



Town of Green Mountain Falls

Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

April 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

On Zoom Only.

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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 a.	Information Only
6:10	4.	CONSENT AGENDA a. Minutes from March 25, 2024 Meeting	FMC Action Desired
6:15	5.	OLD BUSINESS a. Education Program Update – Lisa and Kelly 1. Green Box Hikes – July 4 and 16. 2. Bronc Day Plans Update (if any) 3. Wildfire Community Preparedness Day (NFPA) May 4 th - Discussion 4. First Responder Appreciation event b. 2024 Chipper Program – 6/29-30 and 9/28-29 – Discussion c. Monthly tip – Paul Yingling d. Team Rubicon – May 23-28 Assessments e. GMF resident and property owner data base update (information only) f. 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 a. Email from Carolyn Bowers – Wildfire Preparedness Day	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.

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes
Monday, March 25, 2024**

Committee Members Present

(All on Zoom)

David Douglas, chair
Paul Yingling, vice chair
Kelly Hunter
Lisa Huizenga
Lorrie Worthey

Trustee Members Present

None

Town Staff Present

None

Recording Secretary

Carolyn Bowers (on Zoom)

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Yingling moved to adopt the agenda with no changes. Huizenga seconded. Motion carried on voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Douglas noted that the February minutes mistakenly said he would contact Don Walker about recruitment of volunteers for chain saw training. Yingling will do this.

Douglas moved to adopt the February minutes as amended. Hunter seconded. Motion passed on voice vote.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Education update Hunter said the committee is signed up to host an information table at Manitou Middle School's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEAM) night April 18. She invited committee members to attend. It starts at 5:30 pm.
- b. Green Box Douglas said there are two educational hikes on the schedule. On July 4 there is a tour of the Wallace Reserve to show visitors how a forest can be mitigated. On July 16, there is a hike to Douglas's house, Hondo Ave., to see a model of outside home mitigation and home ignition zones as prescribed by the Colorado State Forest Service. Both hikes begin at 9 am.

- c. FMAC will take part in Bronc Day, July 27. Plans were not discussed.
- d. First Responders Appreciation Day takes place Aug. 3. Huizenga will set up a meeting with Lauren Bishop, a Fire Department emergency medical, and two more people to establish goals and plan the effect. Goodwill would be one goal; a fundraising opportunity for the fire station is another. Among ideas under consideration are barbeque (\$5 per meal), a tour of the fire station, children's activities, including little firefighter hats for kid photo ops on the fire truck, and a demonstration on how to use a fire extinguisher.

Worthey will be FMAC's second representative on planning this. Hunter will provide backup as needed.

- e. Chipper Days are June 29 and June 30; Sept. 28 and Sept. 29. Chief Murphy will have volunteers pick up slash from people unable to move their slash. He needs a site to put it and the chipper. The Joyland parking lot will be used for the September event. The search is on for a site for June.
- f. Publicity for the June Chipper Days will be planned at FMAC's May meeting. Hunter will see if it can be publicized at Ute Pass Elementary and seek suggestions from town staff. Huizenga mentioned coordinating reaching out to neighbors.
- g. Team Rubicon followup. The list of people who want help has been forwarded to David LaRivee, Team Rubicon. The Team will develop a work plan and will try to extend its services to as many people as possible, including Cascade and Chipita Park. People who signed up with the Red Cross will be served first. It is Team Rubicon's responsibility to get homeowners to sign waivers before work begins. If FMAC members know anyone else who wants to sign up, they should contact Douglas.
- h. Yingling suggested one way to get Team Rubicon chainsaw training in GMF is to have six to 12 people sign up to be Rubicon volunteers. He has signed up.
- i. The April Tip of the Month is five tips for fire safety in the spring. The information is from CertaSite, a fire prevention and contracting company. FMAC added a reminder about cleaning gutters and will note the edit on the Tip. Douglas moved to accept the tip, Hunter seconded. Motion passed on voice vote.
- j. Property owner database. Yingling reported no new signups; the number remains at 81.
- k. Block captains A resident on Belvidere Ave. has expressed interest in becoming a block captain. Since a resident on Iona Ave. has also agreed to become one, this means the western side of GMF is well covered. The eastern side needs work.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FMAC discussed the need to provide rides for people wanting to attend the Green Box events (see 5b) but either cannot or do not want to hike to them.

7. REPORTS

No reports.

7. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Monday, April 29, 2024, 6 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.



Town Of
GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS
Colorado

CHIPPING PROGRAM

chippersignup@gmail.com

Dial 911 for
Emergencies!

FREE 2024 CHIPPING PROGRAM

Protect Your Home from Wildfire



The Green Mountain Falls/Chipita Park Fire Department is 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 firewood 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**





Green Mountain Falls & Chipita Park



Saturday, June 29th & Sunday June 30th

Residents may register by emailing name and address
to chippersignup@gmail.com no later than
Monday June 24th, 2024

**Piles MUST be appropriately stacked
according to the guidelines on the front of this flyer.
For the safety of our Firefighters and equipment,
innappropriate piles or materials
will not be chipped.**

**Please ensure that your piles are ready to be chipped
and visible prior to Wednesday, June 26th**

***Chipped material will be piled onto the property.**

Disposal of piled chips will be the responsibility of the property owner.

Residents of Teller County who live outside of the GMF/Chipita Park Fire Protection District
are encouraged to reach out to their local department to find out when their local chipping dates are.

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.

CHIPPING PROGRAM

Green Mountain Falls/Chipita Park Schedule

Correspondence:

Hello --

I wish we had known about this sooner as it is only a month away. However, I wanted to bring this to your attention should spark (pun intended) any ideas. I plan to tune in to the live kickoff event tomorrow at 4 pm EST on Facebook. Find the RSVP link below if you want to attend. Hopefully, there may be new ideas for you.

Since May 4 is too close to plan anything, perhaps FMAC should think about planning its own Wildfire Preparedness Day, maybe related to the Chipper Days. Ask the Trustees to pass a resolution like it does for Creek Week. Perhaps partner with the PRT committee. Just some random thoughts.

My very best,

Carolyn Bowers