

# ***AAR for Partial LWC Power Outage***

**0730 - 1430, 04-Aug-2025**

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## **Timeline**

- Residents reported hearing a “transformer blow” at 0720 and this is noted in the comments on the CLPUD Facebook page.
- According to CLPUD Facebook page, they were aware of the problem at 0740 and dispatched a technician to investigate.
- At 0820, Paul Caldron (SA #4) called MT to see if he had power, and he responded that he did. Paul said he heard some radio communications that others were experiencing the outage.
- MT initiated the CRS at about 0845 from SA #13 with a handheld radio (HT) at 5 watts and started receiving reports from other areas and decided to continue from the Com Center.
- MT arrived at the Rec Center at ~0845, the front door was propped open suggesting the door lock was not working (i.e., the AC power was out). Pat Hossle and Vicky Berchou reported that parts of the Rec Center (including the pool) were without power.
- MT started conducting the first *official* radio poll at 0855 PDT using the Com Center Wouxun radio transmitting at 20 watts.
- The responses were recorded on an Event Log (refer to attached page at the end of the AAR).
- Following the poll, we established that power was off in the following Safety Areas (in addition to part of the Rec Center): 1, 2, 4, 5, and 11 (refer to Figure 1 of the LWC Safety Area Map where red pins indicate SAs without power at 0914; note – SA #10 is not marked with a red pin because only parts of the Rec Center were without power and no one in SA #10 indicated they were without power).
- Earle Rother (SA #5) reported that the CLPUD technician was onsite and attempting to identify the problem.
- Reports and information continued to be exchanged throughout the power outage.
- At 0942, Safety Areas 1, 2, and 11 reported that power was restored. Paul Caldron in SA #4 reported he had power, but Rod Scher reported he was still without power (Figure 2).
- At 0954, MT advised Rod that CLPUD reported all power was restored (which now included SA #5) and that he should consider contacting them to let them know he was still without power. Shortly after this, the CLPUD outage map indicated that there were 4 reported outages along Walking Wood (which included Rod Scher’s location).

- MT opted to shut down the CRS shortly thereafter as most people had turned off their radios.
- As of 1340, the CLPUD Outage Map still indicated that there were 4 power outages remaining along Walking Wood (Figures 3 and 4).
- By about 1430, the CLPUD Outage Map indicated that there were no more outages in LWC.

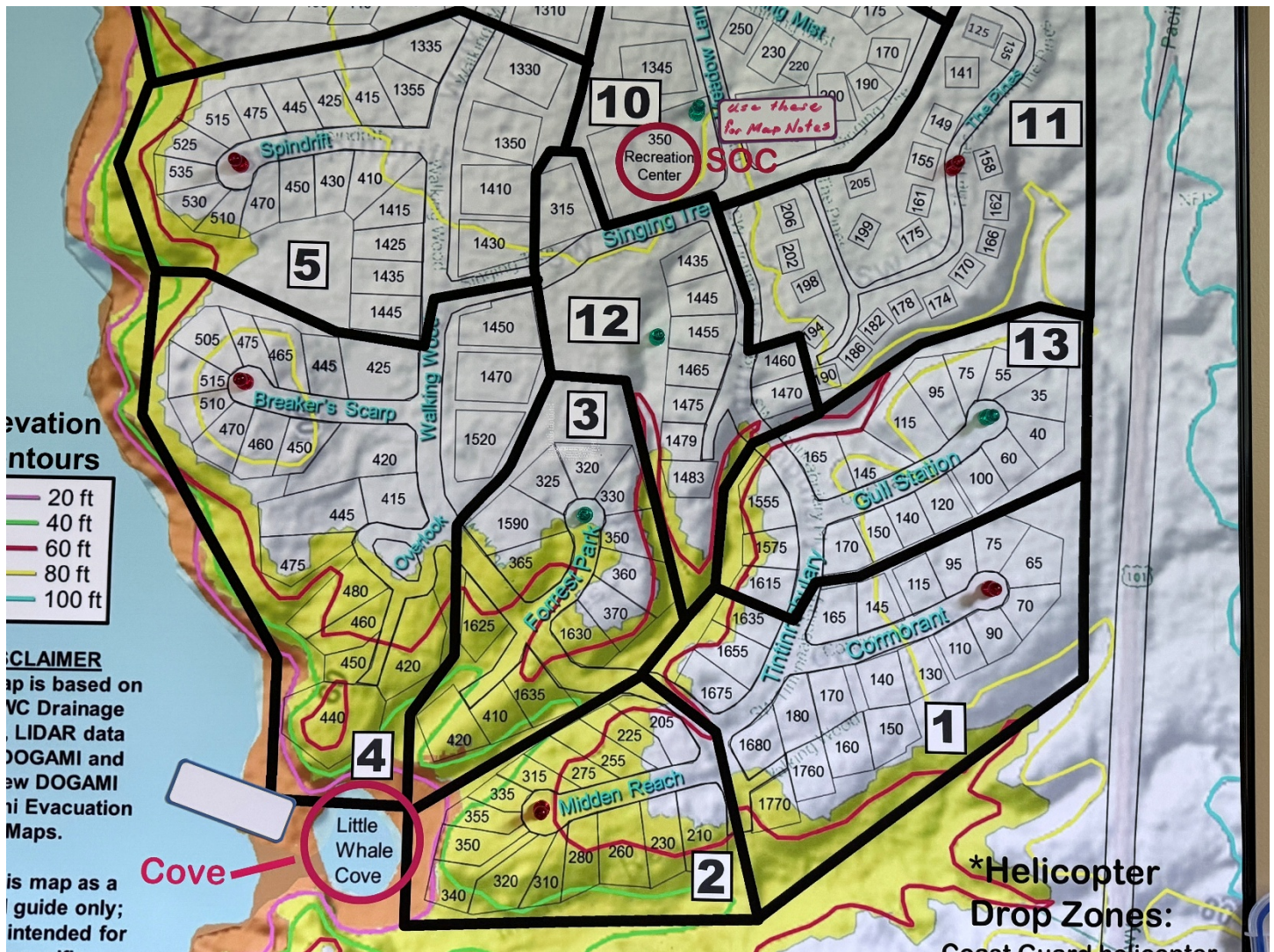


Figure 1 – LWC power outages (red pins) by Safety Area at 0914 PDT.



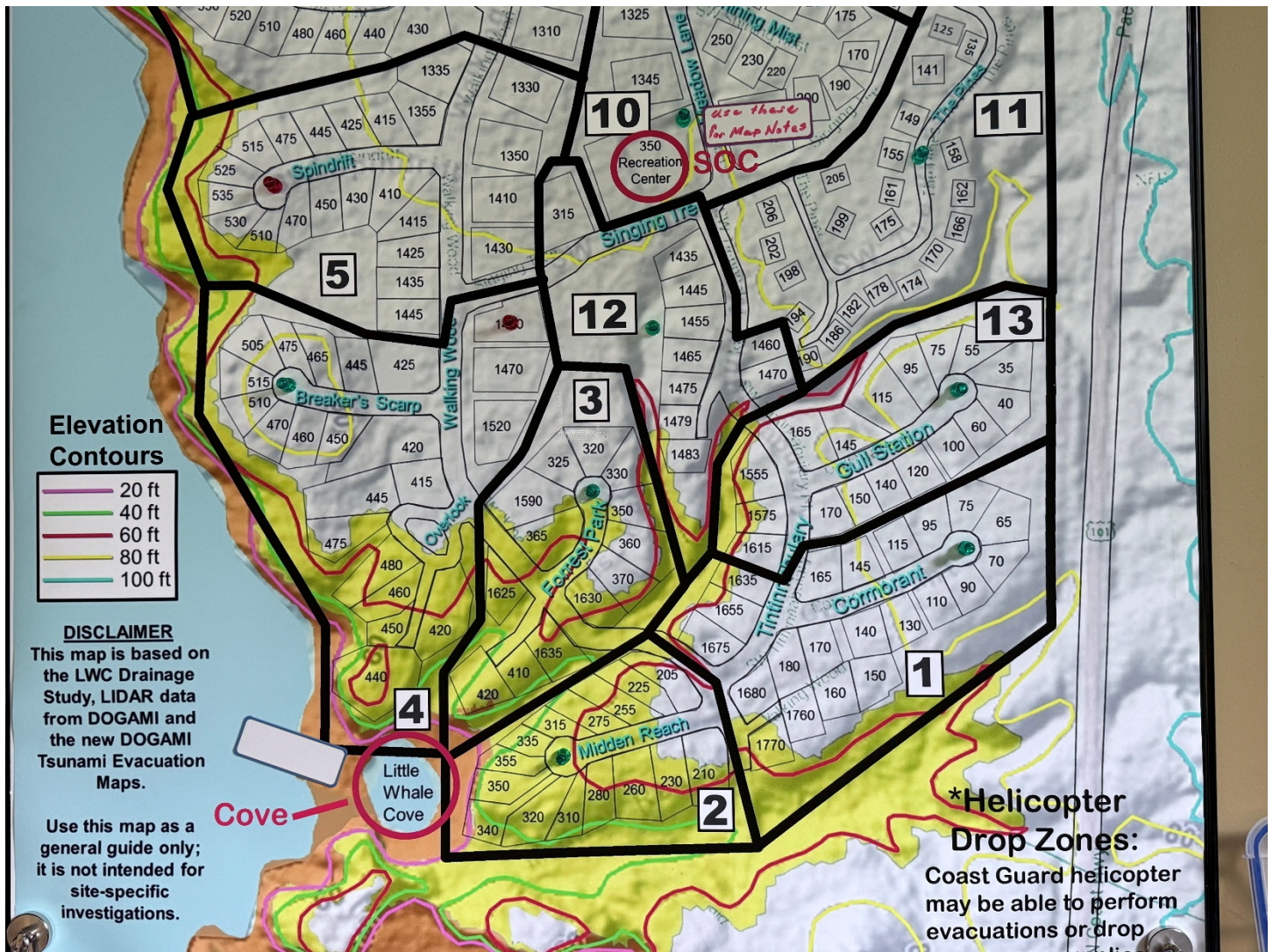


Figure 2 – LWC power outages (red pins) by Safety Area at 0942 PDT.

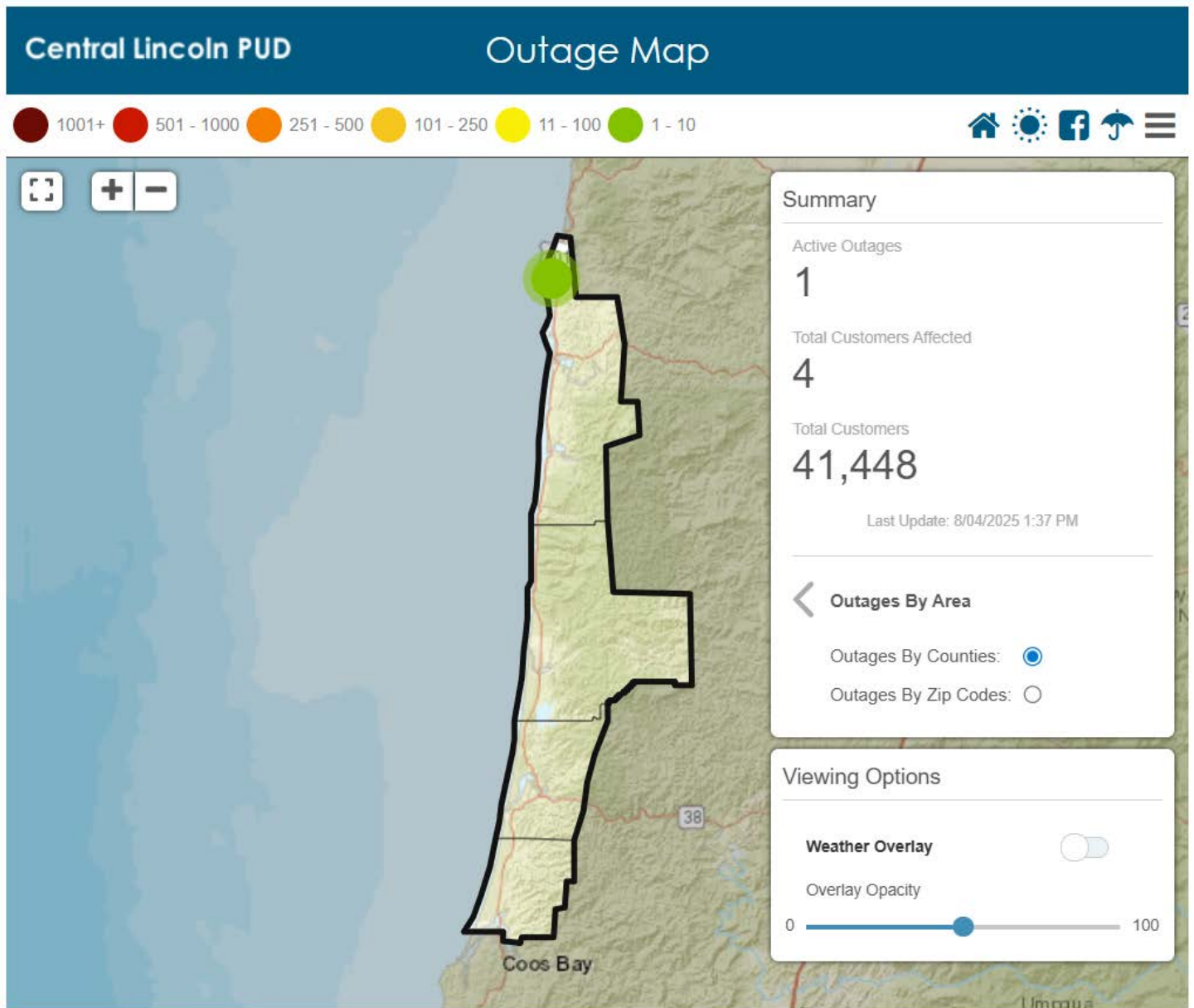


Figure 3 – CLPUD Power Outage Map as of 1342 PDT.



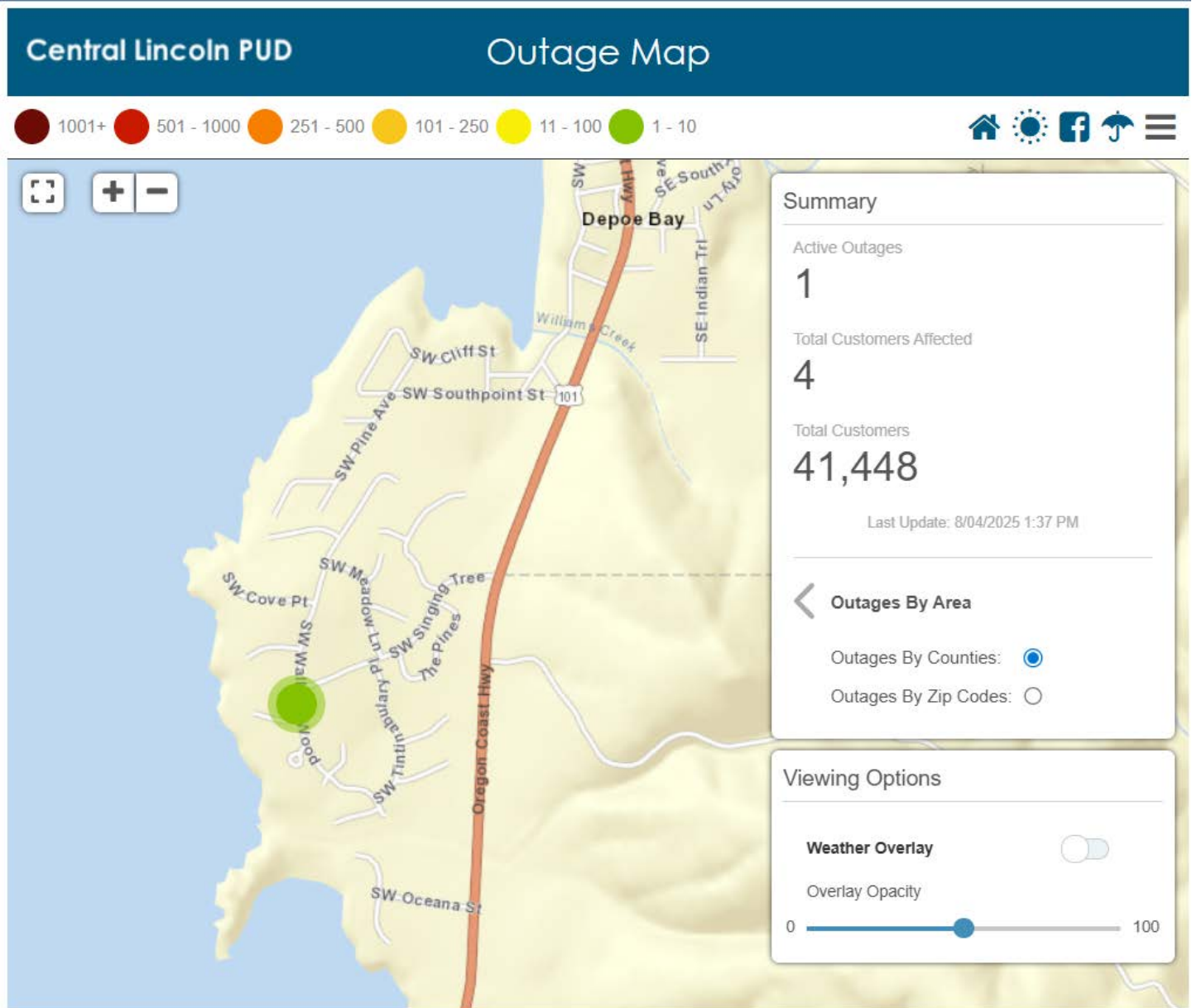


Figure 4 – Zoomed in version of Figure 3 above showing outages along Walking Wood.

## Lessons Learned

- Even relatively minor events warrant activation of the CRS and anyone should feel free to call or text a member of the Communications Group (as Paul Caldron did) to inform them of an event or any other GMRS-licensed Safety Captain that can use the Com Center base radio.
- As soon as a member of the Communications Group is aware of the event, they should immediately start transmitting from their home on a GMRS HT (handheld radio) at 5 watts, but announce that they will be relocating to the Com Center to

use the 20-watt base radio (while MT did begin transmitting first with an HT and then relocated to the Com Center, he did not announce his intent to relocate).

- Notify Anne Bradley (Safety Committee Chair) and Paul Banas (BoD Chair) via text to apprise and let them decide if ICS activation is warranted immediately or possibly later (this was not done).
- Presumably everyone in a Safety Area knows who their Safety Captain is and that the captains can get on a 5-watt HT (at a minimum); however, perhaps we should make a list available (with names and phone numbers) of those people that have GMRS licenses and can operate the 20-watt Com Center base radio (and have access to the Com Center). Eventually, this could be added to the Resident Directory.
- Find out if there is some way to talk to a CLPUD technician directly via GMRS radio. CLPUD may be reluctant to talk to us, but it might help them if they know we do transmit on GMRS Channel 15 so they can listen in.
- The LWC Safety Area Status Map with color-coded magnetic pins worked. We might consider purchasing additional colored pins (particularly red) so we could actually mark any specific parcel that reports in regarding problematic status.
- Per Paul Caldron, contact CLPUD and see if they can provide a map showing which areas of LWC are covered by the three incoming power lines given that these areas do not coincide with our Safety Areas. This should probably come from Paul Banas or Anne Bradley.
- It would be handy to have someone with the radio operator taking notes. Times and information would be more accurate. It is difficult to transmit and receive information on the radio and write at the same time. Moreover, the Event Log works initially, but becomes cumbersome should an event extend beyond an hour. If subsequent polls are conducted, the form would work, otherwise a simple blank log might suffice, but again – with a scribe.

| LWC Community Radio Service (CRS) Event Log   |                               |  |                       |   |
|---|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| Date:<br>Time:<br>Event:  | 8/4/2025                      | Channel: GMRS/FRS 15 (462.5500 MHz)  |                       |   |
|   | 0855 - 0957 PDT               | Location: Com Center (Crow's Nest) - No AC power                           |                       |   |
|   | Partial Power Outage          | CRS CONTROL: Michael Tomlinson   |                       |   |
| Area  | Safety Captain / Alternate    | Readability (LC,W,D,N)*  | Area Status (G,Y,R)** | Area Report Details                             |
| 1   | Cheryl Meece                  | N  |                       | Mike Johnson reported no power in SA #1         |
|   | WRYW210 Valerie Davisson      | LC   | No power              | Jackery: 0855 - 89% & 0957 - 88%                |
| 2   | Chuck Duncan                  | LC   | No power              |   |
|   | Steve Reed                    | N  |                       |   |
|   | Shirley & Ken Williams        | LC   | No power              |   |
| 3   | Patricia Koonce               | N  |                       |   |
|   |                               |  |                       |   |
| 4   | WRWJ624 Paul Caldron          | W-D  | No power              | Reported initially via phone @ 0820 PDT         |
|   | Rod Scher                     | LC   | No power              |   |
| 5   | Chris Lodge                   | N  |                       |   |
|   | WSGZ255 Molly Dumas           | N  |                       |   |
| 6   | Shirley Pease                 | N  |                       |   |
|   | WSAP956 Anne Bradley (Chair)  | N  |                       |   |
| 7   | OPEN (Edgewater/Walking Wood) | N  |                       |   |
|   |                               |  |                       |   |
| 8   | WRVV415 Randy Kollars         | N  |                       |   |
|   |                               |  |                       |   |
| 9   | John Penrod                   | N  |                       |   |
|   |                               |  |                       |   |
| 10  | OPEN (Shining Mist/Meadow Ln) | N  |                       |   |
|   |                               |  |                       |   |
| 11  | John Bingham                  | N  |                       |   |
|   | Dave Grace                    | LC   | No power              |   |
| 12  | Vicki Berchou                 | ---  | Power                 | Reported verbally at Rec Center                 |
|   |                               |  |                       |   |
| 13  | WRMV879 Bill Albright         | N  |                       |   |
|   | WSAX894 Randy Wikoff          | N  |                       |   |
|   | WQXM262 Mike Tomlinson        | ---  |                       | CRS Control                                     |
| 14  | OPEN (Nesting Glade)          |  |                       |   |
|   |                               |  |                       |   |
| 15  | Mike Ramos                    | N  |                       |   |
|   |                               |  |                       |   |
| LWC HOA Board   |                               |  |                       |   |
|   | John Penrod                   |  |                       |   |
|   | Les Blumenthal                |  |                       |   |
|   | WSEB300 Paul Banas (SA #2)    |  |                       |   |
|   | Greg Steinke                  |  |                       |   |
| Board Liaison   | WSGZ255 Molly Dumas           |  |                       |   |
| LWC Management & Staff  |                               |  |                       |   |
| HOA Manager   | Dena Patterson                |  |                       |   |
| Maintenance   | Pat Hossle                    | ---  | Refer to →            | Verbally reported parts of Rec Center w/o power |
| Maintenance   | Yves Nakahama                 |  |                       |   |
| Other Safety Comm Members   |                               |  |                       |   |
|   |                               |  |                       |   |
|   |                               |  |                       |   |
| Other LWC Residents   |                               |  |                       |   |
| 5   | Nancy White                   | LC   | No power              | Has generator running & invited people          |
| 5   | Earle Rother                  | LC   | No power              | In contact with CLPUD technician                |
|   |                               |  |                       |   |
| Other Depoe Bay Residents (approximate location)  |                               |  |                       |   |
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|   |                               |  |                       |   |
| * LC= Readable Loud & Clear      W = Weak but Readable      D = Distorted or Static (Not Readable)      N = No Response heard |                               |  |                       |   |
| ** G = No identified injuries or damage      Y = injuries or damage need further evalution      R = Serious injury or damage  |                               |  |                       |   |
| Other Radio Resources Not Included in LWC CRS Poll and Notes & Comments   |                               |  |                       |   |
| LWC Licensed HAM Radio Operators  |                               | Notes & Comments   |                       |   |
|   | KD7OEN Tom Voshell            | Mid-latitude Kp  | 2                     |   |
|   | KK7JCO Paul Caldron           | Rain   | None, overcast        |   |
|   | KI7ZCK Bill Albright          | Wind   | Calm                  |   |
|   | KI7EHD Paul Banas             | Other Notes or Comments  |                       |   |
|   | WI70 Will Hobbs               | MT initiated CRS on Ch 15 @ ~0835 PDT from SA #13 using a HT transmitting  |                       |   |
| Depoe Bay EOC Net 146.530   |                               | at 5 watts. Eventually he moved to the Com Center and resumed transmitting |                       |   |
|   | W7ALX Michael Dane            | at 0855 PDT with the Wouxun base station operating at 20 watts.            |                       |   |