

Rogue Basin Wildfires and Drinking Water Supplies – Impacts and Opportunities

January 13, 2021, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM PST

Workshop Objectives:

- Increase awareness and understanding of wildfire impacts on water quality and how wildfires, including fires in the urban interface, threaten drinking water supplies.
- Share information, resources, and lessons learned to assist in mitigating contamination of drinking water sources and to identify opportunities for management.
- Educate participants on available tools and resources for pre- and post-fire actions and identify current gaps and needs in the region.
- Strengthen partnerships across the Basin to enhance emergency response, monitoring, mitigation, and restoration efforts.

Time	Session	Speaker and Topic
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Welcome	Craig Harper , Medford Water Commission <i>Introductions to the Workshop Agenda, Structure and Goals</i>
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Background	John Vial , Jackson County <i>Description of the Almeda and S. Obenchain Fires, Response, Impacts and Restoration Efforts</i> Bill Meyers , Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) <i>Water Quality Impacts and Coordination</i>
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Addressing Short-term Threats and Needs	Cara Farr , U.S. Forest Service <i>Post-fire Assessments – BAER, ESR and ETART</i> Evan Hofeld , Oregon Health Authority <i>Addressing Short-Term Threats and Needs for Drinking Water Systems</i> Steve Lambert , Jackson County <i>A Local Response to Fire Impacts Along the Bear Creek Greenway</i>
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Morning Break	
10:30 – 11:15 am	Addressing Mid-term Threats and Needs	Dan Sobota , Oregon DEQ <i>Harmful Algal Blooms After Wildfires: Monitoring and Remote Sensing Strategies</i> Ben Klayman , Medford Water Commission & Jason Canady , Grants Pass Public Works <i>Rogue Drinking Water Provider Perspective</i> Meghan Montgomery & Clint Nichols , Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) <i>Mid-Term Threats and Needs: Almeda and South Obenchain Fires Outreach and BMP Implementation</i>
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Addressing Long-term Threats and Needs	Marko Bey , Lomakatsi <i>Adaptive Management of Restoration Sites</i> Aaron Borisenko , Oregon DEQ <i>Long-term Monitoring for Understanding Changes in Wildfire Impacts on Water Quality</i>

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12:00 – 12:30 pm	Keynote Presentation	State Senator Jeff Golden , Chair of the Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery Committee & Doug Grafe , Oregon Department of Forestry <i>Rogue Basin Wildfires and Drinking Water Supplies</i>
12:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Panel Discussion	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Meyers, Oregon DEQ • Meghan Montgomery, Jackson County SWCD • Jennie Morgan, Rogue Valley Sewer Services • Clint Nichols, Jackson County SWCD • John Speece, Rogue River Watershed Council • Greg Stabach, Rogue Valley Council of Governments • Arlo Todd, Medford Water Commission
1:45 – 2:30 pm	Breakout Groups	Breakout Group Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Response • Monitoring • Mitigation and Restoration
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Afternoon Break	
2:45 – 3:15 pm	Funding and Resources	Julie Harvey , Oregon DEQ <i>Everybody Drinks! Funding Opportunities with Drinking Water Providers</i> Meghan Montgomery & Clint Nichols , Jackson County SWCD <i>Technical Assistance, Funding, and Local Resources</i>
3:15 – 4:00 pm	Coordinating Together	Breakout Group Moderators Craig Harper , Medford Water Commission

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