



# Town of Green Mountain Falls

## Right of Way Project-Community Forum

### Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee

#### Special Meeting Agenda

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Join the Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85338001232?pwd=MUK0d0dzMGxpTSsrRnRGQW1FRUJBdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3800 1232 Passcode: 192924 Call in: +1 719 359 4580 US

To make a **public comment** please **pre-register** by 4pm on the day of the meeting via email:

[david@falconpartnersltd.com](mailto:david@falconpartnersltd.com)

#### REGULAR MEETING:

TIME*		ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
6::00PM	1.	Introductions of Guests, FMAC members, Town Management, and Mayor	
	2.	Mayor Opening Remarks	Information Only
	3.	Chair FMAC project overview <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wildfire Risk to Communities Graphic <a href="#">Wildfire Risk to Communities</a></li><li>Save the Date Letter</li><li><a href="#">Maps</a> of Treatment Areas</li></ol>	Information Only
	4.	CUSP Presentation of the Treatment Plan – John Geerdes/Adrian Knight	Information Only
	5.	Call to action for signing the Release for Inadvertent Encroachment Agreement	Information Only
	5.	Q&A	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](mailto:clerk@gmfco.us) by 4pm on the date of the meeting.

# Save the Date

## Rights of Way Fuels Mitigation Project

January 20, 2023



Dear Property Owners and Residents of Green Mountain Falls,

This summer, as part of our ongoing work to reduce wildfire threat in Green Mountain Falls, the town will remove brush and dead trees from several acres of town-owned property. Most of the work will occur on rights of way (ROW) -- strips of land on sides of undeveloped roads, parts of roads and alleys throughout town. Most ROWs contain brush and dead trees that increase the town's fire risk. The undeveloped ROWs are illustrated on maps that can be viewed here:

<https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/government/fire-mitigation-advisory-committee/wildfire-mitigation-resources>

Use your phone's camera to view maps using this QR Code



The Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) will perform the work under direction of its forester, Adrian Knight. CUSP has played an enormous role in our town's efforts to lower its vulnerability to wildfire. CUSP has mitigated several acres of privately-owned land in GMF, with owners paying part of the cost. It recently finished mitigating 12.5 acres of town-owned land along the Thomas Trail as part of a two-mile fuel break around GMF. CUSP and the town shared the cost of that work. To date, GMF has paid \$19,200. The town has budgeted more funds for the planned ROW work.

**We are writing to ask for your help and cooperation in clearing out the rights of way.** Many are adjacent to private property. On Monday, Feb. 6 beginning at 6 pm, GMF will hold a community forum and public hearing at Town Hall for owners and residents to comment on the project. You may attend using Zoom. At the meeting, the town will seek agreement with adjoining property owners for the mitigation of fuel on or near their property lines. It will also ask them to sign a release of liability from inadvertent encroachment on private property.

Following the meeting, the ROW mitigation will begin under this plan.

- CUSP will mark boundary trees to delineate the ROW from privately owned land with a unique ribbon color or flags. Existing fences will be considered property boundaries. CUSP will also prioritize areas for work, depending upon how much

of a threat they pose and how easily they can be mitigated. In addition, CUSP will identify constraints such as power lines or other encroachments.

- A ROW mitigation schedule will be created and communicated.
- Mitigation tentatively begins in May with routine updates on progress and crew movements from area to area.

CUSP will apply best practices for forest management. This includes removing diseased trees, widening the spaces between crowns (tops), thinning ladder fuels, removing dead standing trees, and retaining a diversity of species.

If you are interested in learning more about the mitigation, please contact a member of town staff (Becky Frank, [manager@gmfco.us](mailto:manager@gmfco.us)) or any member of the GMF Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee.

**Thank you for your support in keeping our town, our homes, and our neighbors safe from wildfire!**

David Douglas, Chair, Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee  
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Dan Battin (on leave)  
John Bell *jbell5927@outlook.com*

Kelly Hunter *kellygrn@comcast.net*  
Paul Yingling *paul.l.yingling@gmail.com*

PS There is CUSP money available to help you and your neighbors pay for mitigating your own property. To find out more, follow this link:

<https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/government/fire-mitigation-advisory-committee/cusp-grant-program>

Read how residents on Falls Avenue got financial help from CUSP to mitigate their homes.

<https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/sites/greenmountainfalls/files/documents/20211029%20Falls%20Avenue%20neighbors.pdf>

The Green Mountain Falls Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee (FMAC) exists to help in preventing death, injury, and damage to property due to wildfire. The FMAC is a volunteer committee of GMF residents, organized under the authority of the Town of Green Mountain Falls.