



Blaine County, Idaho

Local Emergency Planning Committee

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Meeting Minutes February 8, 2018

Attendance: Nils Ribi, LEPC; Taan Robrahn, Reid Black, SVFD; Tom Ancona, Mike Elle, KFD; Bart Lassman, WRFR; Walt Femling, SVPD; Nelson Long, SCPHD; Ismael Gonzales, ISP; Dustin Williams, BLM and Don Hartman, Stacy McLaughlin, WMFD.

(Note: If you attended and didn't sign in, you won't be on this list.)

Welcome & Introductions

The minutes from the January 11, 2018 meeting were approved.

Presentation

Janet Kellam discussed avalanches and the components around hazards and risk. She suggested reading The Avalanche Review newsletter; this and other information can be found on <https://www.americanavalancheassociation.org/>. The storm of 2008 was used for reference points and discussion. We have a duty to warn and communication is critical. It is important that we continue educating our community leaders who make decisions, educating the city and community staff who manage problems and educating the public and visitors to avoid problems. Classes that would be beneficial are Avalanche 101 and 201.

Bruce Smith discussed checking the daily forecasts on <https://www.sawtoothavalanche.com/>. Look around during the day and know where safe zones are. Suggested carrying a beacon, shovels, probs (at least 2 sets) with you at all times. The storm of 2008 was again used for reference points and discussion about working with building officials to make changes where utility shutoffs are on homes in the zone. It is important to know where historical hazards have been and where new ones may exist.

Other Items for the Good of the Cause

ICS 402 will be held on March 15th at 3:00 p.m. at the PSF; encourage all elected officials to attend.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 8th. Meeting adjourned 1130.