: "Nobles, Mike - FS, CA" <Michael.Nobles@usda.gov>
Date: 9/13/2025, 7:41 AM
To: John <John@WrightwoodCalif.com>

Good morning, John.

I am on assignment in Oregon and will not be able to attend,

San Bernardino N.F update.

Lytle Creek Hazardous Fuel Break

Mechanical and Hand treatment fuels reduction continues on Lone Pine Ridge Lower Lytle Creek divide Mechanical fuels reduction continues.

Southern California Ignition Reduction Project

NEPA process is ongoing. The area includes portions of the 138, HWY's 15, 18 in the San Bernardino and HWY's 74 and 8 on the Cleveland National Forest.

Mormon Rocks Off Highway Vehicle activity.

OHV's recreating in Cajon wash is being addressed with our recreation and Law Enforcement Staff.

Fire Activity

Moderate initial attack activity.

Fire Staffing

Multiple resources committed to fires across the nation. Current available resources

12 Engines,
2 Crews
1 dozer
7 Chief Officers
2 Type 1 Air Tankers
2 Type 1 Helitankers

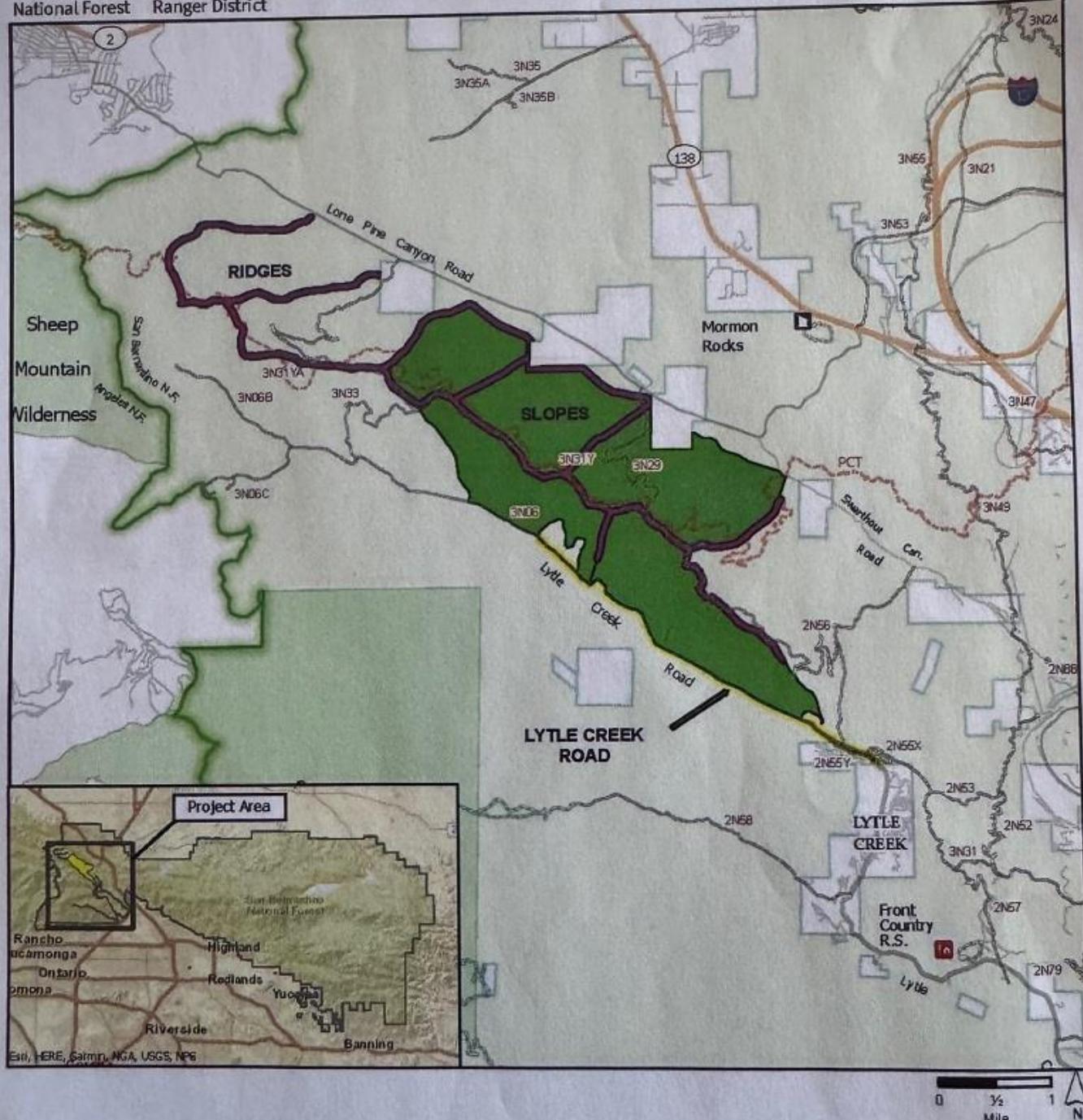
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Lytle Creek Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project
Unit 1



Legend

- Segment 1: Ridges: Broadcast Burn, Chipping, Cut, Handline, Herbicide, Mastigate, Pile Burn, Weedwhip
- Segment 2: Lytle Creek Road: Chipping, Cut, Handline, Herbicide, Mastigate, Pile Burn, Weedwhip
- Segment 3: Slopes: Broadcast Burn, Chipping, Cut, Handline, Herbicide, Mastigate, Pile Burn, Weedwhip

Round 2: CCWPP ACTION PLAN WORKSHOPS

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for Round 2 of the Action Plan Workshops

We need your input for the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CCWPP).

All Fire Safe Councils, Fire Wise Communities, community safety organizations and Town Council members are invited to participate in Round 2 of the CCWPP Action Plan workshops. These workshops will be focused on brain-storming actionable wildfire mitigation projects and treatment areas for topics not covered in Round 1.

Please sign up for the workshop below based on your Forecast Zone. If you have any questions please contact Regional Planning at safety@planning.lacounty.gov.

FORECAST ZONE	MEETING DATE	MEETING TIME	ZOOM REGISTRATION LINK
Antelope Valley & Foothills			Register Here
High Country	Tuesday 9/23/2025	6:00-7:30 pm	
Santa Clarita Valley			
Santa Monica Mountains			Register Here
LA Basin - Altadena			
LA Basin - San Gabriel Foothills	Thursday 10/2/2025	6:00-7:30 pm	
LA Basin - Puente Hills			

WILDFIRE FORECAST ZONES

- 1 ANTELOPE VALLEY
- 2 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
- 3 HIGH COUNTRY
- 4 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
- 5 LOS ANGELES BASIN



CCWPP Survey

Household Survey



GET INVOLVED

LA County Planning needs your help developing the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CCWPP), which will provide community-focused fire protection and response strategies for unincorporated communities. Community involvement is an integral component of the CCWPP. To join the discussion for your community, please register for one of our region-based virtual workshops.

Contact

safety@planning.lacounty.gov

Social Media

   @LACDRP

Visit

Please visit the project website at:
<https://planning.lacounty.gov/ccwpp>

