



# Town of Green Mountain Falls

## Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

June 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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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  | <b>FMC Action Desired</b> |
| 6:05  | 3. | PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA: 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER<br>a.   | Information Only          |
| 6:10  | 4. | CONSENT AGENDA<br>a. Minutes from April 29 and May 20, 2024 Meeting  | <b>FMC Action Desired</b> |
| 6:15  | 5. | OLD BUSINESS<br>a. Education Program Update<br>1. Green Box Hikes – July 4 and 13 (no sign ups at this time)<br>2. Bronc Day Plans Update<br>b. 2024 Chipper Program – 6/29-30 and 9/28-29 – Discussion<br>c. Monthly tip – Paul Yingling<br>d. Team Rubicon – Mitigation event tentatively last week in August<br>e. GMF resident and property owner data base update (information only)<br>f. Formation of Volunteer Groups<br>i. Block Captains<br>ii. Volunteer Data Base and Tracking | <b>FMC Action Desired</b> |
| 7:00  | 6. | NEW BUSINESS<br>a. 2025 FMAC Priorities - Budgeting and Leadership - Discussion  | Information Only          |
| 7:30  | 7. | REPORTS<br>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](mailto:clerk@gmfco.us) by 4pm on the date of the meeting.

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes**  
**Monday, April 29, 2024**  
**All Zoom meeting**

**Committee Members Present**

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

**Recording Secretary**

Absent  
(Minutes taken from Zoom recording)

**Trustee Members Present**

Don Walker

**Town Staff Present**

None

**Guests**

Ann Esch  
Fire Chief Steve Murphy  
Lauren Bishop, Fire Department  
Emergency Medical Technician

**1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER**

Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

**2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Yingling moved to adopt the March 25, 2024 minutes with no changes. Worthey seconded. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Education Update

1. Green Box hikes. 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 11145 Hondo Ave., to see a model home that

meets standards for mitigation and home ignition zones as prescribed by the Colorado State Forest Service.

2. Bronc Day No firm plans for FMAC's booth yet. In response to a query from Worthey, Hunter said past booths have offered literature about mitigating homes, encouraged people to sign up for emails from FMAC, and provided info about Chipper Days. Huizenga suggested the committee investigate producing an FMAC banner to be used for many events, starting with the Bronc Day parade. Worthey will check out the costs of producing a banner and will report back in May.

3, Wildfire Community Preparedness Day This day, sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association, is May 4. Although it is too late to build something around this for 2024, Douglas urged the committee to make sure it's on the agenda for next year.

#### 4. First Responders Appreciation Day

The Fire Department's Lauren Bishop, Huizenga and Worthey are working on planning this. Its name will be changed to reflect that the fire department's large role in this.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3, 11 am – 2 pm at the fire house. Chief Murphy and team have numerous children's activities planned, perhaps a demonstration of how to operate a fire extinguisher, and a tour of the fire house. Heidi Bailey has agreed to create a flyer to publicize the event.

Committee members held a long discussion about how to pay for hot dogs, drinks, and chips planners intend to serve at the appreciation day. Between \$400 and \$500 are needed. Thanks to the trustees' decision not to appropriate funds other than for CUSP mitigation, FMAC has no money. Ideas bandied about included asking FMAC members to each chip in \$100 (Douglas suggested, but no takers), a raffle or silent auction (Chief Murphy warned about raffle rules and silents are too much work), charging a "donation" (amount up to the donor) for the food rather than a specific amount, and approaching Green Box and the newly formed nonprofit Building Ute Pass Community for help.

Upshot: Worthey and Hunter will ask Town Manager Becky Frank for guidance on requesting the relatively small amount (\$500) from the town.

5. Manitou Middle School STEAM night Hunter reported mild – not great – interest in the FMAC table at this event. Two people signed up to receive FMAC's emails.

#### b. Monthly tip and Chipper Days

1. Yingling said the original Chipper Day flyer was revised to take off mention of Teller County. He proposed the flyer as the May Tip of the Month. Douglas moved to accept the Chipper Day flyer, with revisions, as the May Tip of the Month. Hunter seconded. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

2. Since there is no location to store slash dropped off by residents, Chief Murphy and team will take the chipper to participating homes for the June Days. Chips will be blown back onto the homeowners' yards. For the September Days, participants will be asked to drop their slash at the Joyland parking lot. Chief Murphy needs a truck to haul slash from residents who cannot do this themselves.
3. Chief Murphy needs six non-fire fighter volunteers for June Chipper Days.
- c. Database Yingling reported no change from last month's total of 81. Douglas and Hunter have additional names they'll be sending to him.
- d. Team Rubicon (TR)
  1. The team plans to work in Green Mountain Falls May 23-28.
  2. Douglas reported Laura Aroyo, the mission supervisor coordinating TR's mitigation in Green Mountain Falls, seeks places for TR volunteers to pitch tents and camp.
  3. Douglas said there are still openings on the list for residents wanting TR's help.
  4. Yingling has become a TR volunteer and will undergo sawyer training. He suggested the committee actively recruit at least 12 people in GMF to become TR volunteers and then train to become sawyers under TR. If there are 12 willing to be trained as sawyers by TR, the training can take place in GMF.
  5. Douglas noted that if TR trains and certifies GMF sawyers, this removes the issue of liability for the town.

**6. NEW BUSINESS** No new business.

**7. REPORTS** No reports.

**8. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

- a. The next meeting is Monday, May 29, 2024, 6 pm. This will be a Zoom meeting.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

**Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes  
Monday, May20, 2024  
All Zoom meeting**

**Committee Members Present**

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

**Trustee Members Present**

Don Walker

**Town Staff Present**

None

**Recording Secretary**

Carolyn Bowers

**Guest**

Nancy Dixon, Bronc Day parade  
coordinator

**1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER**

Douglas called the meeting to order at 6 pm

**2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Douglas moved to adopt the agenda with no changes. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Don Walker said a Chipita Park resident contacted him regarding logs and other fuels that remained on the Thomas Trail after the Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC) had mitigated it. She asked if there were plans to clean them up. Douglas said he understands fuels removal from mitigated areas are covered in two grants funding work by MHYC and the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) taking place this year. He will double-check this with Adrian Knight of CUSP.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from the April 29, 2024 meeting are not available yet.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Green Box hikes July 4 and July 16. Douglas asked that any committees who are around take part in the hikes and help out.

b. Bronc Day, July 27 Huizenga reported that since there is no money in the budget, plans for a banner to carry in the parade are off.

c. First Responder Appreciation Aug. 3

1. There is no money available for the event. It is too late to ask the trustees to consider a request for money at their meeting tomorrow night.

2. Nancy Dixon, Bronc Day parade coordinator, noted that Bronc Day takes place one week before the First Responder appreciation. The fire department's Touch-a-Truck and Smoky the Bear will appear at both. Noting that more than 1,000 people are expected at Bronc Day, Dixon said this could be an opportunity for the fire department to fund raise.

Douglas agreed and asked Dixon to request Bronc Day planners to place FMAC's booth near the Touch-a-Truck.

3. The committee discussed and reassessed its plan for First Responder Appreciation Day. Douglas asked that, given there is no money and it happens only a week after Bronc Day, does it really make sense. Worthey said she did not know there was no money when she agreed to help plan this event. Also, planning has felt "rushed." She suggested postponing the appreciation day for this year and make a better plan for 2025. Worthey also said the committee could look into ways to fundraise and finance events and education it wants to sponsor.

Douglas moved to table plans for the Aug. 3 First Responder Appreciation Day until 2025. In the meantime, the committee will work to plan an event that doesn't compete with other big events in GMF and requires money. Hunter and Huizenga seconded. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

d. Chipper Days June 29-30; Sept. 28-29

1. Yingling reported 13 properties and five non-fire department volunteers are signed up.

2. Since slash cannot be dropped off before the June dates, this is a problem for homes the chipper cannot reach. Yingling will talk to Chief Murphy about this.

e. June Tip of the Month Yingling moved that the Chipper Days flyer be the tip. This time it will include a hyperlink and QR code that will aid in more efficient electronic signups. Douglas seconded. Motion passed unanimously on voice vote.

f. Team Rubicon (TR) Douglas said a Covid outbreak among TR volunteers has forced cancellation of TR's planned mitigation work in GMF May 23-28. TR's schedule is full, so the GMF work is indefinitely on hold until further notice.

g. Database. Yingling reported the database has grown to 97 members. It grew by 30 per cent between April and May. Yingling thanked whoever helped boost those numbers.

h. Volunteer groups. No progress.

i. Block captains. No progress. Yingling said Chipper Days may be a good time to recruit block captains from among that event's volunteers.

**6. NEW BUSINESS** No new business.

**7. REPORTS** No reports

**8. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is Monday, June 24, 6 pm. This will be a hybrid in person /Zoom meeting at Town Hall. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

# GMF Fire Mitigation Tip

July 2024



## Fire Information

### El Paso County Sheriff's Office

For more information, including current fire restrictions, go to <https://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com/services/fire-information>

Know, listen, and follow emergency instructions! During times of an emergency, it is critical to understand the terminology used by public safety officials. All emergency notifications from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office will utilize the same terms regardless of the hazard. It is your responsibility to be familiar with these terms because they can save your life.

### Pre-Evacuation Warning

**Public safety officials may issue a Pre-evacuation Warning for your area. This means that there is a high probability that you will be ordered to evacuate.**

You need to act immediately to prepare to leave

If you need transportation assistance, arrange it now

If you need additional time to evacuate, get prepared to leave now

If you are in a Pre-evacuation Warning area, YOU DO NOT have to wait to be ordered to leave, get your things together, and get moving

Continue listening to local radio, television, or the official agency social media outlets for further instructions

### Evacuation Order

**Public safety officials will issue an Evacuation Order if your area is in imminent danger.**

If you receive an Evacuation Order, you must leave IMMEDIATELY

If you are not at your home when an Evacuation Order is given, DO NOT try to go home

Continue to listen to local radio, television, or the official agency social media outlets for further instruction

### Shelter-in-Place

**Public safety officials may advise you to Shelter-in-Place. This means that the best way to stay safe in an emergency is to get inside a building or vehicle.**

Where you should stay can be different for different types of emergencies

Act quickly and with purpose

Continue to listen to local radio, television, or the official agency social media outlets for further instruction

For those in Teller County, go to <https://www.tellercounty.gov/Fire-Information>