

## **Babb Road Fire Recovery Meeting**

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

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.

Upcoming Multi-Agency Resource Center, Friday, September 25, 2020 from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 9 am to 3 pm:

There is an email and website set up for the Babb Road Fire Recovery.

Email: [babbroadfirerecovery@gmail.com](mailto:babbroadfirerecovery@gmail.com)

Visit the website: [babbroadfirerecovery.org](http://babbroadfirerecovery.org)

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Washington State Emergency Management has applied for a Federal Declaration from FEMA. We hope hear back soon.

Chris Skidmore, Whitman County Public Health and Environmental Health: Chris stated that he and his staff will be here on Friday and Saturday to help residents with information about septic systems and wells. On Monday, September 21, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution to waive the fees for reconnecting septic tanks. Also, on Monday, the Board of Public Health has declared a Whitman County Public Health Emergency.

Gerry Bozarth, CEM, Babb Road Fire Recovery Group: Hazard materials are in the debris. We are in conference with the Department of Ecology about how residents can move forward. The Federal Declaration (FEMA) will open up assistance for residents to remove debris. At this time, we are on hold for volunteer groups to help due to the hazard materials in the debris. We cannot tell you what you can do on your own property. You have to decide how you will keep yourself safe with masks and coverings should you do something on your own.

Brett Myers, Whitman County Sheriff: There is a process to remove burned out vehicles. There is no charge for the residents. The State of Washington Department of Licensing, Junk Vehicle Affidavit that must be completed by the owner of the vehicle(s). Sheriff Deputies have forms in their patrol cars and at all Recovery Meetings. After you have completed the form and had the Sheriff Deputy sign off on the form, the Sheriff will have a list of scrappers who you can contact to take your vehicles away. Sheriff Deputies will be here this Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26 at the MARC to give out the State of Washington Department of Licensing, Junk Vehicle Affidavit. Sheriff's will work with residents to schedule a time to see the vehicles and sign off on the form. At this time, there is no processes for removal of 4 wheelers and gators.

Babb Road Fire Recovery Group: Long Term Recovery Group: Scott Hokonson, Town of Malden, reported that if you are interested in participating on the Long-Term Recovery Group Committee, please sign up. If you have a desire and interest to help we need you. Scott stated that on Friday and Saturday there will be a Multi-Agency Resource Center. This Thursday, September 24, there will be a General Store set up at the City Hall location.

Gerry reminded the residents to get their information from these sources:

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Next Babb Road Fire Recovery Meeting will be Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 11 am the City Hall Tent.

**Please Join us.**  
**Multi-Agency Resource Center**  
**Friday, September 25, 2020 from 9 am to 5 pm and**  
**Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 9 am to 3 pm**

**Parking Lot Questions:**

**Hazardous Materials Testing**

**Assessor's Tax Rolls**

**Tree Debris**

**Donations**

**Debris removal and protective equipment needed**

**Permitting process expedited**

**Washington State Insurance Commission: For coverage questions, Call 1-800-562-6900**

**Pets and Hazard Debris**