



**Town of Green Mountain Falls**  
**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Agenda – Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.**  
**In-person or Zoom Meeting**

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Meeting ID: 878 1062 7698; Passcode: 683333; Dial-in: 346-248-7799

**REGULAR MEETING:**

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DESIRED OUTCOME</b>
<b>1.</b>	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL	
<b>2.</b>	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	<b>FMC Action Desired</b>
<b>3.</b>	PUBLIC COMMENT: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Information Only
<b>4.</b>	CONSENT AGENDA a. Minutes from 05/30/2022	<b>FMC Action Desired</b>
	NEW BUSINESS	
<b>5.</b>	Project Prioritization Exercise – David Douglas	<b>FMC Action Desired</b>
	OLD BUSINESS	
<b>6.</b>	Green Box Mayor’s Forum – Materials Review – David Douglas	<b>FMC Action Desired</b>
<b>7.</b>	Bronc Day Booth update – Dan Battin and/or Kelly Hunter	
<b>8.</b>	MHYC/COSWAP Grant Update a. SOW for slash and log removal i. Don Walker work plan ii. Volunteer Coordination – Rich Bowman and Don Walker b. MHYC reporting coordination – Nate Scott	<b>FMC Action Desired</b>
<b>9.</b>	CUSP Mitigation work update – Nate Scott	Information Only
<b>10.</b>	CORRESPONDENCE	Information Only
<b>11.</b>	ADJOURN	

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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee**  
**May 30, 2022**  
**6:30 p.m. Zoom-only Meeting**

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

Committee Members Absent:

Ex-officio member: Trustee Nick Donzello

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

Agenda Item	Motion/Discussion	M/S	DD	DB	RB	KH		
1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm							
2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, & CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA	<b>Motion to accept agenda as it stands.</b>	RB/DB	A	A	A			
3. PERSONS NOT PRESENT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	No public comment.							
4. CONSENT AGENDA	a. Minutes from 05/04/2022							
	<b>Motion to approve minutes without changes.</b>	DB/RB	A	A	A			
	Member Kelly Hunter joins Zoom meeting.							
NEW BUSINESS								
5. Green Box Mayor's Forum	Chair Douglas gives a summary of what the Mayor's Forum presentation will look like: more of a Q/A session than a power point with a lot of slides. Chair Douglas presents a list of resources he wishes to present. FMAC members wish to remove their phone numbers and leave only emails.							

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	<p>Discussion about the idea of asking for – or at least having the ability to accept – donations. Ideas for specific projects to spend on vs. for projects “approved by the FMAC”.</p> <p><b>Motion for the FMAC to man a booth at Bronc Day for information purposes and for the purpose of accepting potential donations.</b></p> <p>Dan Battin and Kelly Hunter volunteer to share the load to plan and man the booth. Discussion about spending funds on a banner for the booth – should be approved by the Board.</p> <p>Discussion about presenting the wildfirerisk.org website for the Mayor’s Forum audience. Discussion about places for people to take refuge and professionals to recommend.</p>	KH/DB	A	A	A	A	
<p>6. Formation of Volunteer Groups and Requirements - Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Chipper Projects</li> <li>b. Homeowner assistance</li> <li>c. Slash, logs, and debris removal</li> <li>d. RoW mitigation</li> <li>e. Assessments Team</li> <li>f. Education Team</li> </ul> <p>General discussion about the volunteer description template that Mayor Dixon put together. Committee will develop a prioritized projects list then draft volunteer plans for each one, to be approved by Town and insured by CIRSA. Discussion about what type of labor is appropriate for volunteers.</p> <p>Discussion jumps to item 8c.</p>						

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	<p>Cont'd from Item 8c. Chair Douglas proposed that the FMAC members write job descriptions, scopes of work for each of the bulleted list (a. – f.). Further discussion about chipper logistics, as an example of a project that needs a scope of work....the FMAC needs to develop these scopes of work.</p> <p>FMAC members should work on prioritizing this list (or add others) and then volunteer to take on an item personally.</p>						
<p>7. Top 3 Funding Requests from FMAC</p>	<p>FMAC members brainstormed priorities for funding: siren; signage for fire restriction, escape routes; money to help those who can't afford mitigation; professional grant-writing; new town-owned chipper.</p> <p>Mayor Dixon comments on the priorities-based budgeting scheme and anything involving construction will be addressed via grants.</p> <p>Chair Douglas urges FMAC members to continue to think about funding ideas.</p>						
<p>8. MHYC/COSWAP Grant Update</p>	<p>a. Status of project timeline TCTP Scott gives update on the impending training class, which will provide some bonus cutting. Work scheduled to start June 6. He and Don placed fencing and signage. Slash removal will be scheduled once project gets going. Meeting with crew leaders to talk reporting, logistics, etc.</p> <p>b. Project oversight assistance Chair Douglas asks if TCTP Scott needs any assistance with oversight. TCTP Scott advises that maybe a check-in every</p>						

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	<p>now and then would help, but probably not necessary. He will be checking in frequently and will have a better idea once the project is underway. He will ask for help from the FMAC if needed.</p> <p>Jump to Item 9.</p> <p>c. SOW for slash and log removal – Don Walker</p> <p>Cont’d from item 6: Don Walker explains the action plan he developed for the volunteer work force. Discussion ensues about how to handle the chipping effort and the resulting chips. And how to advertise for and respond to volunteers in this effort. Don can lead the work effort but the FMAC should be leading the effort to recruit volunteers and collect their contact info. Rich Bowman volunteers to be the point person for volunteers and Don to be the field overseer. Kelly Hunter will start compiling a volunteer list and pass that on to Rich.</p> <p>Don’s document should be reviewed before next meeting with the goal of making it an official volunteer scope of work document.</p> <p>Discussion jumps back to item 6.</p>						
<p>9. FMAC 5-year plan preparation development - Discussion</p>	<p>Cont’d from Item 8b. Chair Douglas asks FMAC members to begin writing down ideas to include in a 5-year plan – projects, goals, priorities. Mayor Dixon advises to look at it as a subset of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, which can be used as a guiding document.</p>						
<p>10. CORRESPONDENCE</p>	<p>a. Firewise USA handout packet</p>						

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	<p>TCTP Scott gives a brief summary of the handouts, which were up at the Woodland Park town hall. He can add them to the website as informational links. Member Battin asks for an email to remind him to look the info over. Suggestions to post info outside of the post office or on trailhead signs. Carolyn Bowers suggests distributing this info through the church or schools. Kelly Hunter suggests emailing info to school families via the school staff.</p> <p>b. Location of FMAC checklists on website TCTP Scott gives a brief demo of where the fire mitigation info exists on the website.</p>						
11. ADJOURN	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for Wed, June 22 at 6:30 pm. Chair Douglas to send out a calendar invite.</p> <p>Nick Donzello mentions that the Church of the Wildwood bells could possibly be used as an alarm in lieu of a siren.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.</p>						

# FMAC Prioritization Exercise

June 22, 2022

RB	KH	DB	DD	Average	Project
E	D	F	F	E	Assessment Team
F	E	E	E	F	Education Team
A	F	B	D	D	ROW
B	A	D	A	A	Chipper
C	C	A	B	B	Homeowner Assistance
D	B	C	C	C	Slash, Log, and debris removal

## Project Reference

- A. Chipper Projects
- B. Homeowner assistance
- C. Slash, logs, and debris removal
- D. RoW mitigation
- E. Assessments Team
- F. Education Team

**GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS  
WILDFIRE FUELS MITIGATION PROGRAM  
PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS' PARTICIPATION**

Name:

Permanent Residence Address:

GMF Property Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

- I would like my GMF property to be registered as participating in GMF's Fire and Fuels mitigation program. This means I will be notified of all programs initiated by GMF for the purpose of assessing and developing specific actions to remediate fuels on public and private property.
- I would like to have a free assessment of my property performed to determine the actions necessary to comply with recommended Fire Wise programs to protect my home. Please have someone contact me to learn more.
- I would like to participate in a program to trim my trees to 10 feet above the ground to eliminate ladder fuels. Please have someone contact me to learn more.
- I would like to have Nuisance Trees (diseased, dead, or dying) removed from my property. Please have someone contact me to learn more.
- I pledge to do my part to protect Green Mountain Falls from Wildfire by performing recommended best practices on my property as described on the attached checklist and links provided.
- I would like to volunteer my time to participate in fire mitigation projects in Green Mountain Falls. (Projects could include education, home assessments, helping feed a chipper, picking up and removal of fire fuels, writing grants, assisting those who are physically unable to perform home fuels mitigation, etc.) Let us know your interest.
- I would like to donate to Green Mountain Falls' Wildfire Fuels Mitigation Fund which will be used only for the purpose of fire mitigation projects in Green Mountain Falls on both public and private property. Checks should be made out to Town of Green Mountain Falls with a notation of 'fire mitigation' at the bottom.

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Method of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature – Property Owner



**Mayor's Forum  
July 3, 2022  
Fire Mitigation Resource List for Citizens of the Town of Green Mountain Falls**

[Wildfire Reality | Town of Green Mountain Falls \(colorado.gov\)](#)

**Green Mountain Falls, CO Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee**

David Douglas, Chair – C:281-610-1280; email: [david@falconpartnersltd.com](mailto:david@falconpartnersltd.com)

Dan Battin, Vice Chair – email: [dubattin11@gmail.com](mailto:dubattin11@gmail.com)

Rich Bowman – email: [rbgmf@yahoo.com](mailto:rbgmf@yahoo.com)

Kelly Hunter – email: [kellygrn@comcast.net](mailto:kellygrn@comcast.net)

**Contact Nate @ Town Hall to learn how you might get on the list to volunteer to either help with fire mitigation for private citizens and/or to get help with your own fire mitigation needs using local volunteers. Nate: [clerk@gmfco.us](mailto:clerk@gmfco.us); 719-684-9414 x1**

**Colorado State Forestry Service (CSFS Brochures)**

Woodland Park Office – David Poletti, Forester – 719-687-2921

[Protect Your Home & Property from Wildfire - Colorado State Forest Service \(colostate.edu\)](#)

[Homesite Assessments - Colorado State Forest Service \(colostate.edu\)](#)

[2021 CSFS HIZGuide Web.pdf \(colostate.edu\)](#)

[Home Ignition Zone Checklists - Colorado State Forest Service \(colostate.edu\)](#)

**National Fire Prevention Association – Firewise USA**

[NFPA - Preparing homes for wildfire](#)

**Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) <https://CUSP.WS>**

**CUSP is currently accepting cost sharing grant applications for home mitigation work in 2022.**

Adrian Knight of the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) says interested residents should reach out now to CUSP ([cusp@cusp.ws](mailto:cusp@cusp.ws)).

or

If interested, send a message to <https://cusp.ws/contact>

Find out more about CUSP's mitigation work at <https://cusp.ws/ecological-restoration-and-wildfire-mitigation/>.

### Fire District

Chief Steve Murphy – 719-684-2293

### Other Resources:

The following list is the result of an Internet Search for Private Contractors specializing in fire mitigation. **Note!! In the provision of this list, the Town of Green Mountain Falls is in NO WAY endorsing any of these companies!!!! (Do your own research, get references, and verify the contractor you choose has liability insurance!)**

Tiptop Tree Cultivation, LLC – Scott Donlon; [tiptoptc@outlook.com](mailto:tiptoptc@outlook.com); [Welcome to TipTop Tree Cultivation \(tiptoptreecultivationllc.pro\)](http://www.tiptoptreecultivationllc.pro); C:719-646-8818

Rocky Top Resources [www.rockytopresources.com/services/](http://www.rockytopresources.com/services/) - Yard waste and slash recycling

5x5 Services, LLC – Brandon Schofield, Owner – [5x5services@gmail.com](mailto:5x5services@gmail.com); C:719-465-4015 – Tree trimming and cutting.

Hope Restored – [www.hoperestored.org](http://www.hoperestored.org) 719-247-1518; Byron Spinney, Director – Fuels mitigation, tree trimming and cutting. **Services are offered free to those who lack the financial resources or physical ability to perform the work on their own property.**

Firewood ministry at Woodland Park Community Church – contact Matt Whitfield @ 915-479-6288; they will cut trees and/or gather firewood for people who depend on wood for heat.

(Is this the same as Old Mens' Group/Pete's Place?)

### Places to take yard refuse:

Teller County Waste Transfer station: \$70 load

Rocky Top in CO Springs: \$5 per load on Saturdays – private homeowners only

**From:** [Daniel Battin](#)  
**To:** [Town Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Banner for Bronc Day  
**Date:** Sunday, June 19, 2022 7:53:46 AM

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This is what I found.

[Buy Table Top Displays and Banner Stands & Save up to 20% | BannerBuzz](#)

On Thu, Jun 16, 2022 at 4:35 PM Town Clerk <[clerk@gmfco.us](mailto:clerk@gmfco.us)> wrote:

Hi Kelly and Dan,

Did either of you get pricing on a banner for the Bronc Day booth? I can ask the Board about it tonight...but would be nice to have a ballpark cost.

Nate Scott

Clerk/Treasurer/Planner

Town of Green Mountain Falls

PO Box 524, Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819

719-684-9414 x1

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

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## Fire Mitigation ADVISORY Committee AGENDA MEMO – Information Only

<b>DATE: 06.21.2022</b>	<b>AGENDA NO 7</b>	<b>SUBJECT:</b>
<b>Presented by:</b> Nate Scott, Town Clerk/Treasurer/Planner		Fire Mitigation Committee Action Plan re: COSWAP Fuels removal

### Background:

Due to the way I see this conversation going, I believe it's important for everyone to be aware of the evolution of this discussion on whether to use Don Walker's recommended SOW for volunteer-led fuel removal from the COSWAP work area.

On Friday, May 13, I met with Olympia Vida of MHYC, Don Walker, and Rocco Blasi on the COSWAP project site to talk project boundaries, flagging methods, fuel removal, and access points for the project, among other logistics. At some time during this meeting, I talked with Don and Rocco about the possibility of using winches to remove heavy fuel from the project site. Nothing definitive was decided about using this method. We also talked about the crews identifying staging areas near access points, in which to stack cut fuel for easier removal from the area by volunteer labor.

Between this meeting and the end of May, I had a phone conversation with David Douglas, and I advised that what needs to happen to solidify volunteer involvement is the creation of specific, project-based "job descriptions" for volunteers so they could be vetted by CIRSA (Town's insurance carrier) for approval.

At the May 30 meeting of the FMAC, a scope of work for fuel removal from the COSWAP grant work area was presented by Don Walker. The committee discussed the proposal, and the response was favorable, but no formal recommendation was voted on, as reflected in the minutes. [Here is the video.](#)

On Thursday, June 16, David Douglas stopped by town hall to tell me that the MHYC crew was cutting the trees into smaller segments than what was prescribed to them in Don's plan. I told David – without giving it enough thought in that moment – that I would reach out to Olympia and ask them to leave them longer, as prescribed in Don's plan.

That same day, June 16, I reviewed the plan again and spoke with Olympia Vida of MHYC and Town Manager Becky Frank about it, and we collectively identified several concerns with it. That afternoon I sent an email to Don Walker and David Douglas which outlined our concerns (see attached) and suggested meeting this week to further discuss. I received no response.

In the evening of June 16, I was approached by Trustee Nick Donzello about the situation after the Board meeting. He had been forwarded the email and talked to me about allowing the use of the winch plan in this effort. I told him that I am willing to meet with anyone at any time to discuss this further and that I have concerns with the plan that had not been addressed to that point.

On Friday, June 17, I sent another email to David to ask him if he wanted to meet to discuss further. No response.

On Tuesday, June 21, I received a call from PRT Committee member Jay Kita, who informed me that he was asked to contact me and tell me that MHYC was not cutting the trees correctly, "according to the contract". So, apparently this misinformation is being spread among Town officials and committee members, and it needs to end.

For everyone's clarification:

1. The scope of work for the approved grant does not specify HOW trees are to be cut.
2. It specifies that the town will be responsible for the coordination of volunteers and town staff/equipment, all of which will be used to remove fuel from the project area "where possible". For your reference, here is the full prescription from the accepted grant application:

**#1- Fuels Reduction/Thinning, to include biomass removal, along Thomas Trail; approx. 26.5 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. The following prescription has been developed by David Poletti, CSFS Forester:

Trees in the area are infected with mistletoe and are mostly small diameter. The prescription is to remove dead and dying Douglas fir that has been infected with mistletoe. Other dead/ dying trees may be removed to create openings in the forest. Aspen, ponderosa pine, limber pine, white pine, and spruce will be favored over Douglas fir. Thin live trees with a focus on creating breaks of 10 feet in the forest canopy. Remove any vegetation acting as a ladder fuel. In areas where Aspen is the dominate tree species, favor aspen to create pure Aspen patches. Limb trees greater than 8" DBH to 6' above ground.

**Due to the steep terrain and low accessibility slash will have options:**

- Lop and scattered to a depth of no more than 12". Limbs will be cut into pieces less than 36" in length. In areas with a lot of biomass, some trees may be retained to avoid having slash deeper than 12".
- When feasible, chip slash on site. (Town will provide a chipper at strategic staging points.)
- **When feasible, cut fuel can be hauled by work crews to designated pickup area(s). (Town will coordinate volunteer and staff labor for fuel removal and hauling, in order to reduce such work by the MHYC crew.)**

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.

3. I hear this being framed by people as a responsibility of the FMAC. It is not. No committee member or community member names are on this project, only those of town staff, Mile High Youth Corps, and DNR.
4. I believe this project has evolved in a very standard and positive way for the town and started as a good example of how the committee/Board/administration relationships should work:
  1. Community member hears of grant opportunity and passes it on to FMAC chair.
  2. FMAC chair makes town staff aware.
  3. Town staff modifies and submits the application. (All this happens in about a week.)
  4. Trustees approve the application with modification, appoint Nate Scott as project manager.
  5. Nate works with DNR and David Poletti to fine tune the application in terms of realistic scope and prescription, submits a modified application.
  6. Application is accepted.
  7. Project manager works with the work crew on logistics, reporting, and safety fencing with help from volunteer.
  8. Volunteers start planning to help with the fuel removal work, which is great. BUT it needs to happen when the time is right and coordinated with town staff and resources. The method of work also needs to be approved by Town staff and our insurance carrier.

## Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee - Action Plan

### Coordination of Volunteer Work Force

*COSWAP Workforce Development Grant: Scope of Work*

*#1- Fuels Reduction/Thinning, to include biomass removal, along Thomas Trail; approx. 2 .5 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.*

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*Other dead and dying trees may be removed to create openings in the forest.*

*Aspen, ponderosa pine, limber pine, white pine, and spruce will be favored over Douglas fir.*

*Thin live trees with a focus on creating breaks of 10 feet in the forest canopy.*

*Remove any vegetation acting as a ladder fuel.*

*In areas where Aspen is the dominate tree species, favor aspen to create pure Aspen patches.*

*Limb trees greater than 8" DBH to 6' above ground.*

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*(Town will coordinate volunteer and staff labor for fuel removal and hauling, in order to reduce such work by the MHYC crew.)*

***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.*

**PROCESS**

Selection: select trees and vegetation to be felled and lopped, by an arborist or the equivalent.

Felling: all selected trees and vegetation shall be hewn to ground.

Limbing: all felled trees shall be de-limbed.

Scattering: all lopped limbs less than 3 feet in length shall be scattered on ground (Note: exceeding large limbs in length and girth may be left on ground with boles for skidding).

Bucking: all boles that exceed 30 feet in length, shall be cut in half-logs.

Bunching: none required, all boles shall be left where hewn and de-limbed to season.

Yarding: all boles will season for approximately 12 months and then shall be donkeyed down by GMF volunteer crew and staff.

**MHYC Responsibility:** June, July, August, of 2022

Selection

Felling

Limbing

Scattering

Bucking

Bunching (not required)

**GMF - FMAC Responsibility:** June, July, August of 2023

Yarding

Various approved areas along Mountain Ave. and Hondo Ave.

Chipping

Various approved areas along Mountain Ave. and Hondo Ave.

Volunteers (2 - 3 man teams)

Yarding Team: (winches the boles off mountain, stacks them in the yard)

A Wincher (designated field manager and runs the tow-line)

Two Swampers (helps the Wincher)

Donkey Team: (locates boles and attaches the tow-line for skidding)

A Skidder (chokes the boles with the tow-line)

Two Swampers (helps the Skidder)



Physical Fitness: This work is for an average, healthy adult, who is fit. If you have any concerns about your ability to participate in this type of work, such as bush-wack climbing or lifting up to 50lbs, please consult with your physician for advice.

## Resources

Winching Truck

Drum Winch (fixed and portable)

1000' tow-line and rigging

1000' return-line and rigging

Block and Tackle

Choker Chain

Skid

Timber Jack

Fire Extinguisher

Wood Chipper

Staging Yard

By DCW (05-26-22)

**From:** [Town Clerk](#)  
**To:** [Walker Don](#); "[David Douglas](#)"  
**Cc:** [Becky Frank](#); [Todd G Dixon](#)  
**Subject:** COSWAP Volunteer Plan  
**Date:** Thursday, June 16, 2022 1:28:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [8c Fire Mitigation Committee Action Plan.docx](#)

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Hi David and Don,

I spoke with Becky and Olympia today, and I'm not going to ask MHYC to change their process at this time, due to some issues with Don's plan that would need to be addressed:

- The prescription from David Poletti states: *"When feasible, cut fuel can be hauled by work crews to designated pickup area(s). (Town will coordinate volunteer and staff labor for fuel removal and hauling, in order to reduce such work by the MHYC crew.)"*
  - We originally talked to MHYC about putting the cut fuel in staging areas to be more easily accessible to volunteer crews. That's what they are doing now. This will allow for a relatively straightforward plan for fuel removal: wood able to be hand-carried or wheelbarrowed out of the zone.
  - If we change this plan, the large tree sections would be left where cut, thereby drastically increasing the difficulty of fuel removal. With the way they are doing it now, volunteers won't need special equipment to remove fuel and most insurance concerns are eliminated.
  - Access points are very limited...so the large boles would have to be moved sideways along the slope before reaching the downslope access points.
- After the up to 30-foot tree sections are winched down the hill, what happens?
  - Either volunteers would chainsaw (insurance \$) into smaller sections near the egress points, or we would have to haul those very large boles down the hill onto town property for the public to do something with. Either scenario has challenges and additional costs to the town.
  - The areas along Mountain and Hondo Aves identified for "yarding" are not very large to accommodate many – if any – of these large boles.
- The winching situation alone is concerning for Becky and me – and likely CIRSA – since it is a mechanized system, using unknown volunteer equipment and vehicles, that could cause severe injury or property damage. We would need to send this work plan to CIRSA for an insurance quote – the cost of which would then need to be approved by the board.

My opinion is that we should let MHYC proceed as they are – which will setup volunteers with a straightforward and relatively safe task of fuel removal – along with ready-made firewood for people.

Becky, any further comment? Should we all meet next week to discuss further?

Nate Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer/Planner  
Town of Green Mountain Falls