



## 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 November 18, 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.11.18.25.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:

Stan Souder gave a presentation regarding the heath creek wash. Off-road vehicles have been trespassing in the area. Barriers and fencing have been vandalized. Stan sent this information to several agencies. Stan received a response from the Flood Control District, who say they will address this issue.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes from the 10/21/2025 meeting was accepted as written. Motion to approve made by John Aziz. Motion seconded by Ben Smith. Motion approved 5/0. Tom Foley and Tim Heinrich abstained since they were not at the meeting.

**Volunteer Injury Insurance:** Jim Emery reports that insurance for WFSC members was secured.

**Home Insurance Workshop Recap:** The workshop was well attended. The WFSC thanks the Mountain Rim FSC for hosting this workshop. Local resident Kathy Walsh attended the event. She discussed items related to her insurance policies that she found out after talking with her agent.

**Wrightwood Winter Traffic Meeting Recap:** This meeting took place on October 29, 2025, in the Wrightwood Community Center. Jim Emery and Ben Smith attended, as representatives of the WFSC. Jim reports that this meeting appeared to be more productive than the last few meetings, but there is room for more improvement. The Wrightwood CSD provided valuable input to the meeting. New "no parking" signs have been installed around the village of Wrightwood. Wrightwood can expect to see more parking enforcement, now that these signs are in place.

#### Cooperative partner & agency updates:

**Angeles National Forest:** The Forest is once again fully staffed, now that the federal government shutdown has ended. The Forest reorganization and management changes were briefly discussed. As of now, the Forest Supervisor position is still not filled. Until that position is filled, upcoming projects could be affected if they require Forest Supervisor approval. There are currently no active projects in the Wrightwood area.

**San Bernardino National Forest:** See attached email from Naomi Gordon.

**CCC:** No representative, no report.

**CAL FIRE (Mike Ordan):** Introduced himself. He is the new Battalion Chief for the High Desert region. Mike is a resident of Wrightwood. Mike discussed staffing and work-week changes. Mike also discussed how CAL FIRE

is increasing their size, statewide. CAL FIRE is expected to hire thousands of employees. A thinning project is in the planning stages. This project will take place on private properties near the Wrightwood County Club area. Recent fuel reduction work took place in the Desert Front road area.

Caltrans: No representative, no report. Jim Emery reported that K-rail has been placed in the chain-up area on highway 2, east of Wrightwood.

IERCD: No representative. See attached email report from Kayla Thompson.

LA County AG: No representative, no report.

LA County Fire: No representative, no report.

SB County Fire (Jarrod Dowden): Jarrod discussed staffing levels and talked about new-hires currently going through the academy. Also discussed were various miscellaneous projects taking place.

SB County Code Enforcement: No representative, no report.

Wrightwood CSD (Ramona Evey): The CSD announced a senior firewood giveaway event, that will take place on November 25, 2025, at the community building parking lot. The event will begin at 10:00am and will continue while supplies last. An ID will be required to prove residency.

**New/continued business:**

Fire hydrant mapping: Hank Hallmark thanked the Mountaineer Progress newspaper for an article they published regarding the adopt-a-hydrant program. Hank reports that several more hydrants were adopted.

CWPP Update: No updates.

**Treasurer's report:** Payments were made for insurance premiums.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1928 hours local time. The next general WFSC meeting will be held on January 20, 2026. There will be no meeting in December 2025.

Minutes submitted by:



Robert Comperini, Secretary  
Wrightwood Fire Safe Council

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Attendance Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: November 18, 2025

**From:** Legere-Gordon, Naomi - FS, UT <[Naomi.Legere-Gordon@usda.gov](mailto:Naomi.Legere-Gordon@usda.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 18, 2025 3:04 PM

**To:** Legere-Gordon, Naomi - FS, UT <[Naomi.Legere-Gordon@usda.gov](mailto:Naomi.Legere-Gordon@usda.gov)>

**Subject:** News Release - BDF to Begin RX Burning

San Bernardino National Forest begins prescribed fires

Favorable weather conditions in place for hazardous fuels reduction work

Southern California, 11-21-25— The San Bernardino National Forest is planning prescribed fire operations in the next few weeks, pending all required approvals. We estimate this work to continue through the new year as weather conditions allow. We use prescribed fires to help reduce overgrown vegetation to help protect local communities, infrastructure and natural resources from wildfires.

Prescribed fires planned for the area include:

- Big Bear Area
- Pine Cove Area
- Various additional locations throughout San Bernardino and Riverside Counties (Pile Burning)

Those areas may close to the public for several days for public safety. Watch for warning signs along roads near all prescribed fire areas before and during burns.

Residents may experience smoke during the prescribed burns. For more detailed information about air quality, go to AirNow online or download the app. When driving, slow down and turn on your headlights when you encounter smoke on the road.

We will evaluate weather conditions in the hours before a burn begins. If conditions warrant, scheduled prescribed fire activities may be canceled.

Stay informed about the scheduled prescribed fires through the forest website, social media channels, and InciWeb, the interagency incident information system. We will notify county emergency management officials when burning begins.

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**From:** Kayla Thompson [mailto:kthompson@iercd.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 18, 2025 2:22 PM  
**To:** John; staff@wrightwoodfsc.com  
**Subject:** IERCD Updates

Hi Wrightwood FSC,

Here are the latest updates from IERCD:

We are continuing to work with landowners throughout Wrightwood to identify properties affected by the Bridge Fire that may be good candidates for conifer reforestation. So far, we have confirmed one private property for planting and will be conducting a site visit at Camp Wrightwood in the coming weeks. We currently have a little over 850 pine seedlings ready to be planted this spring.

Once sites are finalized, CAL FIRE crews will begin preparing them for planting. In the spring, IERCD will coordinate volunteer planting events to help get the seedlings in the ground. If you are a landowner impacted by the Bridge Fire and are interested in reforesting your property, please reach out. Residents can contact me at [kthompson@iercd.org](mailto:kthompson@iercd.org) or 951-465-5524. I will keep you updated on volunteer opportunities and hope to work with many of you on this project.

Additionally, IERCD is hosting a home assessor training in collaboration with the Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council on December 9th from 9am to 5pm at the Yucaipa Community Center. This training certifies community members as defensible space inspectors, enabling them to gather information that Mountain Rim FSC can then help residents with debris removal necessary to comply with requirements. We hope to have community leaders from each Fire Safe Council participate so this service can be offered within your neighborhoods. More event details will be shared soon, and I will make sure you receive them.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns!

Have a good one!



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