

Babb Road Fire Recovery Meeting

September 26, 2020

1:00 pm

Malden City of Hall

Attending: The Babb Road Fire Recovery victims, family and support friends

Greetings: Gerry Bozarth, CEM, Babb Road Fire Recovery Group, greeted everyone.

Multi-Agency Resource Center: MARC is open today from 9 am to 3 pm. Please visit with the agencies here. They have very good information to share.

Clean Up: We have been in contact with Washington Department of Ecology. Ecology is in contact with the Federal EPA on how to proceed with clean up. Washington and Oregon are both waiting to hear from EPA. The current advice from Ecology is: If you are working on your own property, be careful of ash and/or debris. You may find nails. Please wear appropriate gloves, masks and wash up when done.

Vehicle Update: The Sheriff Department updated us that you do not need a notary but you do have to complete page 1, page 2 and sign the documents. Please make sure on the Page 2 that you check the box: "No registered or legal owner's information cannot be found". If applicable. Make sure you sign and date the form.

Whitman County Assessor: The Whitman County Assessor has a form that the property owner can fill out to remove the destroyed property from the county tax rolls. The Assessor's office staff will then visit the property to verify the request.

Trees: Paul Kimmel reported that Avista will be at the Malden City Hall this week. There are crews from Avista and a contractor working for Avista taking down trees on properties. Avista would like to take fallen trees to the Avista Staging area so the logs can be cut up for firewood for the Malden/Pine City residents that need fire wood next winter.

Permitting Processing: At this time, we are waiting for clarification from Town of Malden and Whitman County Building Department.

Insurance: If you have clean-up questions, contact your insurance agent. They will give you guidance. If you have issues with your insurance agent/company about your coverage, you can call 1-800-562-6900 Washington Insurance Commission.

Contractors: On the Community Information Board on the front of City Hall, there is a State Labor and Industries phone number to check on licensed Contractors, their bonding and active status in Washington.

USDA – FSA: Residents that have agricultural animals, out building and fencing should contact the USDA-FSA, 509-397.4301. Call Doreen Riedner to see if your losses qualify. Call as soon as possible due to the time restraints on reporting losses with USDA-FSA.

Carlene Anders, Executive Director, for the Carlton Complex Long-Term Recovery Group (CCLTRG). Carlene spoke to the group about Long Term Recovery. Carlene stated that Long Term Recovery is a long process. Please be patient as the process moves to create the Long-Term Recovery Group.

Next Babb Road Fire Recovery meeting will be Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 11 a.m. in the Malden City Park.