



Town of Green Mountain Falls
Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

ZOOM-ONLY Meeting

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Meeting ID: 863 0087 3633

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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 a. Minutes from 03/28/2022	FMC Action Desired
5.	OLD BUSINESS a. Evacuation Checklists b. COSWAP Update c. April 26 Meeting Update	FMC Action Optional
6.	NEW BUSINESS a. Rapid Fire Home Assessment b. Fire Wise Certification c. Grants d. Volunteer work in the ROW	FMC Action Desired
7.	CORRESPONDENCE a. Chipper Schedule b. Mayor's Forum	Information Only
8.	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
March 28, 2022
6:30 p.m. In Person or Zoom Meeting
10615 Green Mountain Falls Rd

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

Committee Members Absent: Kelly Hunter

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

Agenda Item	Motion/Discussion	M/S	DD	DB	RB	KH	
1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm						
2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, & CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA	No changes. RB move to approve the agenda. DB seconds, motion passes unanimously.	RB/DB	A	A	A		
3. CONSENT AGENDA	a. Minutes from 11/29/2021 b. Minutes from 01/24/2022 c. Minutes from 02/08/2022 Special Meeting d. Minutes from 02/28/2022	RB/DB	A	A	A		
4. PERSONS NOT PRESENT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Town Manager Frank reminded committee about the CIRSA all boards training on April 19.						
5. CORRESPONDENCE	Hope Restored – Byron Spinney Mr. Spinney gave a presentation on Hope Restored, which is a non-profit, volunteer-based ministry which helps people without the physical or fiscal means to do fire mitigation on their own private property. Discussion focused on how the organization chooses people it helps and how the Town could best get the word out. Mr. Spinney will share some insurance docs for the Town's own volunteer program and the Town						

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	will have more internal discussions about how best to make residents aware of Hope Restored. No formal committee action taken.						
6. OLD BUSINESS	<p>a. CUSP Update</p> <p>Adrian Knight from CUSP: 19.05 acres of Town-owned property is the goal for this year. Discussion about where CUSP should focus the work, considering the COSWAP plan. RB asked about ongoing mitigation maintenance. Adrian suggested maintenance at 3-, 5-, and 7-year intervals. CUSP agrees to working south and west of their recent work, or uphill of the COSWAP work. This will cross the Teller County line towards the Catamount trailhead. Adrian will send documentation about the CUSP chipper cost, process to reserve. No formal committee action taken.</p> <p>b. COSWAP Update</p> <p>David Douglas gave an update on the COSWAP initial meeting, which was a site walk with MHYC, town volunteers, and TCT Scott. The result is a plan to ask for 12 more weeks as part of the grant. This request is pending Board approval. No formal committee action taken.</p>						
7. NEW BUSINESS	<p>a. Develop 3-5 year fire mitigation plan</p> <p>DB: Ideas of getting with neighboring partners to coordinate mitigation efforts and the adoption of WUI (wildfire urban interface) building code.</p> <p>RB: Need to concentrate on the goals that we have set which we haven't completed. Discussion on local education, chipper use, refresh the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, how to measure successes of the FMAC.</p>						

MEETING MINUTES

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

	<p>Action items: each member takes a task to define actionable “smart objectives” with timeframes in order to define the committee’s next steps: Dan Battin: mitigation Rich Bowman: education, notification, evacuation David Douglas: working with Kelly on grants No formal committee action taken.</p> <p>b. Annual officer election Rich Bowman motions to continue with Dan Battin as Vice-Chair and David Douglas as Chair. Dan Battin seconds. Motion passes unanimously.</p>						
8. REPORTS	<p>a. Notification and Evacuation b. Fuels Mitigation c. Grants d. Education</p> <p>No reports were made.</p>						
9. ADJOURN	Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm						

MY WILDFIRE ACTION PLAN

Important phone numbers:

Out of state contact _____

Work _____

School _____

Other _____

EVACUATION ROUTES:

Where TO GO

LOCATION OF EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

NOTES

WILDFIRE**ARE YOU PREPARED!****WILDFIRE**

Ready	SET	GO
There is no immediate danger to you, your home, or your family. Now is the time to prepare.	Voluntary Evacuation Leave Early	Mandatory Evacuation
Decide where you will go. Determine a safe evacuation route. Review GMF fire evacuation plan. Decide where to meet if separated. Establish a family contact person.	Load supplies, Records, Medications into your vehicle Leave room in your vehicle for pets. Move large animals to a safe location.	Decide where you will go. Learn where shelters are. Determine Safe Evacuation route, review GMF evacuation plan.
Pack supplies needed for two weeks. Pack important records, medications, family pictures. Leave room for the family pet and food.	Stay connected to official information, TV, radio, internet.	Pack supplies for two weeks.
Plan on moving large animals to a safe place.	Persons With Special needs If you need help Evacuate now. Take all specialized medical needs If you need help to evacuate Call 911	Decide where to meet if separated Establish family contact person.
Be sure to register your phone to receive emergency notifications. PEAK ALERTS to register Monitor TV, Radio, and internet.		Ensure you have registered your phone number for emergency notifications PEAK ALERTS
Persons with access or medical needs. Arrange for specialized help needed for evacuation. Pack meds, and specialized medical supplies. If immediate help needed call 911		Persons with special needs. Evacuation should have already occurred. If you need immediate assistance call 911 and shelter in place,



Rapid Fire Home Assessment

Check Yes or No

You can provide a more nuanced answer if needed in the space provided below the answer.

1. Is the home or deck constructed with fire resistant building materials? e.g., Stucco siding, Composite decking, Metal or asphalt shingle roof...
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

2. Are the gutters and/or roof clear of flammable debris?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

3. Are the property's trees and bushes trimmed of ladder fuels at or above head height?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

4. Are wood piles and/or combustible materials at least 30 ft from the home?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No

5. Is there flammable vegetation and/or materials under or near a deck?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No



PARTICIPATING FIRE DEPARTMENTS

NETCO:

(719) 687-1866

GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS:

(719) 684-2293

MOUNTAIN

COMMUNITIES:

(719) 687-1389

DIVIDE:

(719) 687-8773

FLORISSANT:

(719) 748-3909

FOUR-MILE:

(719) 689-3417

CRIPPLE CREEK:

(719) 689-0240

VICTOR:

(719) 689-2284

FREE Teller County 2022 CHIPPING PROGRAM

Protect Your Home from Wildfire



Teller County and local Fire Departments are helping residents and property owners **create defensible space** by providing free chipping of tree branches. If you clear woody vegetation from around your home and stack it at the edge of the roadway, we'll chip it at no cost. Logs greater than 6 inches in diameter may be donated to local fire-wood programs. Cash donations accepted.

MATERIALS GUIDELINES

Accepted materials include trees, logs and branches up to 6 inches in diameter, free of nails and wire. The following restrictions apply:

- No Willows: Willows help to slow the spread of fire, because they have high moisture content. Willows are also very fibrous, so they clog our chipping equipment.
- No cottonwood. Cottonwoods are important native trees that stabilize stream banks, take up storm water and serve as riparian wildlife habitat.
- No construction or building materials, treated lumber, fence posts or signs.
- No shrubs, root wads, stumps, dirt or rocks; these items clog and damage our chipping equipment.
- No grass clippings, trash, weeds, or bags of leaves.

PILE GUIDELINES

Piles must be stacked prior to your neighborhood's designated chipping week (see reverse for schedule). Call your local fire department to get on the schedule so that our chipping crews can plan their routes for that week. Chipping will take place Saturday through Friday of your neighborhood's designated chipping weeks. Improperly stacked piles may not be identified or collected.

- Stack piles neatly (no bags), with the large cut ends of branches facing the road.
(see photos below)
- **Place piles within 5 feet of the roadway, but not touching the road.**
- Maximum pile size is 5'X5'X5'. There is no limit on the number of piles that you may put out.
- After crews remove your pile, clear away any remaining branches, needles and debris.
- Do not combine piles with neighbors or place piles in other neighborhoods.

PROPERLY STACKED PILE



IMPROPERLY STACKED PILE



Dial 911 for
Emergencies!

CHIPPING PROGRAM

Service Areas and Schedule



NETCO.....May 31-June 3/Sept 26-30/Oct 31-Nov 4

Divide.....May 7-8/Aug 13-14/Oct 8-9

Florissant.....June 4-5/ July 9-10

Mountain Communities-contact for scheduling

Green Mountain Falls-contact for scheduling

4-Mile-contact for scheduling

Cripple Creek-contact for scheduling

Victor-contact for scheduling



DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Defensible space is an area around a home where trees and other flammable vegetation are cleared or reduced to slow the spread of wildfire toward a building. Defensible space creates a safe zone for firefighters to carry out their work, and it reduces the chance that a structure fire will move to the surrounding forest. Every home in Teller County should have defensible space. Check with your local fire department to see if free defensible space assessments of your property are available in your area.