



Town of Green Mountain Falls

Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

October 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

ZOOM ONLY MEETING

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REGULAR MEETING:

TIME*		ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
6:30	1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL	
6:30	2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	FMC Action Desired
6:30	3.	PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Information Only
6:30	4.	CONSENT AGENDA a. Minutes from 9/26/22	FMC Action Desired
6:35	5.	OLD BUSINESS a. CUSP Update b. MYHC Update c. Education Program d. Assessment Plan	FMC Action Desired
7:05	6.	NEW BUSINESS a. Review 2023 Budget Presentation b. Job Description for FMAC members c. Teller and El Paso OEM Engagement d. CWPP Update from 2007 e. Recommendations for new committee member	FMC Action Desired
7:35	7.	REPORTS a. Notification and Evacuation b. Fuels Mitigation c. Grants d. Education	Information Only
8:00	8.	CORRESPONDENCE a. None	Information Only
8:00	9.	ADJOURN	Information Only

*Please note: Times are approximate.

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MEETING MINUTES

Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee
September 26, 2022
6:30 p.m. In person or Zoom Meeting

Committee Members Present: David Douglas, Dan Battin, Kelly Hunter (zoom), Paul Yingling

Committee Members Absent: None

Others in attendance: Ex-officio member Trustee Nick Donzello, Town Manager Becky Frank, Recording Secretary Carolyn Bowers (zoom)

Agenda Item	Motion/Discussion	Motion/ 2nd	DD	DB	KH	PY	
1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm						
2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, & CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA	No changes to Agenda by any committee members.		A	A	A	A	
3. PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comments						
4. CONSENT AGENDA	Adopted: a. Minutes from 6/22/22 b. Minutes from 7/25/22	DB, PY DB, PY	A	A	A	A	
5. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY 6.	Appointment of Carolyn Bowers as the committee's recording secretary, replacing Nate Scott who resigned. She is not a member of FMAC.	DD, KH	A	A	A	A	
7. CUSP UPDATE	Chair Douglas said he and Town Manager Becky Frank will meet soon to discuss possible revisions to the CUSP contract that may be necessary due to cost and difficulty of						

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	terrain. CUSP has hired a new contractor and Chair Douglas said he expects mitigation work by both CUSP and Mile High Youth Corps to be completed soon.						
8. CHIPPER DAYS	Chair Douglas said 45 properties in Green Mountain Falls, Cascade and Chipita Park signed up for the service. In addition to volunteer fire fighters, eight people volunteered on the project. Town Manager Frank said that amounts to 102 volunteer hours. The fire department collected \$280 in donations. Frank will consult with Fire Chief Steve Murphy about a schedule for future Chipper Days.						
9. GOCO GRANT APPLICATION	Town Manager Frank reported the application has been submitted and will send updates about it to FMAC. The application includes a request to continue funding for work by the Mile High Youth Corps. The Board of Trustees approved has approved this request.						
10. EDUCATION PROGRAM	Kelly Hunter reported that information about wildfire mitigation was distributed at Bronc Day. She has also contacted local schools requesting them to send information links to parents, but so far has had no response.						
11. DISCUSSION: DIGITAL FORMATTING OF EDUCATION MATERIALS; DATA BASE	Paul Yingling presented proposals for spreading information digitally using all forms of social media. This includes putting a						

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	<p>QR code on materials so individuals can instantly reach information.</p> <p>He also put the homeowners' pledge in digital format that can be accessed through a link or QR code. The pledge will come up as a Google document that can be completed and sent back to the committee. Data from the document will populate a spreadsheet the committee can use to search for individuals interested in specific areas, such as grant-writing, assessments, volunteering.</p> <p>Yingling also developed a Tip-of-the-Month program that will provide easy and low-cost tips for mitigating homes. These will appear in the Green Mountain Falls Facebook page and other social media.</p>						
12. APPROVAL OF DIGITAL FORMAT FOR EDUCATION, DATA COLLECTION	The committee voted to adopt Yingling's proposal for a QR code and Google drive to be used for distributing information about the homeowners' pledge and gathering data on feedback.	DD/KH	A	A	A	A	
13. DISCUSSION: FOLLOW THROUGH ON PLEDGE,	Chair Douglas stressed the important of keeping people who sign the pledge engaged by thanking them, regular communications and follow up with people who volunteer.						

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<p>FEEDBACK AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>Committee members discussed several ways for getting information out to residents and non-resident property owners. Several ideas were suggested including a movie night showing of the powerful documentary on the Paradise fire, hikes through mitigated areas, community meetings at Sallie Bush center, participation by Church of the Wildwood.</p> <p>Chair Douglas suggested the committee may want to create a subcommittee of volunteers to make these ideas reality under the committee's direction.</p>						
<p>14. BUDGET AND 2023 COMMITTEE GOALS</p>	<p>The committee will bring these goals before the Board of Trustees at its Oct. 18 work session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Perform a study to establish community safety zones b. Creation of a data base for GMF residents, property owners c. Establish a program that takes a "scattergun" approach to educating GMF residents and property owners about the 	<p>PY, DB</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>A</p>	

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	<p>importance home mitigation. The committee will use all forms of social media.</p> <p>d. The committee will pursue grants from El Poma (sic), Colorado State Forest Service, the Kilpatrick Family Fund as well as research private funding or grants for helping private property owners with mitigation.</p>						
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RICH BOWMAN'S RESIGNATION;
SEARCH FOR NEW MEMBER

In the wake of Rich Bowman's resignation, the committee is searching for a new member. Chair Douglas said the committee will seek someone with technical and social media skills.

COMMITTEE MEMBER
ASSIGNMENTS

Douglas:

- a. Write up "job description" for new committee member.
- b. Write up information pertaining to goals and grants to present to Board of Trustees
- c. Investigate CSFS/FRWRM Grants

Battin:

- a. Find out if El Pomar has a grant available to fund Emergency Notification system (Siren)
- b. Create a list of potential Community Safety Zones within GMF
- c. Contact Rich Bowman to discuss evacuation work

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Yingling: Continue developing digital formatting for gathering data

Hunter: Continue outreach to schools and Church of the Wildwood

All committee members: Create a list of at least education topics to be discussed in the next meeting.

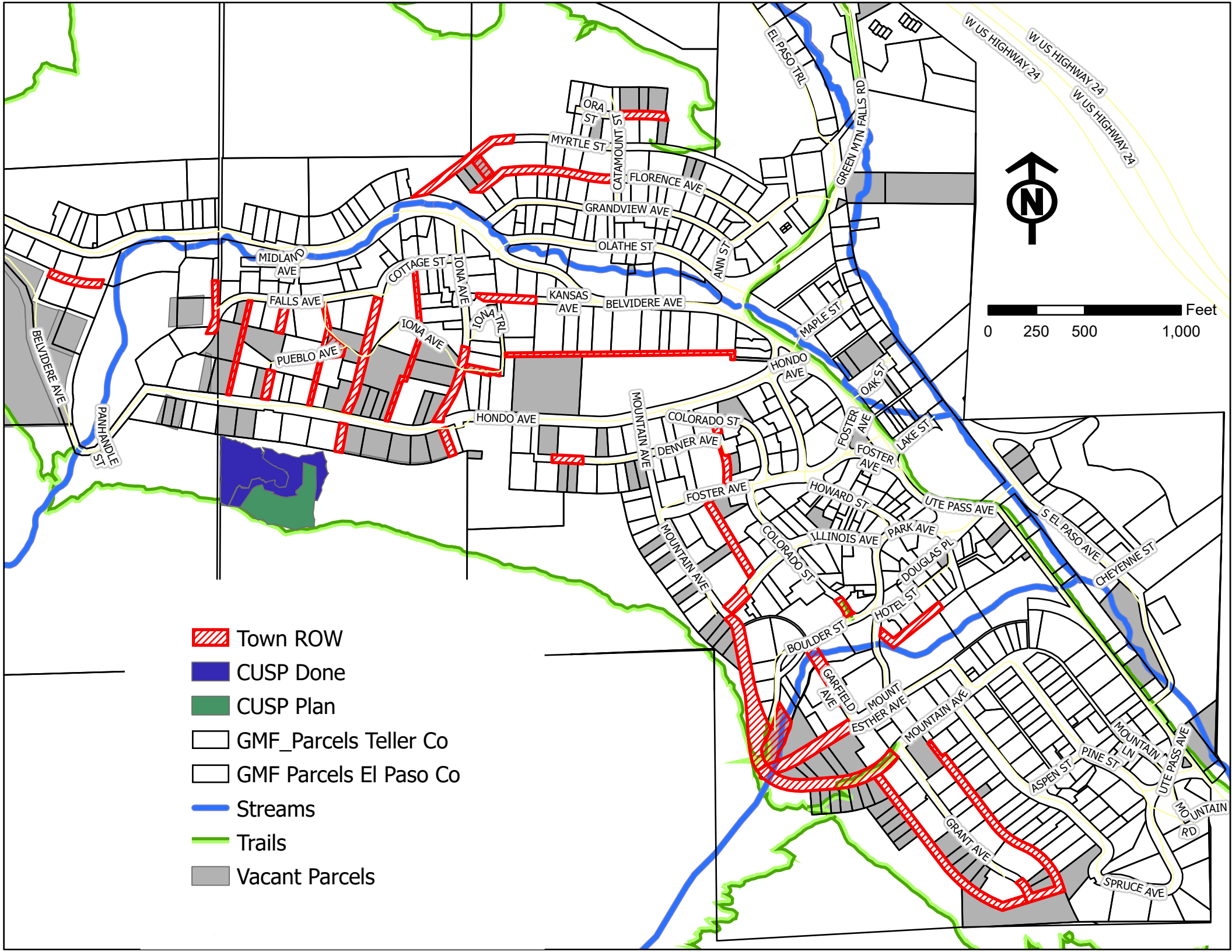
NEXT MEETING









Wednesday, October 26 6:30 pm Mountain Time

Zoom only

ADJOURN

8:34 pm



-  Town ROW
-  CUSP Done
-  CUSP Plan
-  GMF_Parcels Teller Co
-  GMF Parcels El Paso Co
-  Streams
-  Trails
-  Vacant Parcels



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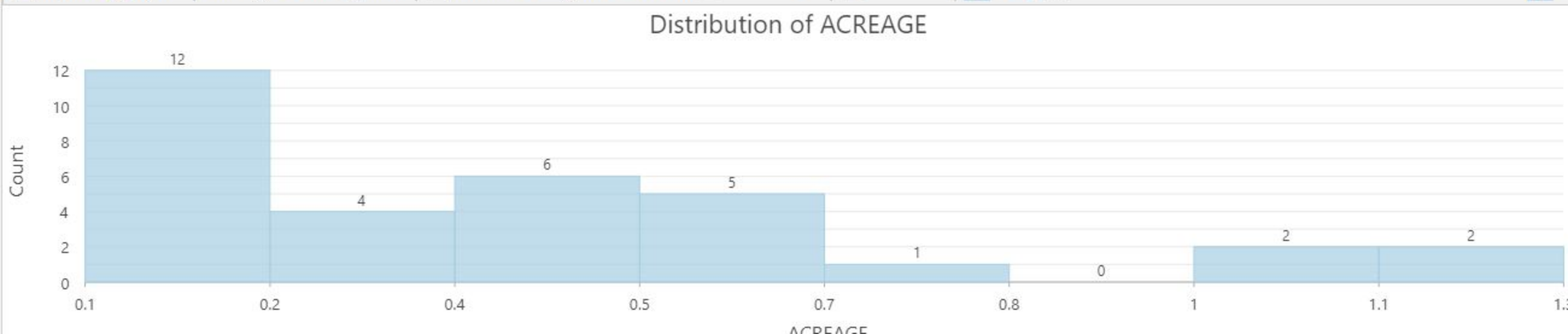
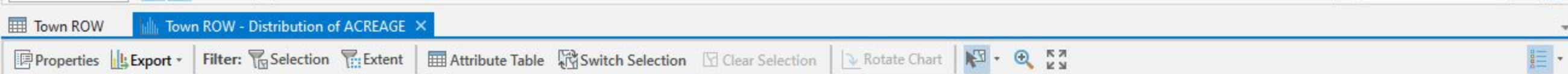


Chart Properties - Town ROW

Distribution of ACREAGE

Data Axes Guides Format General

Variable
Number
ACREAGE

With transformation
None

☐ Show Normal distribution

Bins
8

Statistics

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Rows	32
Count	32
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Min	0.057
Max	1.3
Sum	13.2
Skewness	1.24
Kurtosis	3.7

Data Labels
☒ Label bins



The Town of Green Mountain Falls

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To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: David Douglas, Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee

RE: 2023 Budget Preliminary Recommendations and Goals, October 18, 2022

REVIEW OF PAST AND CURRENT PROJECTS

- CUSP grants (FRWRM and SFA) totaling 81 acres of town owned land were awarded beginning 2021. To date 12.5 acres are complete with work on going through 2024 and 2023 respectively. The issue is availability of “workable” acres to fulfill the total acres under the grant. Currently evaluating ROWs in the town to apply to these grants.
- MYHC grant for 10 weeks of crew time on 16.5 acres of town owned land has been completed. A second extension grant of 5 weeks of crew time was completed in early October. Volunteers will be required to cut and stack logs in firewood lengths, stack already cut firewood lengths, and scatter biomass in compliance with the CSFS prescription. No plan for this work has been developed but is required to be complete by end of 2023. Given the amount of work to be done, funding will be required to fulfill the prescriptive requirements.
- The work completed by CUSP and MYHC has resulted in remediating a fire break the full length of Thomas Trail.
- FMAC developed an evacuation plan in 2021 which was approved by the BOT and Fire District for adoption. The evacuation plan has been posted to the town website.
- An Emergency Notification Plan was proposed to the GMF BOT in the 2021 budget cycle. The budget for this notification system was not approved. Grants to cover the cost of the Notification system are currently being identified. El Pomar has been contacted for a possible grant.
- A Chipper Days program was implemented September 24th and 25th with 45 properties in Chipita Park, Cascade and GMF participating. The Fire District received \$1085 in donations associated with this program.

MISSION OBJECTIVES FOR FMAC

- Prevent loss of life in the event of wildfire.
- Prevent/minimize loss of structures in the event of wildfire.
- Provide defensible spaces and fire breaks to minimize spread wildfire.

BUDGET

The Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee recommends a total budget of \$81,620 for 2023. The attached spreadsheet provides a line-item breakdown supporting this recommendation. The CUSP Grants line items are commitments made by the town of Green Mountain Falls in prior years to help secure the award of these funds. The letter from Angie Sprang, former Town Manager, states the commitment of support for the CUSP FRWRM grant in the total amount of \$46,975. Of this amount, \$4,800 was paid by GMF in 2021.

The town of Green Mountain Falls recently submitted a grant application to GOCO to partner with MHYC which requires a 10 % match by Green Mountain Falls. The grant application was approved by the GMF BoT. This grant, if awarded, will be for fuels mitigation work in 2023 which will require the matching funds in 2023.

The FMAC is exploring funding for a emergency notification siren as part of the FMAC recommendation last year for Notification and Evacuation of residents. The funding would potentially be from El Pomar. The matching amount is an estimate based on a 20% match.

The COSWAP/MHYC grant requirements requiring biomass scattering and stacking has not been completed. Project completion is required by end of 2023. The Project Manager, Nate Scott, has stated that this work can be completed by volunteers. No plan has been developed to complete this work.

FMAC GOALS

1. Development of an Education and Assessment program which would engage resident and nonresident property owners and visitors through education and property assessments.
2. Remove fuels and create fire breaks in town by clearing ROWs with the application of current CUSP grant funding. This would include removing trees on roadside ROW to facilitate evacuation and access of emergency vehicles.
3. Develop a program to identify Community Safe Zones in various parts of town in the event fires may trap residents from their only evacuation routes.
4. Develop a database of all property owners consisting of address and contact information for all. This database would be searchable on various criteria for targeting communication with residents regarding issues of fire and fire mitigation.
5. Develop plans in coordination with El Paso and Teller County OEMs to coordinate the GMF evacuation plans and, possibly, carry out emergency simulations with residents.
6. Build a coalition of Ute Pass communities to promote cooperation and coordination of resources and programs.
7. Regularly scheduled Chipper Days at least twice per year.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

RE: Item 2. Of FMAC Goals:

1. A map (attached) of undeveloped town ROWs has been prepared by the Town Clerk and presented to CUSP for consideration to apply grant funding to these workable 13.5 acres. CUSP believes this is viable workable acres which can be funded under the grant. CUSP will require private property owner release and consent to waive any disputes for felled trees which may be on the private property and ROW boundaries. A map showing boundaries and property owners will be required. An approved release and consent will be required and signed by private property owners adjoining the ROW. CUSP and GMF resources to mark boundaries.
2. GMF ROWs along either side of developed roads need to be cleared. CUSP will apply the grant funding to clearing these ROWs with the same conditions as in the preceding item 1. This will improve the access and egress for evacuation of residents and accommodation of fire fighting equipment.
3. GMF to identify desired acres for further mitigation work by CUSP under the FRWRM and SFA grants. Mapping of completed work and property boundaries will be required.
4. El Pomar grant application will need to be submitted in the next grant cycle ending June 30, 2023. Grant application will need to be supported by a current quote for all costs associated with purchase

and installation of emergency notification system. Grant application must be submitted 10 weeks prior to the El Pomar Board meeting.

5. Coordination with Fire District and GMF staff to secure chipper and crew to support Chipper Day schedule.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Douglas

Chair, Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee

Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819

Green Mountain Falls
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2023 Budget Recommendation
October 18, 2022

Active Grants:	Description	Scope and purpose	GMF Matching Funds Committed	GMF Total Matching Funds Expected	Funds in 2022	Funds in 2023	Funds in 2024
CUSP	FRWRM Grant	Fuels mitigation on 41 acres of GMF town owned land beginning 2021 and running through 2024	\$46,975 during the four year term of the grant - See attached summary and letter from Angie Sprang, Town Manager	\$ 46,975	\$ 14,400	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
NONE	MYHC/COSWAP Grant	Complete CSFS prescription for biomass removal, scattering and stacking. Fulfillment of grant contractual obligation.	NONE; cost estimate: 3 weeks at \$10,800/week	NONE; Possible sources of funding: HGMFF, COSWAP, Volunteer organizations, GMF Funded		\$ 32,400	
	SFA Grant	Fuels mitigation on 40 acres of GMF town owned land beginning 2021 and running through 2023	\$5000 total	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	
Grant Applications Pending:							
GOCO	GOCO/MHYC	Continuation of Fuel Break. Chainsaw crew for 8 weeks to perform fuels mitigation.	\$8220 total	\$ 8,220		\$ 8,220	

Recommended New Grant							
El Pomar	Notification Siren	Provide an audible emergency evacuation notification to citizens	Assume 20%	\$ 16,000		\$ 16,000	
COSWAP, HGMFF	Biomass removal	Completion of Grant Obligations	0	\$ -		\$ -	
Community Education Forums and Educational Materials	Education and Assessment	New program for community information and education on preparedness, evacuation, and home remediation		\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Total Funding				\$ 76,195	\$ 14,400	\$ 81,620	\$ 20,000

FMAC, GMF

Draft Job Description

1. Property owner or full time resident of GMF
2. Has proficiency in Microsoft Office suite of products
3. Has good oral and written communication skills
4. Has ability and willingness to research various related subjects for the benefit of the committee
5. Has basic and rudimentary knowledge of forest health, fuels mitigation, and/or grant writing skills.
6. Has life or work experience related to planning and/or execution of projects involving the general public.
7. Is willing to and capable of supporting field work related to committee responsibilities.
8. Has skills to analyze problems and develop solutions in collaboration with a group.
9. Has a willingness and availability to work on committee assignments outside of the monthly meetings.
10. Has the free time to attend meetings of the FMAC at least monthly.

GMF Fire Mitigation Tip

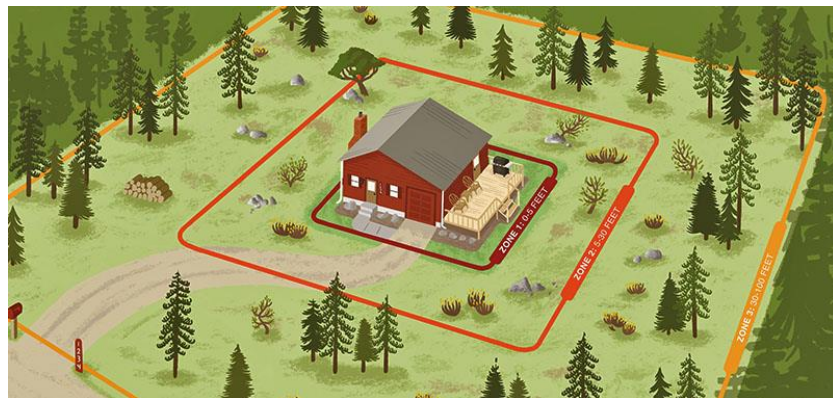
November 2022

Create defensible space around your home.



WHY? Defensible space is the area around a home or other structure that has been modified to reduce fire hazards. In this area, natural and manmade fuels are treated, cleared or reduced to slow the spread of wildfire.

Establishing defensible space reduces the likelihood of a home igniting by direct contact with flame or by exposure to the radiant heat of the fire. It also helps limit local production of embers and reduces the chance a structure fire will spread to neighboring homes or surrounding vegetation.



RIGHT!

Would you like to learn more about keeping your family, your property, and your neighbors safe? Connect with your neighbors on the GMF Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee at the link below, or use the QR code:

<https://forms.gle/Kbi76R7gvQYK9XGU6>

