

Meeting with Earle Rother
9/9/25

LWC Attendees:

- Earle Rother, Margaret Rother
- Bill Albright - Communications Unit of ICS
- David Dumas - Forest Management Committee Chair
- Paul Banas - LWC BoD Chair and IC
- Don Foot - Logistics and Operations Unit of ICS
- Anne Bradley - LWC Safety Committee Chair

CC of this email to LWC Residents:

- Molly Dumas, BoD Liaison to Safety Committee
- Michael Tomlinson - Communications Unit of ICS
- Joe Cannon - Depoe Bay City Council
- Randy Kollars - Depoe Bay Emergency Preparedness Committee

*** All of the above are members of LWC ICS**

Attachments:

- Earle's 8/20/25 email to the Safety Committee (2)
- Earle's Google Earth map of power line route Depoe Bay to Siletz

In his email to the Safety Committee and at our 9/9/25 meeting, LWC Earle Rother raised the following issues, all of which the LWC Safety Committee and Incident Command System (ICS) are currently addressing, or are aware of. We appreciate the significant work Earle has done to provide information that will allow us to move forward on the following:

1. Structural integrity of the Rec Center (SOC and Comm Center) following a significant seismic event

I sent an email to Dave Maguire asking him to provide a copy of the report he referenced recently about the structural integrity of the Rec Center following a significant seismic event. Dave served on the Reserve Committee at the time the study was done. I will follow up with Community Manager Dena Patterson if Dave does not have a copy of the study.

2. Establish a communications network of HAM operators in LWC and those with residences in Portland and the valley, Salem, Corvallis and Eugene. This would allow us to notify them of the situation in LWC following an event, and to coordinate resources and plans to support our residents.

Earle compiled a list of LWC residents with residences in those areas which he provided to Bill Albright. Bill and the ICS Comms Unit will follow up to determine which residents are HAM operators and are interested in participating in this project. He will also consult with his contacts in the Lincoln County Amateur Radio Club (LCARC) about the technical aspects of establishing a HAM network.

3. Forest logging roads as an evacuation route to Siletz

A major seismic event will destroy the infrastructure of HWY 101 and the Depoe Bay bridge, and LWC will be an island between the bridge and Big Whale Cove. Earle presented a Google Earth map (attached) he developed to show the logging roads used by CLPUD to maintain the power lines. He will provide us with a digital file of the map.

Earle acknowledges that the initial part of the road leading away from our area would be compromised due to fallen trees and landslides, and would need to be cleared. The rest of the road, however, follows the ridge tops and is bordered by clearcuts.

We decided that we will take a multi-pronged approach to move forward on this issue by contacting the City of Depoe Bay, CLPUD and State Representative Gomberg and Senator Anderson.

Paul Banas will enlist the support of LWC residents Joe Cannon who serves on the City Council and Randy Kollars who serves on the City's Emergency Preparedness Committee. We will also ask CLPUD to allow several members of our group to ride with them on a routine maintenance tour.

We appreciate the significant information and motivation that Earle's work has given us to pursue issues that will help LWC prepare for, manage and recover from an emergency event.