



## Town of Green Mountain Falls

Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

P.O. Box 524; 10615 Green Mountain Falls Road

Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819

July 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**HYBRID MEETING** with in-person available at Town Hall\*\*

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### REGULAR MEETING:

TIME*		ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
7:00	1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
7:00	2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	<b>FMC Action Desired</b>
7:00	3.	PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Information Only
7:05	4.	CONSENT AGENDA a. Minutes from 6/30/2021	<b>FMC Action Desired</b>
7:10	5.	Old Business a. Evacuation Plan	<b>FMC Action Desired</b>
7:40	6.	New Business a. Risk Assessment Map b. BOT Presentation c. CUSP Mitigation Map	<b>FMC Action Desired</b>
7:45	7.	Reports a. Notification and Evacuation b. Fuels Mitigation c. Grants d. Education	Information Only
8:25	8.	CORRESPONDENCE	Information Only
8:30	9.	ADJOURN	Information Only

\*Please note: Times are approximate.

\*\*The Town shall provide reasonable accommodation for those with disabilities on a case by case basis. Please send accommodation requests to [clerk@gmfco.us](mailto:clerk@gmfco.us) by 4pm on the date of the meeting.



**Town of Green Mountain Falls  
Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Board Meeting Agenda  
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road  
June 30, 2021 7:00 PM**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

David Douglas  
Dan Battin  
Rich Bowman  
Nathan Scott

**Board Members Absent**

**Alternate**

**Secretary**

Matt Gordon

**Town Staff Present**

Matt Gordon

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**Regular Meeting:**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance  
Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Pledge recited.

2. Additions, Deletions, or Corrections to the Agenda  
Chair Douglas moved to adjust the agenda move agenda item 7a to reports and to move 8a and 8b following the reports section. Members had no objections.

3. Persons Present Not on the Agenda, 3 Minutes per Speaker

4. Consent Agenda  
Vice Chair Scott moved to approve. Second by Member Bowman. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Presentation and Q/A by US Forest Service NEPA Planner, Jenn DeWoody  
US Forest Service Ranger and NEPA Planner Jen DeWoody and Fire Management Officer for the Pikes Peak Ranger District, Eric Zannotto, presented on how the USFS partners with local governments and organizations for fuels mitigation on land that is immediately adjacent to federal forest service land, current USFS projects in the region, current fire preparedness, tools for fuels reduction partnerships, and Pikes Peak Ranger District Process.

Members asked questions regarding interacting with USFS regarding fuels mitigation and building relationships and pursuing a Good Neighbor Agreement. DeWoody and Zannotto explained that this meeting was a great first step. Members committed to keeping the USFS involved in GMF fuels mitigation activities.

6. Reports  
Michelle Connelly from CUSP provided an update on a 40-acre fuels mitigation grant on public property that was confirmed funded by the State of Colorado and a grant application submitted for a 25-acre fuels mitigation grant. Members discussed where they would like to use these funds for fuels mitigation, when money needs to be spent by, the necessity of having an award letter before work can begin, a request that CUSP provide data on which private property owners have

completed mitigation, the desire to have the Town advertise fuel mitigation projects to residents, requests from residents regarding potential funding for private fuels mitigation, and risk assessment maps in determining private fuels mitigation cost share potential.

Member Bowman moved for grant funds to be expended on continuing and ultimately finishing the Thomas Trail project. Seconded by Vice Chair Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion transitioned to the Iona/Scott Ave fuels mitigation project as well as right-of-way work. The plan discussed by members was to complete a mortality assessment and to bring on a volunteer surveyor to survey the public property lines for both Iona/Scott and right-of-ways before beginning fuels mitigation work.

#### 7. New Business

Member Battin moved to recommend Fred Thrash to the BOT for appointment to the FMAC. Seconded by Member Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion moved on to changing the FMAC meeting dates and times. Members unanimously agreed to meet on the last Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Discussion then transitioned to further discussion on previously tabled item, Evacuation Plan. Vice Chair Scott and Member Bowman provided details on the creation of evac maps that focus more on residential areas, cleaning up confusing language in the plan, and members agreed that the Evac Plan would be ready for the first BOT meeting in August.

Chair Douglas shared that he is working with the Kirkpatrick Foundation on education programs related to fire topics for residents in Green Mountain Falls.

#### 8. Correspondence

#### 9. Adjourn

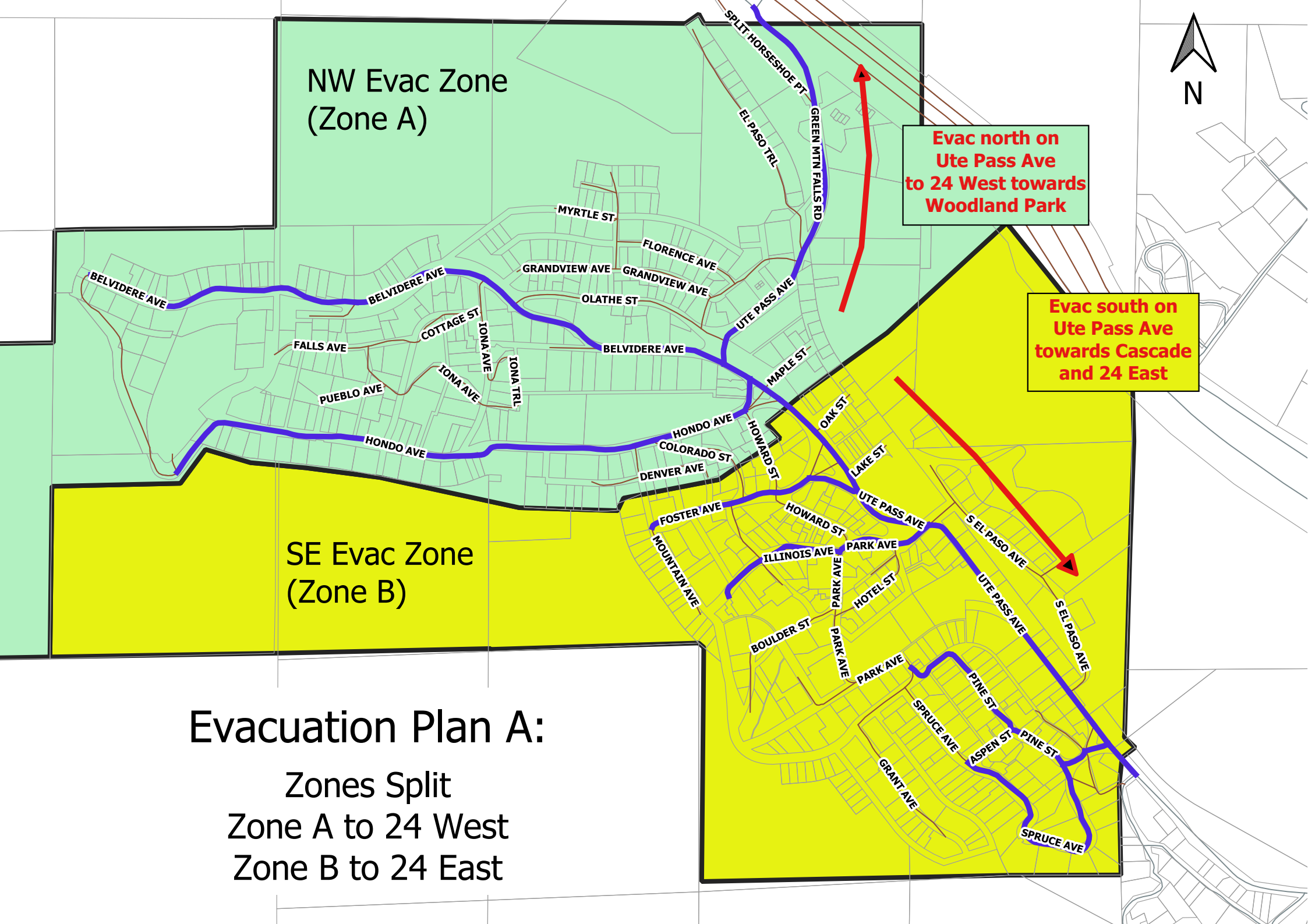
Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

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Secretary

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Chair



Evacuation Plan A:

Zones Split

Zone A to 24 West

Zone B to 24 East



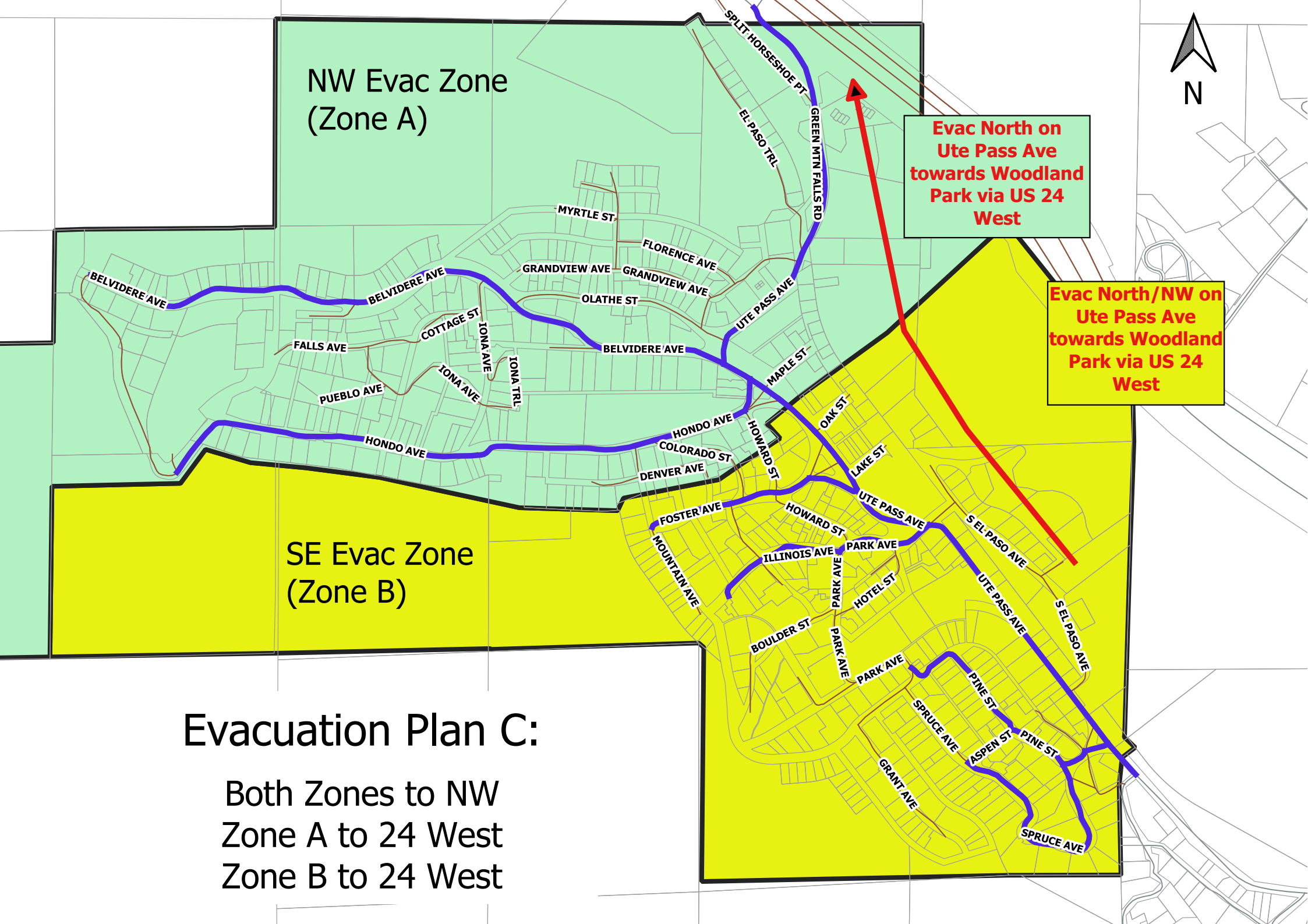
**Evac SE on  
Ute Pass Ave  
towards Cascade  
and 24 East**

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and 24 East**

## Evacuation Plan B:

Both Zones to SE  
Zone A to 24 East  
Zone B to 24 East





NW Evac Zone  
(Zone A)

Evac North on  
Ute Pass Ave  
towards Woodland  
Park via US 24  
West

Evac North/NW on  
Ute Pass Ave  
towards Woodland  
Park via US 24  
West




SE Evac Zone  
(Zone B)

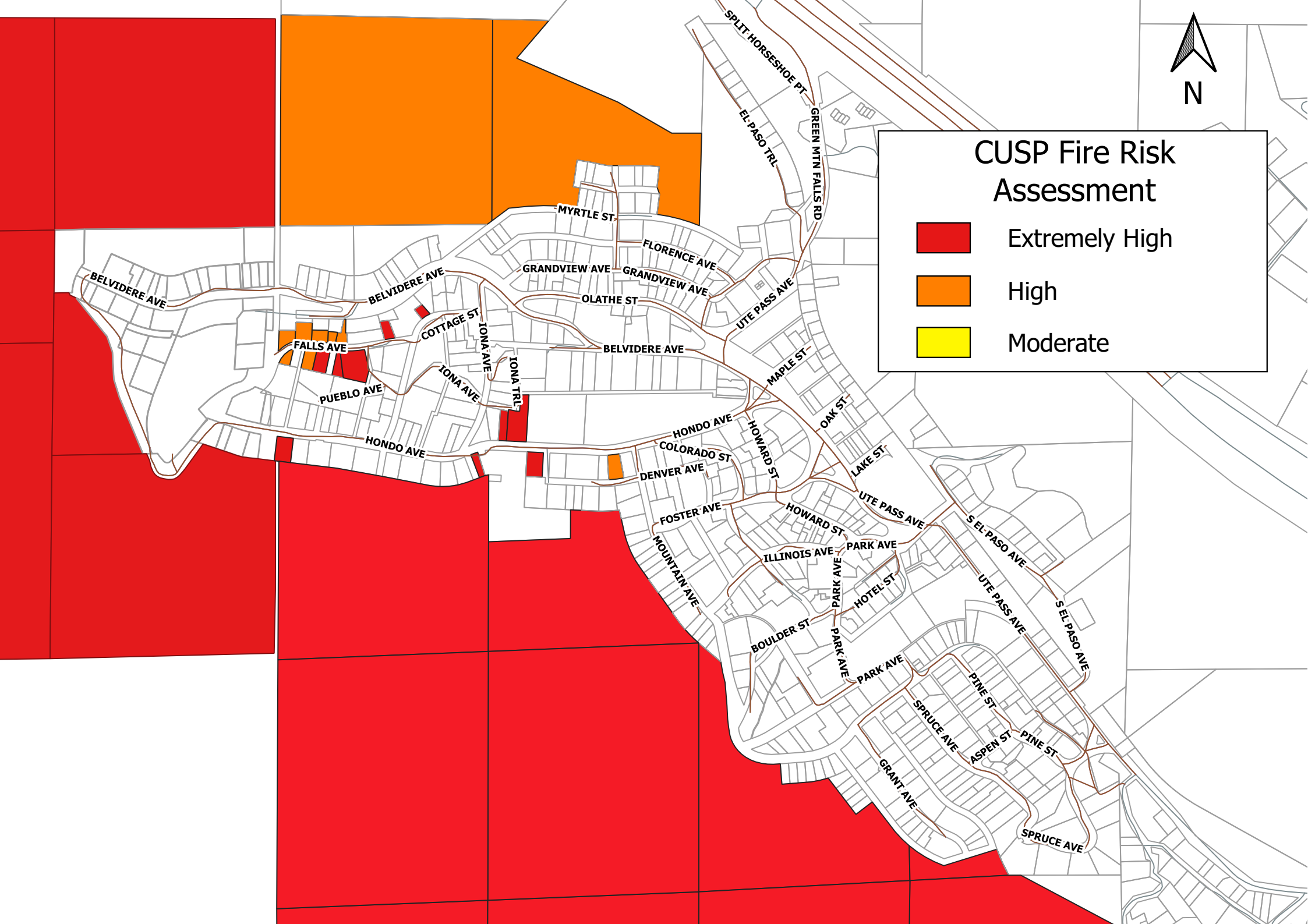
Evacuation Plan C:

Both Zones to NW  
Zone A to 24 West  
Zone B to 24 West



### CUSP Fire Risk Assessment

	Extremely High
	High
	Moderate







# **Green Mountain Falls, CO**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**July 20, 2021**

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee  
Report**



# Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Update

CUSP GRANTS

IONA/SCOTT AVENUE PROJECT

2021 BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER ASSISTANCE

FMAC ACTIVE PROJECTS

## CUSP Grant Update – 40 Acres

Grant is funded but awaiting formal award letter from Colorado State Forest Service in August or September.

Most of the grant matching funding is from Colorado Springs Utilities with the balance of the funding from HGMFF and Town of Green Mountain Falls (\$5000)

Grant specifies town owned and HGMFF parcels adjacent to the Pike National Forest to follow along the Thomas Trail.

CUSP's goal (depending on timing for award letter) is to complete 15 acres in 2021.

## CUSP Grant Update – 53 Acres

Grant is not funded. Anticipated pre award date is July 19<sup>th</sup> and Final Award and start date is August 16<sup>th</sup>. CUSP believes these dates are aggressive for Colorado State Forestry and hope for success.

This a THREE YEAR grant which contemplates \$16,975 matching funds from GMF each year. Additional matching is from HGMFF. GMF has budgeted \$16,975 in 2021 earmarked to fund the match. Grant includes a 35 hour in-kind match for time spent planning ie. ROW boundaries.

Grant specifies LARGER town owned and HGMFF parcels; defensible space on town-owned property existing among residential properties (including ROW); and defensible space on private property.

CUSP's 2021 objective will be to focus on small parcels and ROW to accomplish the most work possible in the remainder of the year.



# Iona/Scott Avenue Update

July 1st Colorado State Forest Service provided a draft agreement and Scope of Work to perform a tree mortality assessment of town owned land at Iona/Scott Avenue. Project includes marking trees for removal. Estimated cost - \$500 (Approved by BOT)

Town Manager has stated legal review of the contract and SOW is required by town attorney. No response from Town Manager as to expected date for completion of legal review. Legal cost is likely to exceed the actual cost of the assessment.

Upon approval and acceptance of contract (assuming no changes), CSFS Forester Steve Rudolph will be scheduled to perform assessment.

Following assessment results, the mitigation project will either be included in the CUSP grant or a volunteer team will be formed to begin cutting trees. Earliest action is September but more probable October.

# CUSP Grant GMF 2021 Budget Implications

2021 Budgeted funds for Fire Mitigation - \$17,000.

CUSP Grant Matching Requirements from GMF:

40 acre grant - \$5,000; only 1/3 will be spent in 2021

53 acre grant - \$16,975; amount required unknown

Budgeted funds for CUSP grants may not be spent in 2021.

FMAC will provide more accurate update when grants are formalized.

Consider adding any 2021 remaining unspent funds to 2022 GMF Budget and assume an additional matching grant funding requirement of at least \$20,000.

# CUSP Recommendation to Private Land Owners for Fuels Mitigation Funds

Form a group of neighbors in an area with adjoining or contiguous plots of land. Include those who will commit to a cost sharing program with CUSP.

Develop a list of these people to include name of property owners, address, and approximate lot size.

This list can be presented to CUSP with a request for cost sharing funding. If funding is available, then CUSP will make arrangements to perform an assessment and contract with each property owner for the fuels mitigation project.

If funding is not available, CUSP will use the list of property owners to support a grant request for cost sharing funding for private property owners to perform fuels mitigation.



## FMAC Projects currently in progress

Developing a Notification and Evacuation Plan for approval by BOT to be posted to GMF website.

Developing a risk assessment map of the Town to prioritize and develop future Fuels Mitigation projects for funding and execution.

Exploring methods of providing education to GMF stakeholders regarding methods of fuels mitigation and availability of financial incentives and assistance.

Develop volunteer programs to provide assistance for fuels mitigation.

