



**Teton County LEPC & Citizen Corps Council
August 6, 2024 Minutes**

The Teton County LEPC met on August 6, 2024 at 3:30pm and on Zoom.

In Attendance:

Teton County	Search & Rescue
Greg Adams	Ron Razzolini
Ronn Carlentine	Teton Valley Health
Commissioner Whitfield	Alex Farnsworth
Dan Reyes	Teton County Wyoming EM
Sheriff Lemieux	Rich Ochs
City of Teton	Fire District
Mayor Schlinder	Mike Maltaverne
Jacque Beard	
City of Driggs	
Amber Pence	
Guest: Mike Poland	

Meeting was called to order @ 3:30pm.

Review/Acceptance of Previous Minutes: The July 2, 2024 Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Biscuit Basin Yellowstone Explosion - Mike Poland
Mike is a research geophysicist with the Cascades Volcano Observatory and the current Scientist-in-Charge of the Yellowstone Volcano Observatory. Mike's area of specialization is volcano geodesy, which emphasizes the surface deformation and gravity fields associated with volcanic activity. Mike's presentation was an update on the hydrothermal explosion that occurred just before 10am on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 in Biscuit Basin Yellowstone National Park. It was explained that the hydrothermal explosion resulted from water suddenly transitioning to steam in the shallow hydrothermal system beneath Black Diamond Pool and was not caused by volcanic activity. The explosion, which sent steam and debris to a height of hundreds of feet above the ground, destroyed a nearby boardwalk and ejected grapefruit-sized rocks tens to hundreds of feet from the source. Some blocks closest to the explosion site are about 3 feet (1 meter) wide to six feet long and weigh hundreds of pounds. The explosion was largely directed to the northeast toward the Firehole River, and the largest blocks of debris fell in that direction. The dark color of the explosion was a result of mud and debris mixed with steam and boiling water. Although visitors were present at the time of the event, no injuries were reported. Various websites were mentioned where further information is available.

Agency Reports:

Teton County Emergency Management: EM held its annual exercise with a Wildland Fire Tabletop Exercise on July 23. The EOC Highway 22 Pass Closure and the Wildland Fire Tabletop Exercise after action Reports will be available shortly. Also, EM was informed by IOEM that EM's 2023 BRIC Grant is being considered with further review by FEMA.

Teton County Sheriff: n/a

Teton County Commission: On September 18, 2024 at 5pm, there will be an Open House on the updated FEMA Flood Map.

Teton County Road & Bridge: n/a

City of Teton: Silverstar will start its project next week. School flashing lights do work, however, the crossing lights don't work all the time. Big Thanks to those who participated in the Celebrate American event. Need weed Spraying. The city has a new City council member.

City of Driggs: A new master plan is being developed to address the property on Bates as well as a new transportation plan.

City of Victor: n/a

Media Representative: n/a

Teton Valley Hospital: The hospital parking lot is being re-sealed.

Teton County Fire & Rescue: The various community events are keeping the District busy. Wildland fire potential will be here until September with high temperatures and low humidity. Various State agencies have stood-up due to ongoing threat of wildfires in Idaho.

Teton County Search & Rescue: With the funding assistance by the Community Foundation, SAR will hold emergency medical training to certify members.

Idaho State Police: n/a

American Red Cross: n/a

Teton County Extension Office: n/a

Eastern Idaho Public Health: n/a

Idaho Office of Emergency Management: n/a

Teton School District 401: n/a

Idaho Fish & Game: n/a

US Forest Service: n/a

Mental Health Coalition: n/a

Community Resource Center: In collaboration with the Education Foundation of Teton Valley, we are hosting the annual Teton Valley Cares back to school readiness event on **Saturday, August 17th. 9 am - 12 pm at the School District Building**. All Teton Valley families are welcome to attend, including families that homeschool and families with children that are Pre-K age.

This is an entirely free event where kiddos can get:

- Vision, hearing, speech, dental and medical screenings
- Back to school outfits
- Backpacks, books and at-home school supplies
- Free/reduced lunch registration
- A bike & helmet from Pierre's Pedal Project
- Haircuts thanks to the Paul Mitchell School-Rexburg
- Hygiene supplies and home goods items
- Access to local resources and community connections

There will be raffle drawings for gas and grocery gift cards and Teton Valley Health, in addition to providing the medical screenings, will also be providing car seat safety checks and free car seats from Idaho Passenger Safety.

Family Safety Network: n/a

Greater Idaho Coalition: n/a

Air Idaho Rescue: n/a

Fairgrounds: n/a

Meeting Adjourned.