



**Town of Green Mountain Falls**  
**Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m**

**ZOOM MEETING ONLY**

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**REGULAR MEETING:**

	ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	<b>FMC Action Desired</b>
3.	PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Information Only
4.	CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Minutes from 11/29/2021</li><li>b. Minutes from 01/24/2022</li><li>c. Minutes from 02/08/2022 Special Meeting</li></ul>	<b>FMC Action Desired</b>
5.	OLD BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. CUSP Update – resumption of mitigation work.</li><li>b. COSWAP Grant update and timeline</li></ul>	<b>FMC Action Optional</b>
6.	NEW BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Volunteer Application – Kelly Hunter</li><li>b. Annual officer election</li></ul>	<b>FMC Action Desired</b>
7.	REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Notification and Evacuation</li><li>b. Fuels Mitigation</li><li>c. Grants</li><li>d. Education</li></ul>	Information Only
8.	CORRESPONDENCE	Information Only
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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### Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee

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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.						



## MEETING MINUTES

### Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee January 24, 2022 6:30 p.m. In-person and Zoom Meeting

Committee Members Present: David Douglas, Rich Bowman

Committee Members Absent: Dan Battin

GMF Staff: Nate Scott (Town Clerk/Treasurer, 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 6:36 pm  (No quorum, just discussion)						
2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, & CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA	No quorum, so agenda could not be acted on.						
3. PERSONS NOT PRESENT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Ann Esch commented on many grant opportunities which were summarized in a PPACG meeting she attended.						
4. CONSENT AGENDA	No quorum, so agenda could not be acted on.						
5. OLD BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No action</li> <li>b. No action</li> <li>c. Discussion about a potential Sallie Bush educational event for fire mitigation. No action.</li> <li>d. Discussion about website resources that have been published on the Town website. No action.</li> <li>e. Discussion about having a communication plan for FMAC information. Action item for TCT Scott to create a memo addressing this. No formal action.</li> </ul>						

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**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee  
January 24, 2022  
6:30 p.m. In-person and Zoom Meeting**

6. NEW BUSINESS	No new business acted on.						
7. REPORTS							
a. Notification and Evacuation	No report.						
b. Fuels Mitigation	No report.						
c. Grants	No report.						
d. Education	No report.						
8. CORRESPONDENCE							
	a. Chair Douglas gave a brief update on CUSP work status.						
9. ADJOURN	Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.						



## MEETING MINUTES

### Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee – Special Meeting February 8, 2022 7:30 p.m. In-person and Zoom Meeting

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

Committee Members Absent:

GMF Staff: Nate Scott (Town Clerk/Treasurer, FMAC Secretary)

Agenda Item	Motion/Discussion	M/S	DD	DB	RB		
1) CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm						
2) ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, & CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA	No action taken.						
3) PERSONS NOT PRESENT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	None.						
4) NEW BUSINESS							
	<p>a) COSWAP Grant Application</p> <p>Chair Douglas and gave a summary of the grant opportunity. Rocco Blasi presented a detailed review of the grant application draft.</p> <p>Dan Battin moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the Town apply for the COSWAP grant as presented. Rich Bowman seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.</p>	DB/RB	Y	Y	Y		
5) ADJOURN	Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.						

**From:** [Young - DNR, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Town Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Re: COSWAP-Application-GMF Healthy Forest Project  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 3:51:37 PM

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Hello Nate,

Your COSWAP workforce development application for the GMF Healthy Forest Project has been received, thank you for applying. The COSWAP team will review applications over the next few weeks and have a funding decision for you by the end of March.

We will be in touch if we have any questions about your application. Feel free to email me if you have any questions of your own.

Thank you,

**Courtney A. Young, Wildfire Mitigation Program Facilitator  
Executive Director's Office**



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O: 303.866.3311 Ext. 8651 | C: 720-762-6176

On Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 3:39 PM Town Clerk <[clerk@gmfco.us](mailto:clerk@gmfco.us)> wrote:

Hello Courtney,

Please see attached grant application and verify receipt.

Thanks!

Nate Scott

Town Clerk/Treasurer

719-684-9414 x1

<https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/>

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**From:** [Becky Frank](#)  
**To:** [CJ Runge](#); [Town Clerk](#); [David Douglas](#)  
**Subject:** RE: GMF Healthy Forest Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 4:14:32 PM

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Hi CJ,

Thanks for doing some prep planning! We are definitely excited to host. I agree that not having a crew transition is ideal but I'll defer to David and Nate to provide input. It would be great to get everyone together for a pre-project meeting to identify priorities and put a prospective timeline on the landscape so that we can let folks know ahead of time. I anticipate this would happen after the grant award announcement but it would be great to get the time scheduled prior.

Appreciate your hard work!

Becky

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**From:** CJ Runge <cassandrar@mhyc.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 4:03 PM  
**To:** Town Clerk <clerk@gmfco.us>; David Douglas <david@falconpartnersltd.com>; Becky Frank <manager@gmfco.us>  
**Subject:** GMF Healthy Forest Project

Hi all,

I am in the process of lining out our 2022 project schedule. For the purposes of planning, I am assuming (testing our luck here), that the GMF Health Forest Project will be funded for the full 12 weeks.

I know that you specified in your application that the ideal timeframe for project work would be July 2022 – October 2023, but I wanted to see if you would be open to tentatively planning on a late May – mid August of 2022 timeframe. The main reasons for this are:

- Our Summer of Service season runs May 24 – August 12 and is a total of 12-weeks.
- I would be interested in having an entire crew's season consist of this project.
- I think that this could lead to a more productive project. If we were to switch crews mid-project, some situational awareness and work-completed-to-date may be lost. Of course, if this is the route we took, we would do everything we can to ensure this was a seamless transition between crews.

I am happy to discuss other alternatives, but having a rough idea of when we *might* schedule this project will help me lock in some other project dates. I'm hoping to lock in some other dates for projects prior to 3/31.

Thank you! Let me know if you have any questions.

**CJ RUNGE**



## COSWAP Workforce Development Grant Application

Applications must be submitted by email to [courtney.young@state.co.us](mailto:courtney.young@state.co.us) and will be accepted on a continual basis while funding is available. DNR will begin reviewing applications on February 14, 2022.

Project name: GMF Healthy Forest Project	Date: 2/14/2022
<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>	
Organization name (entity legally responsible for the project): Town of Green Mountain Falls, Colorado	
Project Manager: Nate Scott	Title: Town Clerk/Treasurer
Mailing Address/City/State/Zip: PO Box 524 / Green Mountain Falls / CO / 80819	
Telephone (Work/Cell): 719-684-9414 x1	
Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@gmfco.us">clerk@gmfco.us</a>	
<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT</b>	
Please select the workforce development grant that you are requesting. Fill in the appropriate application sections corresponding with your selection.	
<p>Crew Time Award Grants</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Department of Corrections SWIFT crew</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CYCA accredited conservation corps (Strategic Focus Areas ONLY)</p> <p>Cash Award Grants (Strategic Focus Areas ONLY)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cash grant for mitigation project completed by non-CYCA accredited conservation corps</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cash grant for wildfire mitigation workforce training (Proceed to page 4 to complete the Cash Grant Section)</p>	
<b>MITIGATION PROJECT DETAILS</b>	
Applicants requesting DOC SWIFT crews, CYCA accredited conservation corps crews or a cash grant for a mitigation project must complete this section. If requesting a cash grant for a training you do not need to fill this section.	
Is your project located in a <a href="#">Strategic Focus Area</a> ?    YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Project County: El Paso and Teller	Property owner: Town of GMF
If the project manager is different from the property owner, please describe that relationship.	
Property name (if applicable):	Project size (acreage): +- 52 acres
Desired month(s) and year(s) (2022, 2023) for project work: July 2022 - November 2023	Is this flexible and/or a multi-year project? Yes, the project is scalable based on grant outcome.
Approximate project and access coordinates (lat, long): Thomas TH access: 38° 55' 53.0724", -105° 1' 5.6316"; Catamount TH access: 38° 56' 2.907", -105° 1' 48.3054"; centroid of Town: 38° 56' 7.044", -105° 1' 14.5596"	
<p>The Project Manager is responsible for securing access and all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.</p> <p><b>Place an X next to the appropriate status of due diligence.</b> Complete <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In process <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC) SWIFT CREWS**

Applicants are required to speak with a DOC representative about their project before submitting a project request. This is the DOC contact that has reviewed this project and affirmed DOC is fully aware of and agrees to the scope of the project, crew time budget, and timeline.

DOC contact name: this section N/A

Have you worked with this workforce partner before? YES ☐ NO ☐

**DOC SWIFT CREW BUDGET- Crew Week Request and Crew Descriptions**

**SWIFT Day Crew** - Up to a 20 person crew with two crew leaders that travels to and from the project site. All crew members are chainsaw trained and fully equipped with saws and safety gear. Crews are also able to assist in pile burning.

**SWIFT Overnight Crew** - Up to a 20 person crew with two crew leaders that camps near the project site or at a nearby facility. All crew members are chainsaw trained and fully equipped with saws and safety gear. Crews are also able to assist in pile burning.

**Chipper** - DOC can provide chipping services to a project on a per week basis.

Note: A SWIFT week is four days, Monday-Thursday or Tuesday-Friday

Crew type	Number of weeks requested (6 to 25)
SWIFT Day Crew	
SWIFT Overnight Crew	
Chipper	

**PLEASE PROCEED TO PAGE 6, SECTION A-1 TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION**

**CYCA ACCREDITED CONSERVATION CORPS**

Applicants are required to speak with a conservation corps representative about their project before applying for crew time awards. This is the contact who has reviewed this project and affirmed the organization is fully aware of and agrees to the type of crew, scope of the project, crew time budget, and timeline.

Name: CJ Runge

Title: Regional Manager: Southern Front Range Land Conservation

Telephone: 719-630-7421

Email: [cassandrar@mhyc.net](mailto:cassandrar@mhyc.net)

Name of conservation corps: Mile High Youth Corps

Have you worked with this workforce partner before? YES ☒ NO ☐

**CYCA ACCREDITED CONSERVATION CORPS BUDGET- Crew Week Request and Crew Descriptions**

**Day Crew (Non Specialty)** - A crew that executes a project scope that does not require chainsaw use or herbicide application and travels to and from the project site every day and corps members go home at the end of the day. (Denver Metro area crews are usually day crews.)

**Camping Crew (Non Specialty)** - A crew that executes a project scope that does not require chainsaw use or herbicide application and camps at or near the project site.

**Specialty (saw) Crew** - For projects requiring chainsaw experience (fuel reduction, forest thinning), a specialty saw crew will have no less than 75% of its members chainsaw trained and fully equipped with saws and safety gear. These crews may camp on site or travel to the work site each day.

**Specialty/Hybrid Crews**- These crews are qualified to work on projects that require a significantly higher skill level. For example, the work may require that the crew camp in the backcountry and work above tree line for one or more project weeks. If a project only requires one or two chainsaws, we may be able to do a hybrid crew. These crews may camp on site or travel to the work site each day.

**Fire Operations Crew**- The crew consists of conservation service corps members certified as Type II wildland firefighters performing operations such as forest thinning, slash pile burning, serving on prescribed burns, suppressing active wildland fires and other projects requiring a wildland firefighter certification. These crews may camp on site or travel to the work site each day.

Crew type	Number of weeks requested (6 to 25)
Day Crew	
Camping Crew	
Specialty (saw) Crew	12
Specialty/Hybrid Crew	
Fire Operations Crew	

**PLEASE PROCEED TO PAGE 6, SECTION A-1 TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION**

**CASH GRANT**

Complete this section when requesting cash for wildfire mitigation workforce training or cash for a mitigation project completed by a non-CYCA accredited conservation corps.

Please indicate what you are requesting a cash grant for:

- ☐ Cash to pay a non-CYCA accredited conservation corps to complete a mitigation project
- ☐ S130/S190 Basic Fire School\*
- ☐ S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaws\*
- ☐ TREX event\*

\*Participants of a training are required to complete a mitigation project within one year of completion

If you selected cash to pay for a conservation corps to complete a mitigation project please complete the following section:

Name of conservation corps:

Conservation corps contact:

Phone number:

Number of crew weeks required to complete your project:

Did you contact the conservation corps before applying for this grant? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you selected a mitigation or prescribed fire training, please complete the following rows:

Please explain how the training will increase your mitigation workforce. How many people will be trained? What are the trainees' relationships to your organization?

Demonstrate the need for this training. What is the projected outcome of this training opportunity? What is the long term vision for utilizing this training and those trained?

Cash grants for wildfire mitigation workforce training require a mitigation project to be completed by the trainees within a year. Describe the mitigation project you will be completing.

Project Name:

Project Location:

Number of acres treated:

Treatment type:

Tell us about your project. Extra consideration will be given to mitigation projects that reduce wildfire risk to lives, property and infrastructure.

Does your mitigation project engage all trainees?

## CASH GRANT BUDGET

The maximum cash award is \$100,000. Up to 10% of the request may be used for indirect costs including staff time. Applicants must provide a 25% match of the award amount.

### Project Categories

- Personnel/conservation corps crew time: Amount needed for personnel to attend training or cost of conservation corps crew time
- Training Cost: Actual cost of the wildfire mitigation workforce training program
- Travel Expenses: Mileage, hotel and GSA approved per diem associated with attending the training
- Indirect Costs: Administrative and facility costs and mitigation equipment.

### Match

Column C + D must equal at least 25% of column B.

Match (In-kind): Personnel time, equipment usage, training cost, travel expenses, etc.

Match (dollars): Cash

### Match Calculator

If requesting \$10,000 a \$2,500 match is required.

If requesting \$50,000 a \$12,500 match is required.

If requesting \$100,000 a \$25,000 match is required.

A	B	C	D	E
Project categories	Grant share (Amount Requested)	Match (In-Kind)	Match (Dollars)	Total
Personnel time/ Conservation corps				
Training Cost				
Travel Expenses				
Indirect Costs*				
TOTAL BUDGET				

\*Indirect costs cannot exceed 10% of the grant share.

## CASH GRANT BUDGET NARRATIVE:

Please describe each of the project categories in detail below. Include details for both the grant share and match.

N/A

**IF APPLYING FOR A WILDFIRE MITIGATION WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANT PLEASE PROCEED TO PAGE 9  
TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION**

**SCOPE OF WORK**

Applicants requesting crews time or cash for mitigation projects must complete this section. Not for wildfire mitigation workforce training grants.

Break down the project into a list of tasks to be completed, including specific fuel treatments by acreage. These should be quantifiable items that correspond to the crew types requested. The final outlined task should be biomass removal. Please provide a clear plan and timeline for removing any woody material/slash generated by the project. If creating burn piles, please explain why this is the most effective project treatment and a timeline for burning the piles.

Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format.

**TASK #- TASK Name:**

Description of Task and methods:

Deliverables:

Examples

**#1- Shaded fuel break:**

Description of Task and methods: Create a shaded fuel break along the primary evacuation route for the Rainbow community. Thin 200ft on either side of the roadway using hand crews. Remove all conifers up to 8 inches DBH. Limb all trees greater than 8 inches DBH to 6 feet above ground.

Deliverable: Enhance the primary excavation route by thinning 1 mile of roadway.

**#2- Biomass removal:**

Description of Task and methods: The project will have a combination of hand fed chipping and creation of piles for future burning. Crews will be advised to spread chips no more than 4 inches deep across the project area. Applicant has a qualified crew to burn piles in the off season and will work with DFPC on a burn plan for winter 2022/2023. Burn piles will be constructed according to DFPC's Colorado Pile Construction Guide. Burn piles are essential for the northeast area of the project due to access issues with driving in a chipper.

Deliverable: Biomass created from this project has a defined plan.

Tasks 1 and 2 are prioritized as such. Geospatial data will be provided before contract is signed.

**#1- Fuels Reduction/Thinning, to include biomass removal, along Thomas Trail; approx. 25 acres:**

Description of Task and methods: In Town-owned parcels 8308307001 and 8308307035 (El Paso County), reduce fuel load along the Thomas Trail elevation and down to private property. Thin tree stands using hand crews. Dead/diseased trees priority, coniferous trees targeted. Boles cut to firewood sized rounds; limb trees greater than 8" DBH to 6' above ground. Slash lopped and scattered to within 2' of ground. Prime habitat or nesting sites marked and preserved to retain 2-7 snags per acre for wildlife preservation. Cut fuel to be hauled by work crews to designated pickup area(s).

Deliverables: Reduce fuel volume and catastrophic fire risk around GMF perimeter by creating a fuel break; improve wildlife habitat for animals and recreation experience for public land users.

**#2 - Fuels Reduction/Thinning, to include biomass removal, along Catamount and Bratton Trails; approx. 27 acres:**

Description of Task and methods: In Town-owned parcel R0011069 (Teller County), reduce fuel load along the Bratton and Catamount Trail elevations down to private property. Thin tree stands using hand crews. Dead/diseased trees priority, coniferous trees targeted. Boles cut to firewood sized rounds; limb trees greater than 8" DBH to 6' above ground. Slash lopped and scattered to within 2' of ground. Prime habitat or nesting sites marked and preserved to retain 2-7 snags per acre for wildlife preservation. Cut fuel to be hauled by work crews to designated pickup area(s).

Deliverable: Reduce fuel volume and catastrophic fire risk around GMF perimeter by creating a fuel break; improve wildlife habitat for animals and recreation experience for public land users.

**APPLICATION NARRATIVE**

INSTRUCTIONS: Remove instructional questions (please keep the headings!) from this page and replace them with information specific to this project. Please limit your application narrative to two pages.

**ORGANIZATION INFO**

The Town of Green Mountain Falls (GMF), in both El Paso and Teller Counties, was founded in 1890 and is the only incorporated town between Manitou Springs and Woodland Park. It has become a popular vacation and hiking destination, supporting thousands of visitors each year.

As one of the most vulnerable areas in the United States to wildfire, GMF is focusing on coordinated fire mitigation efforts. GMF established the Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee (FMAC) in July 2020 and this group will advise and support Town Staff in this effort. The Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation is a private entity which owns significant open space surrounding GMF. It has mitigated 56.8 acres of land. The Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) coordinated with the Town and SWIFT crews to treat 4+ acres of public land, and with private contractors to treat an additional 18 acres of private land. This grant will complement this recent work and create critical fuel breaks along Town boundaries.

**WILDFIRE RISK INFORMATION**

Localized risk assessment links:

- This project is located in a WUI area at high-risk (level 7-9), per the [2017 Risk Summary Report](#) (Colorado State Forest Service).
- CUSP Map: [GMF Work Area Map](#)
- Ute Pass Community Wildfire Protection Plan, pp 66-70: [https://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csfs/documents/Ute\\_Pass\\_CWPP\\_000.pdf](https://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csfs/documents/Ute_Pass_CWPP_000.pdf)
- Town of GMF Comprehensive Plan, 2019 pages 85-89: [https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/sites/greenmountainfalls/files/190628\\_GMF\\_ComprehensivePlan\\_print%20quality\\_0.pdf](https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/sites/greenmountainfalls/files/190628_GMF_ComprehensivePlan_print%20quality_0.pdf)
- The website Wildfirerisk.org shows [Green Mountain Falls](#) as one of the most at-risk areas in Colorado and the United States in all categories: “Risk to Homes”, “Exposure Type”, “Wildfire Likelihood”, and “Vulnerable Populations”.

**PROJECT LOCATION**

- Project location: All proposed work is within Town-owned public open space. Access to the three GMF parcels is via major trailheads. Trailheads are conveniently located at the end of several hillside roads. Access via private property has already been established in some areas and more of these agreements can be pursued where desired.
- Current conditions: within the 3 Town parcels: mixed conifer (largest), Ponderosa Pine, and Aspen. Along some rights-of-way there is also Oak Shrubland, Conifer, and Mixed Conifer. (Per 2019 GMF Comp Plan page 85, Fig. 1 and CSFS Map). The forest around GMF is highly overstocked and has a high to extreme wildfire hazard. Forest is in poor health with Dwarf mistletoe and several types of bark beetles causing tree mortality. Small diameter stands of mistletoe-infested understory are crowding, leading to competition and stress. In current conditions a crown fire would be able to spread rapidly.
- Due to steep terrain and limited access on the Town's hillside parcels, the use of masticators and chippers is impractical for dealing with slash for scope of work #1 and #4. Due to proximity to residential parcels and structures, along with the risk of a chimney or flashover effect, pile burning is also inappropriate. This proposal calls for slash to be lopped and scattered as an option if fuel removal is impractical. This treatment method has been deemed acceptable in past fire mitigation grant awards close to these areas. Wherever possible, however, crews will haul cut fuel to designated pickup areas.



## PROJECT PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

A multi-year project to protect the forest in and around GMF, to encourage community participation in fire mitigation, and to create defensible space. Objectives and how this project accomplishes them:

1. Reduce fuel loading and catastrophic fire risk in and around GMF. The scope of work in this proposal includes fuels reduction and thinning to include biomass removal from Town of GMF parcels as well as within and along public rights-of-way, to include priority egress routes.
2. Link with surrounding landowner efforts to advance forest health. Colorado Springs Utilities and US Forest Service have mitigated Pike's Peak North Slope Recreation Area and nearby Crowe Gulch. The Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation is several years into a multi-year project protecting privately owned open space within and around GMF. This proposal complements that work, as well as [other recent CUSP work](#), making the surrounding USFS-managed forest more obvious for future fire mitigation efforts, and solidifies this as an ongoing, impactful local effort.
3. Improve wildlife habitat for animals and recreation experience for public land users. Forest thinning methods include marking and preserving prime habitat or nesting sites for wildlife preservation. This proposal also leverages the Town's hiking trails for sawyer access and will open vistas to the thousands of users annually, as well as showcase fire mitigation efforts to a wider audience outside the immediate community.

## TIMELINE

Timeline for mitigation work is July 2022 through October 2023, conditions permitting. Work can continue earlier and later in those seasons depending on weather and ground conditions. Town staff is flexible and will communicate with the crew to establish a reasonable, effective, and firm schedule for work.

## PROJECT IMPACT

This project will link with surrounding efforts to advance forest health in the larger ecosystem. This effort compliments work by other organizations to take a comprehensive approach to mitigate wildland fire danger while showcasing the importance of managing fire risk and addressing the clear danger posed by an overloaded, unhealthy forest.

This effort is a priority based on the following facts and risk factors, per Colorado Wildfire and Risk Assessment Summary Report, version 5.0, dated 10/18/2019: 99% of town residents live in the WUI, 42% of GMF land is WUI risk class -9 "Most Negative Impact," 62% of GMF land is considered "High" Wildfire Risk, over 95% of town land is Fire Occurrence Level 8 or 9 ignition density (highest occurrence).

This effort protects life and property by reducing fuel volume; strong consideration is given to rights-of-way to create fire breaks in and around neighborhoods, as well as protecting priority egress routes.

- Critical infrastructure protected: Evacuation routes. Also, cultural venues that provide economic benefits: the multi-million-dollar James Turrell Skyspace, Colorado's only Turrell art, as well as a \$250,000 Keith Haring Fitness Court, which brings art, culture, and fitness to the community.
- Critical watersheds/water supply protected. Watersheds: Fountain Creek, Catamount Creek, and Crystal Creek. Supply: two water storage and distribution facilities operated by Colorado Springs Utilities.

## PROJECT MAINTENANCE

- How long effective? With proper attention, the increase of GMF budget allocated to fire mitigation, and the local education campaign, this project will reduce fire risk over the next 25 years.
- Five-year maintenance and funding: keep undergrowth of smaller seedlings controlled by hand lopping and closely monitoring mistletoe, isolating if necessary. Funding through Town budget, in-kind volunteer time, and future grant submissions. Connect existing fuel breaks to span the length of the town, educate the community, and continue to emphasize private landowner mitigation.

## LEVERAGED FUNDING AND RESOURCES

- Time needed: Project management 50 hrs, layout 20 hrs, implementation/reporting 50 hrs.
- Leveraged funding: the Town-owned chipper and dump truck will be used to chip and haul.



**PROJECT LOCATION**

Project Map: Please attach a map identifying the specific area to be treated. If there are multiple treatment types please differentiate these on the map.

Optional: If you can provide geospatial data at this time, please attach it to the email with your application. If your project is selected for award, geospatial data will be required before a contract is signed.

## AGREEMENT, LIABILITY, AND INSURANCE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

☒ I understand that all successful applicants will be required to enter a Grant Agreement with the State of Colorado as a condition of receiving the grant award. I have reviewed the Grant Agreement sample template attached to the Request for Applications as Appendix E.

☒ I understand that all successful applicants must agree to assume all liability related to the approved project and to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Colorado, CYCA, DOC SWIFT, and any CYCA-accredited conservation corps for any and all claims arising out of the approved project. I agree that the State, CYCA, DOC SWIFT, and any CYCA-accredited conservation corps will not be liable for any act or omission of any party as a part of an approved grant program that causes any harm or that fails to prevent or mitigate wildfire damage at any time in the future.

☒ I understand that the State, CYCA, DOC SWIFT, and any CYCA-accredited conservation corps cannot guarantee the work completed as a result of either crew time awards or cash awards will prevent future wildfires or minimize the damage from future wildfires. The State will not guarantee the effectiveness or outcomes of any approved project.

☒ I understand that all successful applicants will be required to maintain and provide proof of adequate insurance coverage as detailed in the Grant Agreement. I agree to acquire and maintain such insurance coverage as a condition of any grant award.

## CREW TIME AWARD ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I acknowledge that if selected to receive a Crew Time Grant Award, my organization will not receive payment from the State. By my signature below, I acknowledge that, if selected, the Crew Time Grant Award will require that I provide a project manager to coordinate with CYCA, DOC SWIFT, and/or the relevant CYCA-accredited conservation corps to implement the project and that the costs of providing a project manager will not be reimbursed by the State.

I understand and acknowledge that project managers for Crew Time Grants must provide the following to crews for crew awards.

- 1) Site visit with the crew manager before final grant agreement.
- 2) Technical project assistance as required.
- 3) Maps and camping locations (if necessary).
- 4) Specialty work tools and project supplies as required and not provided by the crew.
- 5) CYCA specific complete project site evaluations for analysis of the work completed.
- 6) All reporting required by the Grant Agreement including a final report to the State.
- 7) Lawful access to all properties necessary for project work.
- 8) Relevant Maps, including geospatial maps, and other pertinent technical support.

## AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

I certify that I am authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant and that, if awarded a grant for this project, the applicant will comply with the grant administration requirements of both the State and the workforce development organization. I certify that the contents of this application are true to the best of my knowledge and agree to provide any corrections or updates to the State as soon as practical after discovery of an error.

Signature (Electronic and PDF Signatures are accepted unsigned applications will not be accepted):

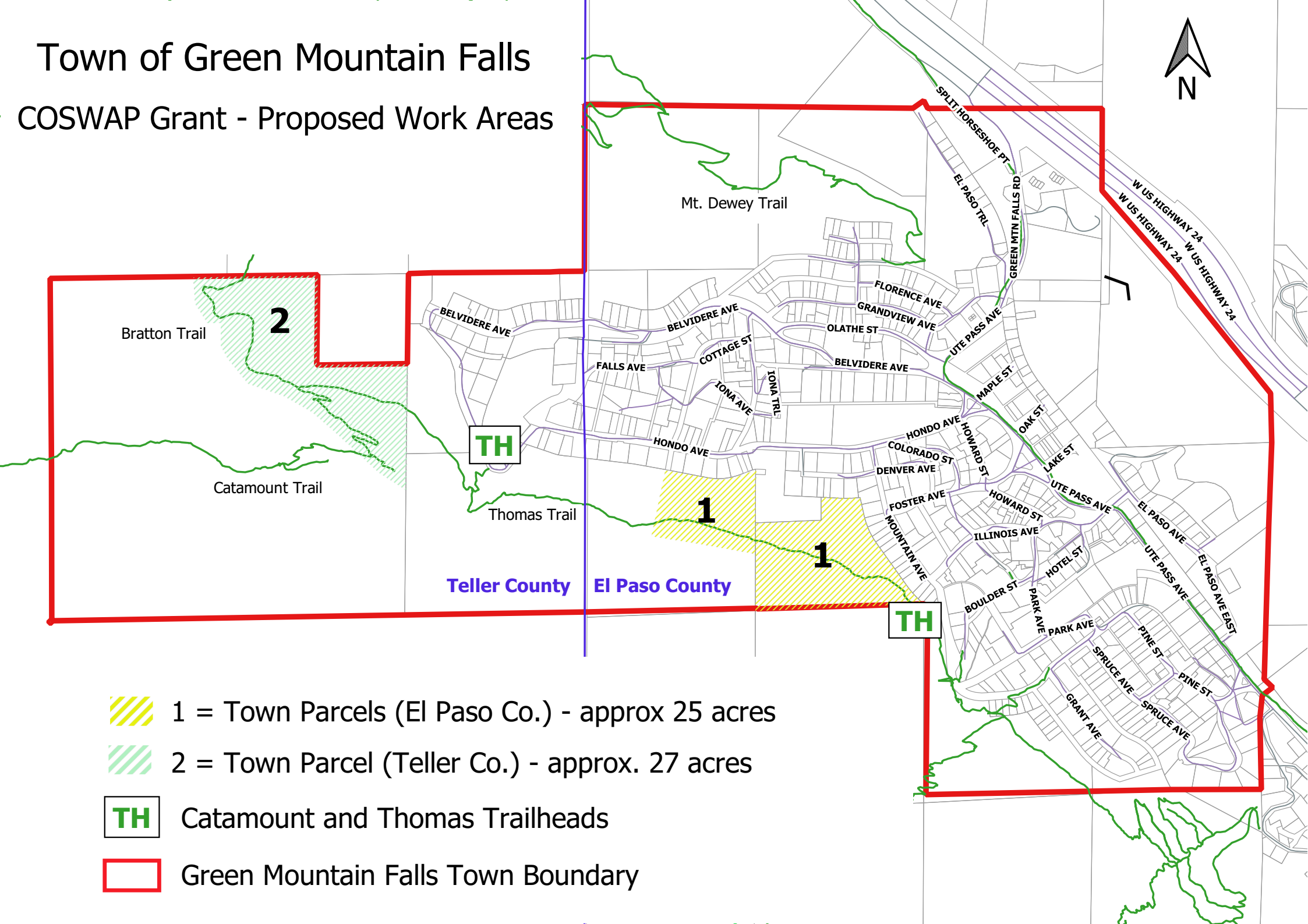
Name: Becky Frank

Title: Town Manager

Date: 2/14/2022

# Town of Green Mountain Falls

## COSWAP Grant - Proposed Work Areas





## The Town of Green Mountain Falls

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

## FIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - AGENDA ITEM MEMO

<b>DATE: 2.24.2022</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM 6b</b>	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Annual FMAC Officer Election
<b>Prepared by:</b> 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.

### 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.

I, Nate Scott, am willing to continue to act as Secretary if so desired.

### Recommended Motion:

I move to appoint {First Name, Last Name} as Chair of the Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee.

I move to appoint {First Name, Last Name} as Vice-Chair of the Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee.

I move to appoint {First Name, Last Name} as Secretary of the Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee.

I move to recommend to the Board of Trustees {First Name, Last Name} as an alternate member to the Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee.