

## Custer-Gallatin Working Group (CGWG)

### 3rd Quarter Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024

Sibanye-Stillwater Warehouse Facility, Columbus, Montana

Time	Topic	Lead	Outcomes
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Meet and greet luncheon.</b>		
	CGWG provided McKenzie River Pizza and vegetable tray.		
	Attendance: John Prinkki	Kathy Minor USFS	
	Randy Weimer	Zach Bailey	
	Ty Hamilton	Earl Atwood	
	Mike Story		
	Jackie Walden		
	Sally Schrank		
	Jennifer Boyer		
	Bill Bullock		
	Hilary Eisen (Proxy)		
	Barb Cestero (Proxy)		
	<b>Consent Agenda;</b> Minutes and Financial report/disbursements/ Proxies		
	Approval of consent agenda items moved for approval by Bill Bullock, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jen Boyer. APPROVED		
	<b>Custer Gallatin National Forest Staff update;</b> Kathy Minor and staff provided an update on recent activity and projects status:		
	<b>Cooke City:</b> Forest Service is now planning for public interaction and comment gathering before decision. Zach Bailey offered to join the subcommittee. Scoping had been expected to be out by late fall or early winter 2024. Staff has been working through comments. A new comment period is expected in January, as modification to the proposed action are expected due to watershed concerns.		
	<b>Red Lodge Mountain Fuel Reduction:</b> Project is ready for field work, final decision and commencement is anticipated as early as this Fall.		
	<b>Bozeman Fireshed Project (formerly East Gallatin);</b> Sally Schrank is now chairing the subcommittee. A field trip is planned for Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> . Jen Boyer and Sally discussed progress of subcommittee formation and public meetings, so far about 20 interests are represented.		
	<b>Remington Fire report:</b> noting the significant destruction resulting from the recent Remington Fire in norther Wyoming and SE Montana, Jackie Walden shared detailed information on the geography and wide impact from this fire. Jackie brought several large maps outlining the fire's coverage and specific areas that were particulary affected. Destruction of property was extensive – cattle, fences, haystacks and equipment were damaged or destroyed over a wide area.		
	<b>Sibanye Metallurgical Facility Tour:</b>		
	Sibanye management team at the Smelter facility in Columbus conducted a group touf the plant, explaining the entire process and providing up-close views of each processing stage. CGWG thanks the Sibanye Stillwater team for their valuable time and the highly informative tour of their operations.		