



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

In person or Zoom meeting
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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	FMC Action Desired
3.	PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Information Only
4.	CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Minutes from 11/29/2021b. Minutes from 01/24/2022c. Minutes from 02/08/2022 Special Meetingd. Minutes from 02/28/2022	FMC Action Desired
5.	CORRESPONDENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Hope Restored – Byron Spinney	Information Only
6.	OLD BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. CUSP Updateb. COSWAP Update	FMC Action Optional
7.	NEW BUSINESS <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Develop 3-5 year fire mitigation planb. Annual officer election	FMC Action Desired
8.	REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Notification and Evacuationb. Fuels Mitigationc. Grantsd. Education	Information Only
9.	ADJOURN	

*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 by 4pm on the date of the meeting.



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.						



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"> a. No action b. No action c. Discussion about a potential Sallie Bush educational event for fire mitigation. No action. d. Discussion about website resources that have been published on the Town website. No action. e. Discussion about having a communication plan for FMAC information. Action item for TCT Scott to create a memo addressing this. No formal action. 						

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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.						



MEETING MINUTES

Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee February 28, 2022 6:30 p.m. Zoom-only Meeting

Committee Members Present: David Douglas

Committee Members Absent: Dan Battin, Rich Bowman

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

Agenda Item	Motion/Discussion	M/S	DD	DB	RB		
1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	No call to order. (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	No public comment.						
4. CONSENT AGENDA	No quorum, so agenda could not be acted on.						
5. OLD BUSINESS	a. CUSP Update – resumption of mitigation work Chair Douglas gave a brief summary of his latest understanding. John Geerdes from CUSP gave a summary of grant, funding, and work status. TM Frank asked John to check and see if current grant could be extended. b. COSWAP Grant update and timeline – CJ Runge of Mile High Youth Corps gave a summary of her understanding of the grant approval process and laid out a potential timeline for crew work, if approved.						

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a. Notification and Evacuation	No report.						
b. Fuels Mitigation	No report.						
c. Grants	No report.						
d. Education	No report.						
8. CORRESPONDENCE							
9. ADJOURN	No official adjournment						

FIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - AGENDA ITEM MEMO

DATE: 3.25.2022	AGENDA ITEM 7a	SUBJECT: Hope Restores Presentation
Prepared by: Nate Scott, Town Clerk		

Background:

Byron Spinney is attending the meeting to present a summary of the services Hope Restored Ministries can provide. From his email:

"In short we are looking for families or individuals who are property owners without the financial means to mitigate around the home. We are not requesting donations or funding (of course we would not turn down a donation...). We have saws, a skid steer, a dump trailer, and other tools to fell, limb, buck, and limb up trees. It would be great if there was a local partner to which we could take the slash. (We normally partner with Rocky Top Resources for local Colorado projects and the Black Forest Slash site for Black Forest project. Both provide us no cost slash dumping.)

Here is a link to the presentation he will be giving at the meeting:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAE71HU9ILM/g8lifS4tKEh-i3MkyHZn-A/view?utm_content=DAE71HU9ILM&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publicshare

Hope Restored website: <https://hoperestored.org/>

Recommended Action:

No action or motion necessary. Hope Restored could potentially be a resource we can refer people to for private land fire mitigation.

FIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - AGENDA ITEM MEMO

DATE: 3.25.2022	AGENDA ITEM 6b	SUBJECT: COSWAP Update
Prepared by: Nate Scott, Town Clerk		

Background:

On Tuesday, March 22, a group met to walk the COSWAP Priority Area 1 along Thomas Trail in order to determine how realistic the scope of work is for 12 weeks of mitigation and to strengthen the prescription for the mitigation area. The group was:

- Nate Scott, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Planner, FMAC Secretary
- CJ Runge, Mile High Youth Corps
- Olympia Vida, Mile High Youth Corps
- David Poletti, Colorado State Forest Service
- David Douglas, FMAC Chair
- Don Walker, PRT Committee member
- Mike Martin, property owner along Mountain Ave

The discussions were very fruitful, and Town Manager Becky Frank was involved in discussions before and after the hike. The result was consensus that the amount of work just in Priority Area 1 is enough to fill two 12-week seasons of Mile High Youth Corps crew work. Becky Frank authorized a request to the COSWAP administrators for another 12 weeks of work next summer season, contingent on Board approval. Nate Scott submitted this request on Friday, March 25, with a list of reasons why the extra time is warranted and valuable (see attached).

Nate Scott also created a letter which will go to owners of property adjacent to Priority Area 1 with some requests for feedback (see attached). Becky and Nate also talked about having an informational Town Hall meeting for this project, and also addressing fire mitigation as a whole, at the Sallie Bush building on Tuesday, April 26.

Recommended Action:

No action necessary. The Board will review the request in its April 5 meeting and we will proceed from there. The 2022 season will start regardless on May 24.

From: [Town Clerk](#)
To: [Young - DNR, Courtney](#)
Cc: [Alison Lerch - DNR](#); [CJ Runge](#); [Becky Frank](#); [Olympia Vida](#); [Poletti,David](#); [David Douglas](#)
Subject: COSWAP - GMF Healthy Forest
Date: Friday, March 25, 2022 9:44:00 AM
Attachments: [COSWAPArea1_contours.pdf](#)

Hello Courtney,

As we discussed Wednesday, the Town of Green Mountain Falls administration would like to request more weeks of crew time award through the COSWAP grant. This request comes after a thorough initial site visit with CJ and Olympia of Mile High Youth Corps, Town of GMF Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee volunteers, and David Poletti from the Colorado State Forest Service, who will be writing a supplemental subscription for us within a week or two. I've attached a more detailed map of Priority Area 1 which includes 10' contour lines for your reference.

The reasons for the request for more weeks are as follows:

- Work is on very steep slopes, making cutting more technical and methodical – and thus more difficult and time consuming – than on flatter land (see attached image with 10-foot contour lines). Slope ranges from 20% - 50%
- There is limited access to the work site, so more time is involved with work site logistics each day, which reduces time available for the treatment of the area. The only access is from the downhill side of the treatment area, which borders many privately owned parcels which contain many different structures.
- The effort to get fuel out – which is critical to fuel break success – is significant and will take a substantial amount of time, which will reduce the amount of acreage which can be treated within the current 12 weeks. Fuel will be hauled out by hand.
- The treatment area has a very high number of live and dead trees that need to be removed in order to create a healthy forest and effective fuel break. Several active forest pests and diseases were noted (Douglas-Fir Beetle, Broom-rust and Douglas-Fir Dwarf Mistletoe), indicating the forest is in desperate need of management.
- The forest is dense. Felling is going to take more time as the crew will need to carefully strategize their cutting plan. Hang-ups (trees that don't make it to the ground and instead get caught in another tree) and branches snapping off may be common occurrences while felling in this thick of a forest. Because of the abundance of snags (dead trees), this may also slow the pace of felling, at least initially.
- Mile High Youth Corps prefers to schedule crews for entire seasons when possible, and it was determined that our Priority Area 1 has enough work for two seasons. We talked about the potential for an 8-week fall season (Sept/Oct), but weather is an important consideration at this elevation (8,000 feet), and we feel that another 12 weeks during summer is ideal.

This request is contingent on our end on Board of Trustees approval, which next meets on April 5. Please let me know if you need any further information at this time. Otherwise, I'll follow up with you after the April 5 meeting.

Thanks!

Nate Scott
Clerk/Treasurer/Planner
Town of Green Mountain Falls
719-684-9414 x1
<https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/>

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From: Young - DNR, Courtney <courtney.young@state.co.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 4:45 PM
To: Town Clerk <clerk@gmfco.us>
Cc: Alison Lerch - DNR <alison.lerch@state.co.us>; CJ Runge <cassandrar@mhyc.net>; jesser@mhyc.net
Subject: COSWAP Grant Award

Dear Nate,

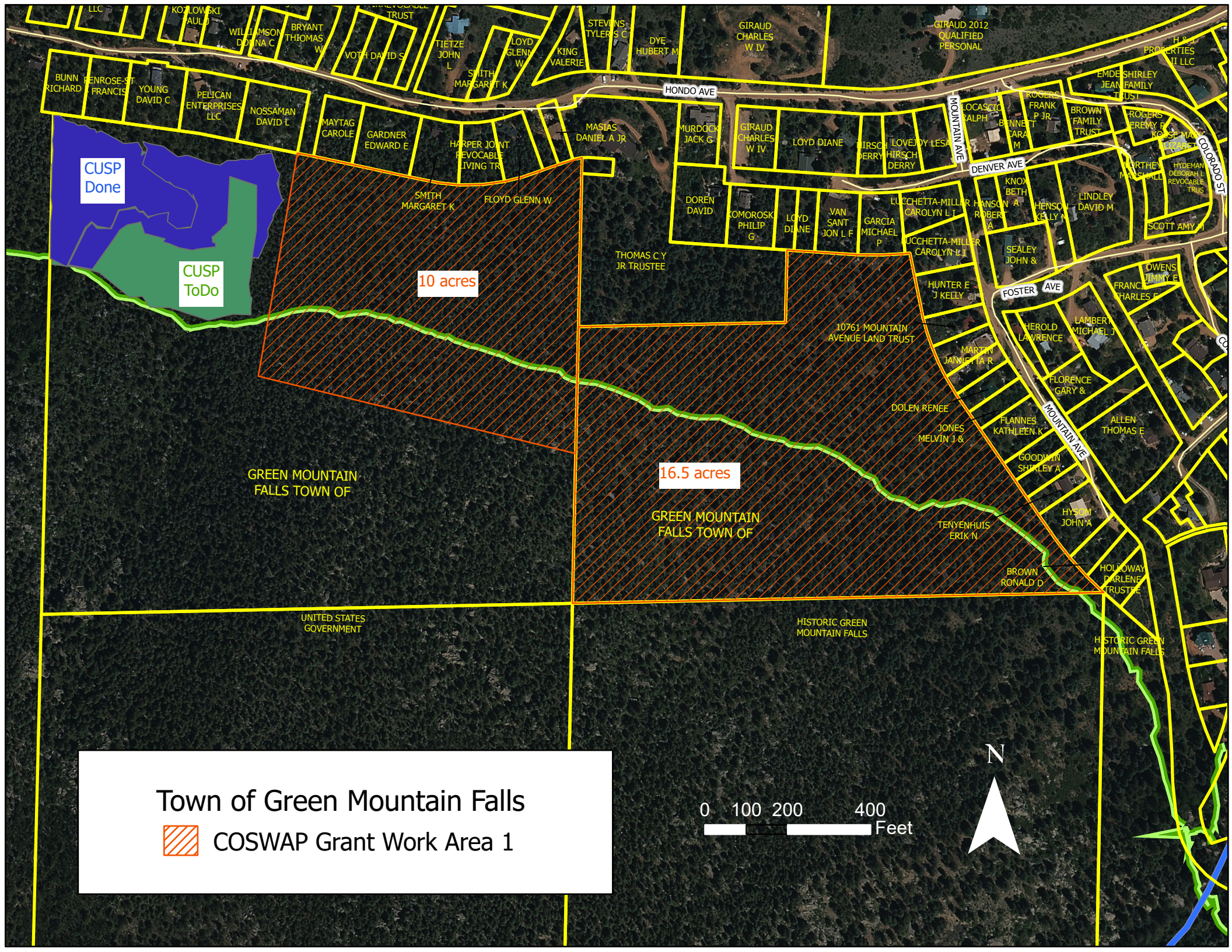
Thank you for your interest in the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP). We believe your project, GMF Healthy Forest Project, aligns with the workforce development program values and will award Mile High Youth Corps crew time to execute the project. We are excited to work together to reduce wildfire risk in Colorado and support workforce development with the conservation corps. There were some questions in the review of your application if the prescription was strong enough to maximize the reduction in risk to your community and the committee recommends consulting with a forester before work begins.

Please find attached your official award letter, the reporting requirements and your application. Important information regarding your COSWAP award and next steps are included in the letter. You will need to coordinate with the Mile High Youth Corps to schedule this project for completion before December 31, 2023.

I will be your primary contact for the workforce development grant, so please email and call me with any questions.

Cheers,

Courtney and Alison



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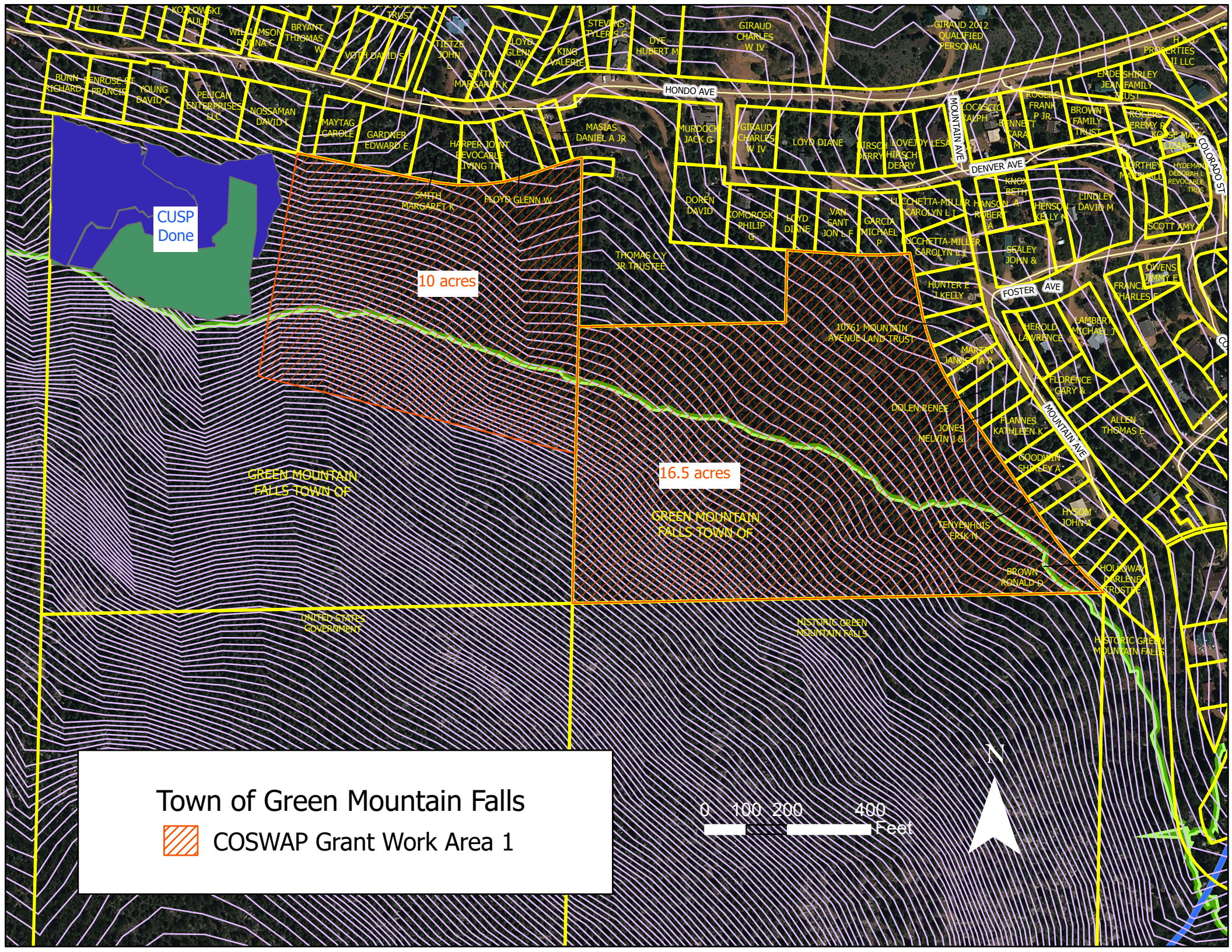
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Town of Green Mountain Falls

 COSWAP Grant Work Area 1

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The Town of Green Mountain Falls

Dear Green Mountain Falls Property Owner:

You are receiving this notice because your property is adjacent to upcoming fire mitigation work along the town-owned Thomas Trail parcels (see attached map). This work is being funded by a grant through the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP). It is a crew-time award, with the work being done by Mile High Youth Corps (milehighyouthcorps.org), which is a state-approved mitigation resource. The work will be focused on the Thomas Trail elevation downslope to private property boundaries. Not only will the work serve to create a fuel break in this area for wildfire concerns, but it will strengthen the forest's health by reducing tree density, thus easing competition for resources and slowing the spread of tree disease and pests.

Work will begin on May 24th and extend for 12 weeks throughout the summer. They will generally work Monday through Thursday and only during daylight hours. Prior to the start of work, Town staff and volunteers will be tying ribbons to trees and stakes in order to define the property boundary for the crew, with the intention of leaving a buffer, so that there is no encroachment into private property and a buffer of vegetation is left in tact.

We are requesting a reply - via mail or email - in order to gather feedback ahead of the project and gauge your interest in helping the project be successful in the following ways. Please check all that apply:

_____ I am willing to allow access through my property to the Thomas Trail parcels, which will make work more efficient for the crews. The Town may follow up by sending a temporary access agreement.

_____ I have a driveway or flat space on my property which could be used as a staging area. Depending on where the crew is working in a given week, they need areas to park their van and temporarily store tools or piles of cut slash. The Town may follow up by sending a temporary access agreement.

_____ I wish to talk with the Town's Project Manager (Town Clerk/Treasurer) about the planned buffer, in order to verify where the work will be done in relation to my property.

_____ I do not have concern with the vegetative buffer - the closer to my property mitigation work is done, the better.

YOUR NAME & ADDRESS OF YOUR GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS PROPERTY:

CONTACT INFORMATION (Phone and/or email): _____

The Town greatly appreciates and values your input. Please send hard copy or electronic comments to Town Hall using the contact in the signature block:

Sincerely,

Town Clerk/Treasurer
PO Box 524
Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819
719-684-9414 x1
clerk@gmfco.us

The Town will be hosting an informational meeting for this project at Town Hall on Tuesday, April 26. There will be a Zoom link created and published on the Town's website for those not able to attend in person.

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10615 Green Mountain Falls Road, Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819

FIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - AGENDA ITEM MEMO

DATE: 2.24.2022	AGENDA ITEM 6b	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.

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.