

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 6, 2021

SUBJECT: 2021 Revision to the Greater Bend Community Wildfire Protection Plan

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Board signature of document 2021-805, the Greater Bend Community Wildfire Protection Plan, 2021 update.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Each of Deschutes County's seven Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) is revised every 5 years on a rotating basis. The Greater Bend CWPP has been revised with the process beginning in the spring of 2021 and concluding at the end of the summer. Consistent with the Health Forests Restoration Act the local government(s), local structural fire department(s) and the State Forestry Agency sign the plan to acknowledge the update. Keeping the plan up to date is important so that the plan maintains relevancy for the federal land management agencies (USFS and BLM) for planning fuel reduction next to communities as well as being a common required element to request funding for state and local governments. CWPPs also describe how the community can reduce structural vulnerability to wildland fire and each plan contains an updated risk assessment based on best available data.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Boone Zimmerlee, Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator; Ed Keith, County Forester