

Presentation to the Plumas County Board of Supervisors

Nov. 23, 2021

- **Good Morning Supervisors and thank you Chair Engle for letting me speak.**
- **My name is Clint Koble and I live in Hamilton Branch at Lake Almanor.**
- **Along with my Co-Chair – Sue Weber of Greenville, I am the Chair of the Dixie Fire Long Term Recovery Group.**
- **The mission of our Recovery Group is to bring resources to fulfill the unmet needs of Dixie Fire survivors that government and insurance can't or won't.**
- **Our Recovery Group is a community collaborative of volunteers, partnerships, empathy, and engagement from across the County.**
- **Our network includes community leaders, Plumas County departments, FEMA, Cal-OES, churches, architects, contractors, grant writers, community activists, economists, non-profits, community foundations, and engaged citizens.**
- **We are raising money, muscle, and material to help disaster survivors once again become whole by providing gas cards, grocery cards, monies for clothes, firewood, electric heaters, tarps, Thanksgiving meals, food, school supplies, and more than anything – HOPE.**
- **Our LTRG made the conscious decision to include economic development in our recovery because we felt that a community without businesses and jobs would never recover fully, much less survive and thrive.**
- **This morning I met with Gabriel to discuss a no-cost, no-strings attached grant for economic recovery, one that would help plan our economic future by hiring an economic recovery coordinator and a liaison with Plumas County to plan our future, encourage job growth, and rebuild our communities and economy.**
- **Our structure includes community leaders that will work closely with our Committee Coordinators in determining what is best for each community. Communication is key.**
- **We have Committees for Case Management, Spiritual and Emotional Care, Fundraising and Donations, Housing and**

Planning, and Volunteer Management. We have a Resource Center and Director that provides food, clothing, and living supplies to those that lost everything.

- Some of the great things we are doing:
 - Assembling a corps of grant writers to prioritize and write grants.
 - Bringing in a computer program to better manage our Volunteer Management.
 - Collaborating and meeting with other LTRGs to learn from those that have experienced what we have gone through.
- What are some of the most important things we need:
 - Broadband. We will never replace all of those that suffered losses and left our communities. We will have to grow our communities with new people, businesses, and entrepreneurs or watch our small rural communities fade even further.
 - Affordable and fire-resistant housing to protect ourselves from further fire disasters.
 - An educational system that will bring families to our towns and a healthcare system that will protect us all.
 - The ability to think and act differently. Unless we do that, we are doomed to repeat the mistakes of our past and close the doors to our future.
- I want to close with a profound thanks to Dennis Schmidt of DROC, Plumas Rural Services, Plumas County, FEMA, and Cal-OES for providing us with the resources we needed to get back on our feet and start the rebuilding process that we need.

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