



Town of Green Mountain Falls

Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

November 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84759545042?pwd=UVV6N3F4a3ZXQTM4ZkEvS0RWUTRvQT09>

Meeting ID: 847 5954 5042

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david@falconpartnersltd.com

REGULAR MEETING:

TIME*		ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
6:00	1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL	
6:00	2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	FMC Action Desired
6:05	3.	PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER	Information Only
6:10	4.	CONSENT AGENDA a. Minutes from October 30 Meeting	FMC Action Desired
6:15	5.	OLD BUSINESS a. Review for approval – Recommendation to BoT for 2024 FMAC membership and officers b. Education Program Update c. Monthly tip – Paul Yingling d. GMF resident and property owner data base update (information only) e. Formation of Volunteer Groups i. Block Captains ii. Volunteer Data Base and Tracking	FMC Action Desired
7:00	6.	NEW BUSINESS a.	FMC Action Desired
7:30	7.	REPORTS a. None	Information Only
7:30	8.	CORRESPONDENCE	Information Only
7:30	9.	ADJOURN	Information Only

*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.

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Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes
Monday, October 30, 2023

Committee Members Present

David Douglas, chair
Paul Yingling, vice chair
Kelly Hunter, member
Lisa Huizenga, member

Trustee Members Present

None

Town Staff Present

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Recording Secretary

None. (Minutes taken from Zoom video)

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER Chair Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT None

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Grants administered by CUSP (FRWRM, SFA) Douglas will present FMAC's request for \$40,600 to meet GMF's obligations for the grants' cost-sharing requirements to trustees Nov. 14. Until the board decides how much to approve, and the Kirkpatrick Family Fund confirms it will help pay GMF's obligation, plans for mitigating the rest of town-owned property are pretty much on hold.

b. CSU's responsibility for removing threats to high voltage power lines. Douglas reported what he learned about Colorado Springs Utilities' responsibility for removing trees/limbs that threaten high-voltage lines from a meeting with CSU forest program manager Doug Lyons. CSU is required to remove limbs that are only within 10 feet of high voltage lines (7200 kilivolts). Even if the tree is dead, if it is not within 10 feet of the line, CSU is not responsible for removing it. The landowner is.

If a tree or limb is within 20 feet of a lower voltage line (230 kv), CSU must remove it.

Douglas said he will put CSU's Lyons in touch with CUSP forester Adrian Knight for clarification on what trees/limbs close to the utilities' power lines CUSP can remove.

The committee discussed the need for educating the public and mitigation contractors about CSU's obligation to remove hazardous limbs and trees near power lines. Douglas said talking points should be created and Ayad agreed to do this.

Douglas moved the committee withdraw its recommendation to the Board of Trustees that it send a letter to CSU calling for removal of trees close to power lines. Hunter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. EDUCATION

a. Hunter reported that she and Huizenga agreed that there is no time to put together an education plan for implementation during the holidays. Douglas said he wants to see a long-range plan, stretching over 12 months, that contains topics and education formats.

b. November Tip of the Month. Yingling said November's tip deals with home fire awareness. It is a reminder for people to prepare for winter safety such as making sure furnaces are properly maintained and installed. Douglas moved to adopt the tip. Hunter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Yingling reported the base continues to grow. It has 74 members.

(Huizenga joined the meeting.)

6. NEW BUSINESS

The committee was asked to recommend members' assignments for terms of office beginning in 2024 to the board of trustees. Recommendations are:

Hunter, Huizenga, Yingling Two-year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2024; ending Dec. 31, 2026
Douglas and one committee vacancy One-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2024; ending Dec. 31, 2025.

Committee members want Douglas to remain as chair and Yingling to stay on as vice chair.

Douglas moved that he accept the assignment to write a memo with these recommendations. Hunter seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The committee will vote to adopt the recommendation at its next meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Monday, Nov. 27, 2023. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

FIRE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMO

DATE: 11/27/2023	AGENDA NO	SUBJECT: 2024 FMAC Committee Appointment Recommendations
Presented by David Douglas		

2023 Members

Name	Role	Date of Appointment	End Term Date	Term Length
David Douglas	Chair			
Lisa Huizinga	Member			
Vacant	Member			
Kelly Hunter	Member			
Paul Yingling	Member			

2024 Recommendations for Appointment to Board of Trustees

Name	Role	Date of Appointment	End Term Date	Term Length
David Douglas	Chair	2023-12-31	2024-12-31	1 Year
Paul Yingling	Co-Chair	2023-12-31	2025-12-31	2 Years
Lisa Huizenga	Member	2023-12-31	2025-12-31	2 Years
Kelly Hunter	Member	2023-12-31	2025-12-31	2 Years
Vacant	Member	?	2024-12-31	1 Year

Please complete the above table with recommendations for 2024 appointments. Two members will be for 1-year terms ending 12/31/2024 and three members will be for 2-year terms ending 12/31/2025. After these initial terms have been fulfilled, all subsequent terms will be for two years. Refer to Ordinance 2023-04 for guidance:

<https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/sites/greenmountainfalls/files/documents/Ordinance%202023-04%20Terms-%20Residency.pdf>



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Committee Volunteer Application

Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Committee

Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee

Planning Commission

Name: DAVID W. DOUGLAS

Address of Primary Residency: 11145 HONDO AVENUE, GMF 80819

Alternate Address: 1023 HARVARD ST., HOUSTON, TX 77008

Phone Number: 72816101280 Email address: dauid@falconpartnersllc.com

Are you willing to serve as an alternate? Yes No

Each committee can have up to three alternates, who may participate in discussion and, in the event of a member's absence, may vote on issues before the committee.

Planning Commission Requirements: Green Mountain Falls Municipal Code, Ordinance 2023-04 requires that Planning Commission Members hold their primary place of residency within Green Mountain Falls Town Limits.

Planning Commission Only

Applicants for the Planning Commission must submit proof of residency along with this application. Proof of residency may be obtained on the [Colorado Secretary of State Website](#)

Signature and Acknowledgement: _____
(to be signed before a Notary Public)

Notary Public _____

All applicants please proceed to page two.

Please describe your relationship to the community/Town of Green Mountain Falls:

My wife and I have a home at 1145 Hondo Avenue. We are in residence throughout the year. I have volunteered to work on Friends of Ute Pass Trails projects, served on FMAC 2021-23, and participate in community events
Current Employer/Occupation: Self - Investments

Work Experiences that may apply: President, CEO, COO of several companies

Other Volunteer Experiences that may apply: FMAC as Chair for 2021-2023
Volunteer for Ute Pass Trails work

Any Special Qualifications that may apply to this volunteer position: Knowledge and established relationships w/ wildland fire fighting groups, mitigation projects/contractors/grant applications, forest health risk assessments

Other Current Volunteer Positions you hold: N/A

Reasons for choosing this Volunteer Opportunity: I believe in the work the committee performs for the safety and wellbeing of our citizens

Affidavit: By signing below, you acknowledge that the Town of Green Mountain Falls IS NOT liable for any harm and/or injury sustained while volunteering at any Town facilities or activities.

I swear and affirm that all information I have provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: David W. Doy Date: 11/21/2023

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(If under 18)

***Please attach any other relevant information/documentation that would enhance your application.**

GMF Fire Mitigation Tip

December 2023



Holiday Fire Safety Tips from the Red Cross:

- Place Christmas trees, candles, and other holiday decorations at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, portable heaters, radiators, heat vents and candles.
- Purchase flame retardant metallic or artificial trees. If you purchase a real tree, make sure that it has fresh, green needles that aren't easily broken. Keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water.
- Make sure that light strings and other holiday decorations are in good condition. Do not use anything with frayed electrical cords and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Always unplug tree and holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree. Always extinguish candles before leaving the room or going to bed.
- Use only sturdy tree stands designed not to tip over. Keep curious pets and children away from Christmas trees.
- Keep anything that can catch on fire—pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags, food packaging, and towels or curtains—away from your stove top.
- Designate one person to walk around your home to make sure that all candles and smoking materials are properly extinguished after guests leave.
- Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm near your kitchen, on each level of your home, near sleeping areas, and inside and outside bedrooms if you sleep with doors closed. Use the test button to check it each month. Replace all batteries at least once a year.



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>

