



Town of Green Mountain Falls
Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
January 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m

10615 Green Mountain Falls Road
Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819

OR

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REGULAR MEETING:

TIME*		ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
6:30	1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
6:30	2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	FMC Action Desired
6:30	3.	PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Information Only
6:30	4.	CONSENT AGENDA a. Minutes from 11/29/2021	FMC Action Desired
6:35	5.	OLD BUSINESS a. 2022 Prioritized Goals b. List of referrals for mitigation. c. Plan for Sallie Bush outreach session. d. Website content review – preparedness, notification, evacuation plan information. e. CUSP Update – resumption of mitigation work.	FMC Action Optional
7:35	6.	NEW BUSINESS a. Volunteer Application – Kelly Hunter b. Grants Database and Mitigation Income Tax Subtraction – Nate Scott c. Annual officer elections	FMC Action Desired
7:55	7.	REPORTS a. Notification and Evacuation b. Fuels Mitigation c. Grants d. Education	Information Only
8:15	8.	CORRESPONDENCE	Information Only
8:20	9.	ADJOURN	Information Only

*Please note: Times are approximate.

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MEETING MINUTES

Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee November 29, 2021 6:30 p.m. Zoom ONLY Meeting

Committee Members Present: David Douglas, Dan Battin, Rich Bowman

Committee Members Absent: Fred Thrash

GMF Staff: Nate Scott (Town Planner, FMAC Secretary)

FMAC Volunteer: Carolyn Bowers

Agenda Item	Motion/Discussion	M/S	DD	FT	DB	RB	
1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm						
2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, & CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA	No changes to the agenda.						
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment.						
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- October 25, 2021	DB moved to approve, RB second, motion passed unanimously.	DB/RB	A		A	A	
5. OLD BUSINESS							
a. Volunteer fuels mitigation program update – Byron Spinney from Hope Restored	Byron Spinney did not attend. DB update: no further info other than possibility of EPC doing mitigation work. NS found MOU with County, but nothing specific to fire mitigation. Likely need a new MOU. DB can reach out to town with a draft agreement. DB: Timber Tigers, Team Rubicon other options. Also Division of Fire Prevention and Control – have 12-person module based in DB's office. FMAC wishes to create a running list of people/organizations who do mitigation work for private land. No committee action.						

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b. Risk Assessment Maps	NS presented drive-by assessment data and town ROW areas in map forms. NS received other data from CUSP – can consolidate into one project map. Discussion about what maps mean and how to gather/update data over time. No committee action.						
c. CUSP Grant Update – Fuels Mitigation	DD: Adrian @ CUPS says SWIFT crews are back online. May be able to restart work soon. CSU may be trimming trees around power lines soon. No committee action.						
d. Update – Citizen notification of matching funds	DD: Adrian reports that CUSP does have a list of residents who have contacted them about using the private land grant funds. No committee action.						
6. NEW BUSINESS							
a. Set 2022 goals and initiatives (11/2/21 Board Presentation)	Review of the presentation that DD gave to the Nov. 2, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting. Discussion of funding requests and budget status. Discussion FMAC objectives for 2022. No committee action.						
7. REPORTS							
a. Notification and Evacuation	No report.						
b. Fuels Mitigation	No report.						
c. Grants	No report.						
d. Education	DD: Carolyn sent outline to David regarding a community educational session. She will send to committee for feedback for next meeting.						
8. CORRESPONDENCE							
a.	DD: Need to find two more committee members.						
9. ADJOURN	Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.						



Green Mountain Falls, CO

Board of Trustees Meeting

November 2, 2021

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee
Report**

FMAC 2021 Accomplishments

- Completed the Notification and Evacuation Plan including maps with evacuation routes and written instructions to guide residents through the evacuation process. Recommended 2 emergency sirens for activation for any Emergency Notification of residents.
- Created and implemented a resident wildfire education program to provide resource information, funding assistance information, and hands on work shop training at Wallace Reserve. Program remains in development for further expansion.
- Initiated a risk assessment tool for guiding prioritization of future fuels mitigation projects and ROW clearing to improve access and egress routes.
- Coordinated with CUSP to determine high risk areas for utilization of grant funding for fuels mitigation.

CUSP Project Update

- 2020 Grant for fuels mitigation on town owned property was implemented and completed in 2021. Project completed 5 acres of fuels mitigation and fire break on western end of Thomas Trail on GMF land.
- Received notification of and funding for 53 acres of fuels mitigation work on town owned land, private property, and Wallace Reserve. This grant is a 3 year grant to be executed according to CUSP's ability to secure manpower to perform work. Initial target areas are Iona/Scott Avenue ROW and continuation of Thomas Trail fuels mitigation and fire break from west to east.
- Received notification of Federal grant award pending funding for 40 acres of GMF land. Will develop plans for use of funds when grant is funded.

Capital Request for 2022

Project	Amount	Explanation
CUSP Grants	\$40,000	Cost sharing required under grant application terms. Fuels mitigation and fire breaks
Notification System	\$40,000	Purchase and install 2 Sentry sirens as recommended to BOT
Printing	\$5,000	Provide printed materials to fulfill the Comprehensive Plan action to provide education resources to residents and visitors

2022 FMAC Objectives

- Establish a volunteer team of residents to provide private property owners access to assistance in fuels mitigation and diseased/dead tree removal.
- Continue to develop and implement public education regarding wildfire and steps to take to reduce fuels sources on private property.
- Identify supplement water storage needs and sites for storage to augment water supplies for fire suppression.
- Determine necessary road signage related to fire hazard and fire escape routes.
- Evaluate break away gates at end of Hondo and Belvidere relative to evacuation planning.
- Continue to identify priorities for fuels mitigation and coordinate with organizations such as CUSP to perform required work.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA MEMO

DATE: 01.21.2022	AGENDA NO 5c	SUBJECT: Fire Mitigation
Presented by: Nate Scott, Town Clerk/Treasurer		Education – Sallie Bush Outreach Plan

The following is an outline suggested by Carolyn Bowers which can be used as a starting point to plan a community education meeting at Sallie Bush, as requested by Mayor Newberry and the Board of Trustees.

Community Meeting at Sallie Bush (with streaming option):

Topic: The Blizzard of Embers Initiative: What Green Mountain Falls residents must do now to protect homes, property and the town from wildfire.

Date TBD

Publicity:

- Graphic poster with Blizzard of Embers artwork, noting date, time, location, town website address (post at post office, other community boards).
- Postcards to all residents with the same information
- Press release to Mountain Jackpot and Pat Hill, Gazette
- Recruit all Trustees to call every resident and urge them to attend. If they won't, Mayor Newberry can cut a Robocall.

Program: Who should speak at the meeting?

- FMAC Chair Douglas: intro to FMAC – members, purpose, current programs.
- GMF/Chipita Park Fire Chief: laying on the line about choosing homes to protect; what the department does if fire is imminent.
- CUSP: grant program for private land.

Topics:

- Evacuation plan
- Evacuation do's and don'ts
- Planning ahead for evacuation: pets, elderly/disabled people, beloved objects, important papers, etc.
- Mitigating your home and property
- Resources for low income

Food:

- Recruit GMF bakers to provide cookies; OR
- BOT springs for water and store-bought cookies

Kids welcome:

- Supervised play available so parents can attend meeting. Have a fire truck they can climb on. Stress this in the publicity.

Party favors:

- Pamphlet, if done by then.
- Stuff from Colorado Forest Service

That's all from the top of my head right now.

Carolyn

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA MEMO

DATE: 01.21.2022	AGENDA NO 5d	SUBJECT: Website content review
Presented by: Nate Scott, Town Clerk/Treasurer		

This memo addresses Chair Douglas' request to discuss the following items from his January 10 email:

1. Discuss the recommended sources of information to the public regarding Wildfire preparedness and notification.
2. Discuss the evacuation map and notification posting to the Town website.

I have posted a lot of fire mitigation information on the Town website. I will also follow up with Facebook posts as well and see if there's an option to schedule posts, so they are regular and frequent. I will post to Nextdoor as well. Admins for the other GMF social media pages

<https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/government/fire-mitigation-advisory-committee/wildfire-reality>

What you can do:

- Sign up for the El Paso County [Peak Alerts](#) notification service.
- [Perform fire mitigation](#) efforts on your land.
- Volunteer with the [FMAC](#) or an [FMAC activity](#) to help mitigate Town-owned land and rights-of-way.
- Get educated by watching videos of past wildfire events, such as [Paradise, CA](#) and [Waldo Canyon, CO](#).
- View our [resources page](#) for more detailed mitigation information.
- Review the Town's [Fire Evacuation Plan](#).
- Review our [CUSP Program page](#) to see if you are eligible for grant funding that could cover some of your mitigation costs.

<https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/government/fire-mitigation-advisory-committee/wildfire-mitigation>

<https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/government/fire-mitigation-advisory-committee/cusp-grant-program>



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Committee Volunteer Application

Volunteer Position applying for: Fire Mitigation

Name: Kelly Hunter

Street Address: 10765 Mountain Ave

City, State: Green Mountain Falls, CO Zip Code: 80819

Phone Number: 719-684-2567/719-761-9123 c Email address: kellygrn@comcast.net

How many years have you been a resident of Green Mountain Falls: 1989

Current Employer/Occupation: Author, sub teacher

Work Experiences that may apply: _____

Other Volunteer Experiences that may apply: _____

Any Special Qualifications that may apply to this volunteer position: _____

Other Current Volunteer Positions you hold: Women's ministry retreat coordinator

Reasons for choosing this Volunteer Opportunity: To help GMF be safer from wildfire

*Please attach any other relevant information/documentation that would enhance your application.

By signing below, you acknowledge that the Town of Green Mountain Falls IS NOT liable for any harm and/or injury sustained while volunteering at any Town facilities or activities.

You also agree that all information you have provided in this application is true to the best of your knowledge.

Volunteer Signature: *Kelly Hunter* Date: 12/7/21

Are you 18 years or older? YES ☒ NO ☐

If NO, Guardian Signature: _____

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA MEMO

DATE: 01.21.2022	AGENDA NO 6b	SUBJECT: Colorado State Resources
Presented by: Nate Scott, Town Clerk/Treasurer		

While searching for grant information I came across the following pages with great information. The Board has indicated that it wants to see some responsibility for grant identification fall to the FMAC itself. Staff would have to obviously help with finalizing, submitting, and ultimately managing the grant, but has limited time to fully research all opportunities. Since the budget is already set for 2022, the focus will likely need to be for 2023.

CSFS: grants database page: [Natural Resources Grants Database - Colorado State Forest Service \(colostate.edu\)](https://colostate.edu/natural-resources/grants-database)

CSFS: mitigation income tax subtraction: [Grants & Funding Assistance - Colorado State Forest Service \(colostate.edu\)](https://colostate.edu/grants-funding-assistance)

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA MEMO

DATE: 01.21.2022	AGENDA ITEM 6c	SUBJECT: Annual FMAC Officer Election
Prepared by: Nate Scott, Town Clerk		

Background:

Pursuant to [Article XIV, Section 2-296, Rules of Procedure](#), each board, committee and commission shall appoint a chair and vice-chair annually during the first meeting of each calendar year. Each board, committee and commission shall appoint a secretary who may be a non-member (or) who is an employee of the Town.

Discussion:

I, Nate Scott, am willing to perform secretary duties.

Recommended Action:

The Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee should select a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. It should also consider alternate members (up to three) and start recruiting other regular members.

Recommended Motion:

I move to appoint {First Name, Last Name} as Chair of Planning Commission.

I move to appoint {First Name, Last Name} as Vice-Chair of Planning Commission.

I move to appoint {First Name, Last Name} as Secretary of Planning Commission.

I move to recommend to the Board of Trustees {First Name, Last Name} as an alternate member to the Planning Commission.