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**Board of County Commissioners  
Department Update Meeting: County Forester**

**May 3, 2016**

**Deschutes Services Building and Lane Knolls Neighborhood**

Attendees:

Commissioners Anthony DeBone and Alan Unger; County Forester Ed Keith; County Administrator Tom Anderson; Whitney Hale, Communications; and Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator.

**County Forester Update**

County Forester Ed Keith provided a tour of a recently completed FEMA-funded wildfire fuel reduction project at the Lane Knolls neighborhood, east of Bend.

Commissioner DeBone asked about the strategies used for the project. Mr. Keith explained how fuels reduction included the removal and trimming of bitter-brush, removal of select juniper trees, and the trimming of tree branches. In response to a question from Commissioner Unger, Mr. Keith highlighted the cooperation from the neighborhood and work the neighbors put in as part of the "sweat equity" model (landowners providing much of the labor associated with the project).

Mr. Keith showed the group areas that had been treated for fuel reduction as compared to untreated areas.

Minutes completed by:

  
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Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator

DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2016 for the  
Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

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Alan Unger, Chair

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Tammy Baney, Vice Chair

Anthony DeBone

Anthony DeBone, Commissioner

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