

Hello and I do hope this finds you well!

It should be obvious to all, but ***we will not be meeting for our April meeting*** as regularly scheduled for tomorrow morning. I'd also like to mention that I miss our lively discussions and will be in touch when we are ready to meet again. I know that there is a lot of good work continuing to get done out there by our fuels reduction grant partners, local contractors, and agencies. Spring fire season is here and there is a lot of talk about what that looks like in the age of COVID-19. Every fire prevented keep firefighters and responders from potential exposure.

- We have had a number of fires caused by debris/pile-burning this spring; one up near [Blacktail Mountain](#) that you may have seen and neighboring Sanders County has been fighting the 20-acre [Henry Creek Fire](#) . Please take care when out burning this spring!
- Mike West shared this new [Wildfire Risk to Communities](#) website with a nicely packaged tab on [Reducing Risk](#). Please share!
- The NFPA has a growing [library of resources](#) to share with folks interested in doing the work to reduce the risk around their home.
- And if you are looking for Prevention messaging to share, the [Keep Montana Green website](#) has updated their library for this messaging.
- I would like to start adding to our Smoke Column articles but need some contributors—if you have anything that you would like to share, now's the time. 😊

As a reminder, Wildfire Community Preparedness day is coming up on Saturday, May 2, 2020 and what better social-distancing activity than getting out to prepare your property for fire season? ***If you are out doing this kind of work, please take a moment to send me a photo to share on our FireSafe Flathead page!***



Be well and I look forward to seeing you again!

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