



The Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (GSLMSD)

Salt Lake County Wildland Interface Annex

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Background

- Salt Lake County Emergency Management is working with Hagerty Consulting to develop and update several Emergency Plans as part of reaching the Certified Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)
 - Salt Lake County Hazardous Mitigation Plan
 - Salt Lake County Emergency Operations Plan (update)
 - Salt Lake County Continuity of Operations Plan
- 6 or 7 Incident Specific Annex's addressing the most hazardous conditions in Salt Lake County
- Wildland Interface is the first
- Annexes are not tactical operations but strategic in nature to help in coordination between the ECC and the Wildland Interface Response

FIRST STEPS

- June 10th - 27th Salt Lake County ECC deployed a survey to communicate to stakeholders throughout the County to help inform Annex development
- The focus of this effort will be on the four canyons in Emigration, Millcreek, Big Cottonwood, and Little Cottonwood, but the general plan will be applicable across the Valley
- Even though the focus was on the four canyons, the Annex is being developed as a Countywide Annex which affects all the communities, including unincorporated areas
- The Annex will be reviewed in March of each year going forward
- 32 surveys sent out to Emergency Managers and Fire/EMS, with 15 respondents. Over 50% felt that Wildland Fires were a High Risk and over 82% of Emergency Managers felt prepared for a Wildland Event

KEY FINDINGS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

- There is not a canyon-wide notification/siren system to alert residents and visitors of a potential hazard.
- There are accessibility concerns for parts of the communities within the canyon due to terrain.
- Coverage or mutual aid from the UFA or the USFA masks actual

Fire/EMS :

- There is a need for expanded wildland firefighting credentialing for staff.
- Not all departments have extensive wildland firefighting response apparatus available internally.
- Some departments do not meet industry standards or qualifications for wildland firefighting PPE.

KEY FINDINGS cont.

- The onset and spread of COVID-19 has restricted the normal flow of information within organizational relationships.
- Some communities do not have formal written wildland/urban interface response plans established.
- Areas with limited ingress/egress lack public education programs to identify evacuation routes, shelter-in-place locations, or emergency staging areas.
- In some communities, there are limited emergency managers and elected officials who have received NIMS, ICS, or other formalized training.
- In some communities, CERT training could be expanded.

CONCLUSIONS

Emergency Management

- Need for planned evacuation routes.
- Vast range of responses for community wildfire mitigation programs and feelings of preparedness.
- Some communities are experiencing a lack of planning for shelter-in-place, evacuation, or general wildland/urban interface fire plans.
- Dependence on regional response authorities such as the USFS or UFA that mask understandings of actuals gaps in planning or resources needs.

WHAT THE ANNEX WILL ADDRESS

- The wildland interface hazard faced by the Town of Alta, Sandy City, Town of Brighton, Cottonwood Heights, City Millcreek, City of Holladay, Emigration Metro Township in the canyons.
- Evacuation and escape routes out of the communities, population density, shelter-in-place locations, and in the greater Salt Lake City Watershed areas.
- The preparation, planning, training and exercises in each of these communities.
- The Alert and Notification for your residents and overall communications for each of these areas.
- The Annex will include critical documents, maps, visuals or data, GIS and topographical maps showing ingress for emergency responders and egress and escape routes for citizens, and locations of high risk populations.

WHAT THE ANNEX WILL ADDRESS

How would Salt Lake County Emergency Coordination Center respond to a wildland/urban interface fire?

How would agencies and communities coordinate with the ECC through response and recovery operations?

- Direction and Control
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Preparation
- Alert and Notification

WHAT THE ANNEX WILL ADDRESS

How would Salt Lake County Emergency Coordination Center respond to a wildland/urban interface fire?

What major steps would occur?

- Response
- Recovery
- Demobilization

ANNEX APPENDICES

What existing documents, maps, visuals, or data should be incorporated into the Wildland/Urban Interface Fire Annex?

- Evacuation and Escape Routes
- Shelter-In-Place Locations
- Vulnerable Population locations

What new documents need to be developed as support material for the Wildland/Urban Interface Fire Annex?

- Maps, GIS, documents

ANNEX TIMELINE

- Draft Annex Review Meeting July 13, 2020
- Draft Annex Finalization Meeting July 20, 2020
- Stakeholder Review Period July 22-25, 2020
- Final Submission July 27, 2020

WHAT NEXT?

- This Annex is the first and it not only involves those communities that are located in the canyons and wildland interface areas, but those communities that would be threatened is the wildland fire was to push down the Wasatch Range into your community.
- The timeline for this Annex is very aggressive
- The Stakeholder review will be between July 22nd and the 25th .
- Those communities located in the Wildland Interface, Emigration Canyon and the Town of Brighton, I suggest that you review the Annex to make sure of the information in it.

WHAT NEXT?

- For those communities that are in the secondary threat areas, White City, Copperton, and the unincorporated areas, I suggest you also review the Annex as well.
- Hagerty Inc. and the Salt Lake County EM Division, are open for comments during the 3 day period of July 22 to the 25.
- For the unincorporated areas, I am not sure who is the responsible stakeholder?
- The communities of Emigration Canyon Metro Township and the Town of Brighton review all prior documents and maps addressing escape and evacuation routes, shelter-in-place locations, and high risk populations locations.
- The EM Division or Hagerty may be contacting you for further information.



Questions?