



Town of Green Mountain Falls

Regular Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

August 28th, 2023 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	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 June 26th and July 24th Meeting	FMC Action Desired
6:15	5.	OLD BUSINESS a. CUSP SFA and FRWRM Grant Projects – Update, David Douglas b. Committee Input to Strategic Plan Review and Discussion – Paul Yingling c. Education Program Update d. Red Cross program - Update e. Monthly tip – (Chipper Flyer) Paul Yingling f. September Chipper Day publicity/volunteers g. GMF resident and property owner data base update (information only) h. Formation of Volunteer Groups i. Block Captains ii. Volunteer Data Base and Tracking	FMC Action Desired
7:00	6.	NEW BUSINESS a. MHYC Grant Application b. KFF Grant Application c. Slash drop off program (Spring 2024) – Lisa Huizenga d. 2024 Budget Discussion and Develop Recommendations e. CWPP Update discussion	FMC Action Desired
8:00	7.	REPORTS a. None	Information Only
8:00	8.	CORRESPONDENCE a. John Bell email to Mayor Dixon b. Adrian Knight email to David Douglas (2) c. John Bell email to David Douglas d. John Bell email to Paul Yingling e. Lara Thomas email to David Douglas	Information Only

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Becky Frank CWPP email g. Cori Tanner email 	
9:10	9.	ADJOURN	Information Only

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Town of Green Mountain Falls
Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes
Monday, June 26, 2023, 6 pm Mountain time

Committee Members Present

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

Board of Trustee member

None

Town Staff

None

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL 6:10 pm Mountain time

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA Bell moved to move item 6C to New Business. Hunter seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT There was no one attending on Zoom or in person.

4. CONSENT AGENDA Minutes from May 29 meeting were read by Douglas, motion made by Hunter to approve, seconded by Huizenga. Passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) grant rights of way (ROWS) remediation project update, David Douglas

Boundary marking: The town is alright with moving ahead on ROW remediation and has solicited bids. Once CUSP accepts the bid the work will proceed.

Release Agreement returns: Bell reported 80+ agreements were returned.

CUSP Identified ROW work plan: The goal for remediation is the end of July.

b. Lisa Huizenga was unanimously approved by BOT at their last meeting as FMAC's newest member.

6. EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Recent Developments – Mitigation Training **CO-CO** – Bell said the North Florissant Colorado Posse (NoFloCo) declined to do training. COCO may be willing to do a 3-hr. training for 20-25 people. Bell will contact COCO to establish date and time for training.

b. Neighbor-to-Neighbor program. Yingling moved for FMAC to adopt Neighbor to Neighbor fire mitigation activities as a formal part of FMAC portfolio of activities. There was no second for this motion. Motion failed.

c. Red Cross program update – Hunter said the Red Cross reported they visited 25 homes for their pilot program and installed 35 smoke detectors. Cori Tanner of Red Cross said the verbal feedback she received was very appreciative. There will be a survey emailed soon to all the recipients.

d. Tip of the Month Yingling said there is an opportunity for deductibility on taxes for fire mitigation. Bell moved to accept this as the July monthly tip. Hunter seconded. Passed unanimously.

e. Bronc Day booth logistics – Bell and Hunter Volunteers will set booth up (provided by Chamber) before parade. The booth will remain open as long as it has volunteers.

f. Chipper Day sign ups and volunteers – Yingling and Bell The next Chipper Days will be Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17. Opportunities to sign up will be sent by email, Mayor’s newsletter, Facebook, and Bronc Day booth. Eight volunteers total will be needed for the two days.

7. GMF RESIDENT AND PROPERTY OWNER DATA BASE UPDATE Information only

8. GREEN BOX MAYOR’S FORUM TOPICS

- a. Douglas noted that at least two-thirds of the forum attendees were visitors; the rest were residents. He suggested that we would do better not to use scare tactics about fire danger. Rather, we should highlight work that has been achieved over the last year toward making Green Mountain Falls safer. Motion to adopt this topic made by Hunter, seconded by Yingling. Passed unanimously.
- b. Green Box Hikes take place July 1 and 2. They will start at the Farm Stand and Bell will lead them. Their purpose is to educate participants on fire mitigation by using both good and bad examples.

9. FORMATION OF VOLUNTEER GROUPS

- a. Block Captains: Huizenga and Bell renamed these volunteers Block Ambassadors and came up with a much simpler description of duties.
- b. Volunteer recruitment. Information will be available at the Bronc Day booth.

10. NEXT MEETING Monday, July 24 prior to Bronc Day to allow for updates.

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:33 pm Mountain time

Town of Green Mountain Falls
Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee meeting minutes
Monday, July 24, 2023, 6 pm Mountain time

Committee Members Present

Chair David Douglas
Vice Chair Paul Yingling
Member John Bell
Member Kelly Hunter
Member Lisa Huizenga

Trustee Members

None

Town Staff

None

Recording Secretary

Carolyn Bowers (on Zoom)

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

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Douglas wants to make comments regarding the three committees' (FMAC, PRT, Planning) presentation to the Board of Trustees Tuesday, July X. These comments are about the committees' recommendations regarding the Capital Improvement Plans and the Strategic Plan. Kelly Hunter moved that Chair Douglas' comments be included as 5a under Old Business; John Bell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS None

4. CONSENT AGENDA Minutes for the June 26, 2023 meeting not yet available.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Feedback from Committee Reports Regarding Strategic Planning and Capitol Improvements.

Chair Douglas reported that he had received negative feedback, mostly from town staff, on the committees' presentations at the Board of Trustees July 18 meeting. Town Manager Becky Frank and Town Clerk Bo Ayad felt they had been "blindsided" by the committee reports and had been attacked personally by them. Douglas challenged the "blindsided" charge, noting that each committee had held separate public meetings with facilitator Paul Yingling to come up with recommendations. After that, the three committee chairs met with Yingling – also a public meeting -- to determine areas of agreement and disagreement. The committee chairs signed off on the final document. A summary of the report was sent to Frank, Ayad and Mayor Todd Dixon on May 31.

Yingling noted that the document did not go back to the committees for review as that would have added three months to the process.

Douglas said he met with Frank and Ayad Friday, July 21, and told them his comments had been anecdotal and meant to support points in the committees' report. Comments he made about the pool's priority status were not in FMAC's lane, he acknowledged. He said the meeting ended on a positive note.

“I deeply regret that any of my comments made people feel they were personally attacked, that I was unfaithful to this committee with my comments. I want to offer my apologies if I was offensive in any way,” Douglas said.

Yingling reiterated that the three committees’ identification of fire mitigation, road maintenance and enforcement of ordinances as Green Mountain Falls’ core public safety functions is still valid.

b, CUSP Grant ROW Remediation Project – Update, David Douglas

Contractors began work today on mitigating rights-of-way (ROWS) under the direction of the Coalition for the Upper South Platte River (CUSP) forester Adrian Knight. Douglas estimates that about 5.8 acres of ROWS will be cleared of fuels, out of 14 acres that need them. That’s because the town budgeted only \$15,000 to pay for its share of the mitigation. Each acre costs on average \$4250 to mitigate. The town is paying for 60 per cent of the work; CUSP pays 40 per cent.

c. Education Program and Update and Recommendation

Bell moved the committee accept a 45-minute video produced by the North Florissant, CO Posse (NoFloCo) as its vehicle to educate GMF residents on its priorities and to show how to mitigate their homes. Hunter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Hunter will be in charge of arranging a community meeting to show the video. It will likely be at Church in the Wildwood in August.

d. Recent Developments – Mitigation Training CO-CO – John Bell

Bell said that if the NoFloCo video satisfies the committee’s training needs, there may be no need to pursue further training with Co-Co. Members agreed. No vote was taken.

i. e. Red Cross Program

Douglas said he is disappointed by the Red Cross’s delivery of the pilot program for mitigating homes in GMF and its lack of response to residents who want to participate. He is going to call Cori Tanner, disaster program manager for the Red Cross’ Colorado and Wyoming region, for guidance on what to tell residents.

f. Bronc Day

Use of SignUp Genius yielded no volunteers for the FMAC booth. \

Members discussed logistics of setting up the booth and information materials for distributing at it.

g. September Chipper Day publicity/volunteers

The committee discussed Lisa Huizenga’s comment that she and others don’t participate in Chipper Day because the chipper can’t reach her house and that there is nowhere to put finished chips. She suggested stacking slash in piles in locations the chipper can reach.

Bell moved that, in anticipation of the September Chipper Days, the committee work with the town to designate a location that will place both unwanted chips and slash from areas the chipper cannot navigate. Hunter seconded. Passed unanimously.

Bell then moved that the committee coordinate with the GMF fire department in moving slash piles to the designated spot. Hunter seconded. Passed unanimously.

Yingling noted that fire mitigation's inclusion as one of GMF's three top priorities means the town's Public Works vehicles can be used for transporting slash.

Huizenga will be the volunteer coordinator for this project.

h. GMF resident and property owner data base update (information only)
61 people have signed up for the data base.

i. Formation of Volunteer Groups

Block Captains Yingling introduced Ed Johnson (Cottage St. & Iona Ave.) who is interested in becoming a block captain. He's attending the meeting to learn about FMAC and what it does,

Yingling said appeals to recruit block captains through Tip of the Month has no traction. He suggests committee members personally contact potential block captains.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Douglas noted that the committee voted at its June meeting to not make the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program part of FMAC.

Huizenga asked if there would be releases of liability for volunteers working on Chipper Days. Yingling said he was not asked to sign a liability release when he worked the chipper. He said we risk "self-deterrence" if we manufacture concerns about liability. There's a real risk of "paralysis" if we worry about liability. If the lawyers tell us to stop, we should stop, he said. But going on neighbors' properties to "pick up sticks" == that's a very low-risk activity. He doesn't want concerns about liability to keep them from helping their neighbors. Douglas agreed, noting that the town's concern centers on operating dangerous equipment.

Grants

David moved that in lieu of creating a volunteer group to write grants that the committee will rotate responsibilities for helping write them. Bell seconded. Douglas, Bell, Huizenga, Yingling voted aye; Hunter nay.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. The town has submitted an application to Mile High Youth Corps for the CoSwap grant in 2024.

b. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) – Discussion David said grants are going to be more contingent upon updated CWPPs. One exists encompassing Crystola, GMF, Chipita Park, maybe Cascade. However, it's 12 years old, and needs updating. Laura Thomas, CUSP, is writing Teller County's CWPP and has offered to help us. Douglas is following up with her.

c. Fire-Adapted Communities Douglas sent out website to guide FMAC members on work involved in becoming a fire-adapted community and living with fire. Stresses individual responsibility.

7. REPORTS None

8. ADJOURNMENT 7:56 pm Mountain time

2020	Project	Estimated Cost (\$1,000)	Possible Funding Sources G3:K22G3:L23A2A3:K63G3:A3:K71	Status Update
	Public Restroom Upgrade	\$19	GF	Potential Funding through Stimulus
	Repair Maple Street Bridge	\$35	Funded DOLA/GF GF	COMPLETED - DOLA/GMF Funded - Flood Recovery Project 2020
	Lake Improve Water Quality (clear up muddy water)	--	GF GF GF	Work Funded to be completed with Lake Wall & Drain Repair
	Lake Divert SW from Hotel Street to Fountain Creek	\$13	Funded by Fishing is Fun/GF GF	PPRTA Ballot November 2022
	Lake Divert SW from Ute Pass Avenue to Creek	\$8	GF GF GF	PPRTA Ballot November 2022
	Lake Divert SW from Foster Avenue to Fountain Creek	\$5	Funded by CDBG GF match DOLA/GF GF	PPRTA Ballot November 2022
	Lake Sediment Dredging (after SW diversions)	\$23	Funded-PPRTA "A" List Funded by private donation TC	PPRTA Ballot November 2022
	Lake Inlet Valves Automated Controls	\$12	PD (For pool & Sallie Bush) GF	COMPLETED - Funded by Colorado Parks & Wildlife Fishing Is Fun Grant
	Town Hall Monumental Sign	\$8		Collaborating with Fire Department on Combined Sign In Progress
	Town Hall Increase Parking and Pave	\$9		COMPLETED - GMF General Fund
	Lake ADA Fishing Pier	\$10		El Paso County Community Development Block Grant - Application Processing In Progress
	El Paso Trail Road Drainage Improvements	\$41		PPRTA Ballot November 2022
	Iona Avenue Drainage/Road Repairs	\$32		PPRTA Ballot November 2022
	Stilling Basins (roadway drainage improvements)	\$66		Work Funded by PPRTA - Project in Progress
	Replace Altitude Sign at Hotel Street	\$3		
	Construct Trail Red Devil Mountain	\$7		COMPLETED - Red Devil Mountain Annexation 2020
	Increase Parking Capacity Along Pool Park Fence	\$5		Work Scheduled In Progress
	Replace Steel Culverts Town-wide (Phase 1)	\$10		Need a Comprehensive Roads Plan - Grant Application Submitted to DOLA Sept 3, 2021
2021	Project	Estimated Cost (\$1,000)	Possible Funding Sources	Status Update
	Flood Control North end of Oak Street	\$425	FCWFCD Project #24	FCWFCD funding is 50/50 match
	Flood Control Armor Creek at GMF Road Bridge	\$100	FCWFCD Project #23	FCWFCD funding is 50/50 match
	Flood Control Bank Stabilization in Gazebo Park	\$150	FCWFCD	FCWFCD funding is 50/50 match
	Flood Control Replace El Paso Avenue East Crossing	\$60	FCWFCD Project #24	FCWFCD funding is 50/50 match
	Lake Reconfigure Outlet and Overflow	\$50	GOCO	El Paso County Community Development Block Grant - Application Processing In Progress
	Lake Replace Walls at East and South ends	\$40		El Paso County Community Development Block Grant - Application Processing In Progress
	Lake Armor West Shore New Path Installation	\$5	TC Volunteers	El Paso County Community Development Block Grant - Application Processing In Progress
	Gazebo Park Ground Cover West and South Banks	\$10		
	Gazebo Park Island Landscaping	\$10		
	Pool Park Irrigation System	\$20	GOCO	Backflow Preventor Installation In Progress
	Pool Park Restrooms	\$60	COGO/PD	
	Community Events Information Board	\$9	Chamber and Donations	Wayfinding Signage Project In Progress - funded by Kirkpatrick Foundation Grant
	Replace Bridge Oak Street	\$30		PPRTA Ballot November 2022
	Plant Trees Arbor Day	\$5	PD	
	Replace Steel Culverts Town-wide (Phase 2)	\$10		Need a Comprehensive Roads Plan - Grant Application Submitted to DOLA Sept 3, 2021
	Renovate Old Marshal's Office	\$30	GF/PD	Potential History Colorado Grant Funding - Need a Historical Preservation Board to Champion

2022	Project	Estimated Cost (\$1,000)	Possible Funding Sources	Status Update
	Flood Control Detention Pond on Crystal Creek	\$350	FCWFCD Project #25 Flood	FCWFCD funding is 50/50 match
	Flood Control Replace Bridge at Hotel Street	\$506	FCWFCD Project #26 Flood	FCWFCD funding is 50/50 match
	Flood Control Bank Stabilization Behind Motel	\$100	FCWFCD Project #27 Flood	FCWFCD funding is 50/50 match
	Upgrade Park Playground	\$15	GOCO Grant/PD	Next Step Parks, Rec, & Trails Advisory Board Community Outreach - Prep for Grant Application Submittal
	Streetscaping Ute Pass Avenue with Traffic Calming	\$250	SAFET	
	Historic Interpretive Panels	\$25	UPHS/PD	
	Plant Trees on Arbor Day	\$5	PD	
	Construct Trail at Livengood Gulch	\$8	TC	Parks, Recreation, & Trails Advisory Board
	Construct Spur Trail to Empire Power Plant site	\$5	TC	Parks, Recreation, & Trails Advisory Board
2023	Project	Estimated Cost (\$1,000)	Possible Funding Sources	Status Update
	Renovate Swim Pool	\$80	GOCO	Next Step Parks, Rec, & Trails Advisory Board Community Outreach - Prep for Grant Application Submittal PPRTA Ballot November 2022
	Ute Pass Avenue Overlay Construct Trail at Mt. Rebecca	\$300	PPRTA-Priority "B" List FOTP/TC/MHYC	
		\$15		
2024	Project	Estimated Cost (\$1,000)	Possible Funding Sources	Status Update
	Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement (several) Replace Bridge Ute Pass Avenue at Crystal Creek	\$123 \$300	PPRTA-Priority "B" List PPRTA/CDOT	PPRTA Ballot November 2022
2025	Project	Estimated Cost (\$1,000)	Possible Funding Sources	Status Update
	Gazebo Park-Island Bridge Replacement	\$8	GF	
2026	Project	Estimated cost (\$1,000)	Possible Funding Sources	Status Update
	Construct Trail Kirkpatrick to Mt. Esther	\$12	TC	Parks, Recreation, & Trails Advisory Board

2027	Project	Estimated cost (\$1,000)	Possible Funding Sources	Status Update
	Construct Trail- Crystal Trail to Crystal Reservoir	\$10	TC/FOTP	Parks, Recreation, & Trails Advisory Board
2028	Project	Estimated cost (\$1,000)	Possible Funding Sources	Status Update
	Restore Crystal Falls at Hydro Plant (flume)	\$30	UPHS/PD	Parks, Recreation, & Trails Advisory Board
2029	Project	Estimated cost (\$1,000)	Possible Funding Sources	Status Update
	Gazebo Park-Pavilion/ Stage	\$70	GOCO/PD	Parks, Recreation, & Trails Advisory Board - Potential GOCO/CDBG Grant Opportunities

* KEY TO FUNDING SOURCES

- CSU** Colorado Springs Utilities
- CDBG** HUD Community Development Block Grants
- DOW** State Dept of Wildlife
- DOLA** State Dept of Local Affairs **FIF** Fishing is Fun (DOW)
- GF** GMF General Fund
- TF** GMF Trails Funds
- GOCO** Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
- HGMFF** Historic GMF Foundation
- PD** Private Donations
- PPCF** Pikes Peak Community Foundation
- PPRTA** Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority
- FCWFCD** Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control District
- ST** State Trails Fund
- SAFET** Transportation Enhancement Funds
- UPHS** Ute Pass Historical Society

Recommended Addition	Rationale	Priority
3.3, 5.1 Sidewalk improvement. Aesthetic improvement	Improve aesthetics	2
5.3, 5.7 Cell service improvements		3
5.6 Downtown Sewer System		4
Survey town rights of way		
Public restrooms		
Anticipatory budgeting		
4.3 Spillover parking		5
Enforcement of code		1

Gazebo Park-Island Bridge Replacement		2
"2.4. Conduct hazard assessments for homeowners; use Firewise or similar door tags."		1
Gazebo Park-Pavilion/ Stage		3

If GMF is not awarded Forestry grant, then GMF needs to finance the proposed training and equipment for a resident-run fire mitigation team	A small 10-15k investment in training / equipment will deliver mitigation results residents will themselves not pay for.	High
Evaluate and increase width of roads critical for emergency egress	Many residents have a single one-lane road for evacuation, which can be obstructed easily.	Medium
Enforce nuisance tree ordinance	There is a high density of nuisance trees in GMF due to years of deferred management.	Medium
Hire an intern dedicated to Fire Mitigation volunteer coordination - coordinate training, volunteer work days, work site, and workers for each volunteer event.	There is an interest and need to develop a cadre of volunteers. The task is time consuming and the FMAC's capacity is very limited	High
Widening Roads		
Safe spaces for firefighters/ and residents		

Recommended Deletion	Rationale	Priority
1.6 Recycling program	Redundant	1
Supplemental water storage	Impractical	2
2.8 Breakaway gates	Impractical	3
5.5 Bicycle infrastructure	Not needed	4
3.9 Shuttle bus	Impractical	5

Strategy Assessment

Instructions: Review the strategies below, providing assessments, making recommendations, and suggesting refinements as necessary. You need not comment on strategies that you are not familiar with or lie outside your committee's purview.

1. Our History: "A rustic town that is celebrated for rich, multi-generational history, small community charm, and immediate access to an unmatched trail system."

Strategy	Assessment: Did we accomplish this goal?	Recommendation: if not, what should we do to accomplish this goal?	Refinement: How should we change this goal?
1.1 Develop a permanent ADA activity area for children and youth such as an art installation for hide and seek or a skate park.			
1.2. Establish a façade improvement and Downtown revitalization program.			I agree with this but I understand the downtown businesses are opposed.
1.3. Create and maintain a list of funding sources and grant application opportunities for recreational and cultural enhancements, detailing deadlines, requirements, and available funding.			Include wildfire related grants in the list of funding sources.
1.4. Connect the American Discovery Trail through Downtown and identify other locations for future connections.			I agree with this.
1.5. Distribute tourism information and event posters and brochures at the Marshal's office and land office.			I agree with this.
1.6. Establish a recycling program with sustainability outreach, education, and materials collection			

2. Our Health: "A town that proactively preserves and enhances the aspects of our narrow mountain valley environment, providing residents with a scenic, low-stress lifestyle."

Strategy	Assessment: Did we accomplish this goal?	Recommendation: if not, what should we do to accomplish this goal?	Refinement: How should we change this goal?
Identify strategic locations within and adjacent to GMF for temporary supplemental water storage during fire season to support existing or non-hydranted areas.	No.		Delete.
2.1. Develop wildfire public education brochures that build off existing documents (e.g., "Living with Wildfire" booklet).	FMAC has distributed and made available CSFS brochures. Brochures are not the answer. Training in fire fuels mitigation should be the primary outreach to private property owners.		Replace with "Sustain wildfire public education campaign, including monthly tips to prevent wildfire
2.2. Work with landmanagement agencies for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of a green-waste disposal site within reasonable proximity Green Mountain Falls.	No.	Joint project w/ HGMFF	This should be done in conjunction with HGMFF to provide a source of chipped green waste for the horse rescue facility.
2.3. Build on existing documents to create fire safety and fire-awareness posters for public places.	This has been undertaken by FMAC. Brochures are not effective tools for education. Public education should be conducted in seminars and symposiums to show property owners how a why.		Create multi-tiered fire education system: 1. Public information 2. Courtesy Assessment 3. Community assistance 4. Code violation warning. 5. Code violation enforcement
2.4. Conduct hazard assessments for homeowners; use Firewise or similar door tags.	Currently available.	Develop trained volunteers. Hire paid staff	
2.5. Install and maintain roadside fire-danger warning signs and other informational and directional road signs along major roads.			
2.6. Work with El Paso County Emergency Management and Colorado State Patrol to develop a notification and evacuation plan for the community.	Evacuation plan complete. Ongoing refinement.		
2.7. Work with utility and transportation agencies on vegetative management treatments within and adjacent to utility corridors where opportunities exist on private lands.			
2.8. Install break-away gates at the end of Hondo and Belvedere that can be used for evacuation in the event of an emergency. Investigate bridge stability between gates.	No. Not practical.		
2.9. Require that information on preferred evacuation routes be provided in all short-term rental units.	Available.		This needs to be implemented by the BoT
2.10. Install sediment traps to improve water quality in the Lake.			
2.11. Use FEMA Buy-Out program to establish greenway entrance in the floodplain.			

3. Our Economy: "A town that promotes economic sustainability through continued support of our home-grown businesses, with expansion of strategic, small-scale, daily services that contributes to our character and resilience."

3.1. Install electrical outlets at the Lake to facilitate concerts and community events.			
3.2. Market the old fire station to developers and business owners to attract part time medical uses, outdoor supply shop, or convenience/ grocery uses.	Already done by private entity?		
3.3. Prioritize and implement sidewalk and patio improvements in the commercial area.			
3.4. Develop a parking and trail finder smartphone application.			
3.5. Update wayfinding signs to direct residents and visitors to community destinations.	Already done?		
3.6. Update the Town's web presence, social media campaign, and branding to promote the Town and notable events.			
3.7. Initiate a utilization and efficiency study of structures in the Downtown area and propose greater uses for underutilized structures.			
3.8. Conduct a commercial/ retail needs assessment and targeted industry analysis for the Ute Pass region with neighboring communities.			
3.9. Investigate the feasibility of funding a shuttle for tourists and hikers.			
3.10. Construct gateway features such as landscaping, welcome signs, or lighting.			
4. Our Development: "An appropriately-sized, safe community, home to a mix of residential, commercial, recreational, and cultural uses that together, generate a high quality of life."			
Strategy	Assessment: Did we accomplish this goal?	Recommendation: if not, what should we do to accomplish this goal?	Refinement: How should we change this goal?
4.1. Incentivize Downtown densification to promote more Downtown business.			
4.2. Update the Land Use Code to allow higher Downtown density, higher lot coverage, and apartments above commercial spaces.	Complete?		
4.3. Identify appropriate location for temporary and spillover parking from peak hiking days and community events.			
4.4. Consider the use of conservation easements on key undeveloped properties surrounding the Town.	Hasn't this been accomplished by HGMFF?		
5. Our Infrastructure: "A town with an efficient, consistent level of public services, with a focus on neighbor helping neighbor."			
Strategy	Assessment: Did we accomplish this goal?	Recommendation: if not, what should we do to accomplish this goal?	Refinement: How should we change this goal?
5.1. Install a wide sidewalk or multiuse path to connect Town Hall to Downtown.			
5.2. Prioritize and complete missing sidewalk connections throughout Town.			
5.3. Study the feasibility of providing free access to Wi-Fi around Downtown and the Lake.			
5.4. Apply for grant funding to supplement Town infrastructure projects.			
5.5. Identify the most feasible and appropriate locations for additional bicycle infrastructure in Town.			
5.6. Study feasibility of small Downtown sewer system to support businesses and hotels.			
5.7. Investigate methods of improving cellular service.			





FREE Teller County 2023 CHIPPING PROGRAM

Protect Your Home from Wildfire



PARTICIPATING FIRE DEPARTMENTS

NETCO:

(719) 687-1866

GREEN MOUNTAIN FALLS:

chippersignup@gmail.com

MOUNTAIN

COMMUNITIES:

(719) 687-1389

DIVIDE:

(719) 687-8773

FLORISSANT:

(719) 748-3909

FOUR-MILE:

(719) 689-3417

CRIPPLE CREEK:

(719) 689-0240

VICTOR:

(719) 689-2284

Teller County and local Fire Departments are 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 fire-wood 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.

Dial 911 for
Emergencies!

PROPERLY
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IMPROPERLY
STACKED PILE





CHIPPING PROGRAM

Green Mountain Falls/Chipita Park Schedule

Green Mountain Falls & Chipita Park



**Saturday, September 16th &
Sunday September 17th**

Residents may register by emailing name and address
to chippersignup@gmail.com no later than
Monday September 11th, 2023

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, September 13th.**

***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.

From: [Kirkpatrick Family Fund](#)
To: [Becky Frank](#)
Subject: LOI Approval & Invitation to Submit Full Proposal
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023 8:08:47 AM

Dear Applicant,

The Kirkpatrick Family Fund is pleased to invite your organization to submit a full grant proposal for the program/project as outlined in your Letter of Inquiry.

There is sufficient interest in your program that we would like more information to evaluate whether your program meets our highest funding priorities. Please be advised, however, that this invitation to submit a full proposal does not imply a guarantee of funding.

Please log in to the Kirkpatrick Family Fund online grants system to access the full application [here](#). The full application will be available on your applicant dashboard.

We look forward to reviewing your grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Julia Witcher
Grants Specialist
Kirkpatrick Family Fund
(405) 767-3709

Applicant Information

Becky Frank

P.O. Box 524; 10615 Green Mountain Falls Rd.
Green Mountain Falls Rd
Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819
719-684-9414 x5
manager@gmfco.us

Organization: Town of Green Mountain Falls

Form Name: KFF Large Grant Application Form
Process Name: FY 2024 KFF Large Project Grant Application
Project Name: GMF Fire Fuels Mitigation



Conservation Service Corps Grants

Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) and the Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) are pleased to announce the release of the 2024 Conservation Service Corps grant cycle **with up to \$1.2 million in funding** for outdoor recreation, stewardship, and restoration projects completed by conservation service corps members. The goal of these funds is to employ youth and young adults (ages 14-25) throughout the state on critical outdoor recreation and natural resource stewardship projects using the network of conservation service corps accredited by CYCA.

BACKGROUND: Colorado's iconic public lands and natural resources are essential for communities across the state. The U.S. Department of Commerce found that outdoor recreation in Colorado contributed \$11.6 billion to the national gross domestic product and generated more than 125,000 jobs. However, the relatively low unemployment in our state belies that youth and young adults lag behind these circumstances and suffer longer-term impacts on their economic circumstances.

Just as young people are ready and eager to work, our public and protected lands require constant maintenance to ensure they remain accessible. 92% of Coloradans participate in some form of outdoor recreation activity every year—5.2 million people—and 64% recreate outdoors once a week. This growing engagement is matched by increasing challenges to our iconic resources. Our outdoor recreation infrastructure, such as trails and campgrounds, need more expansion and/or maintenance than ever. Climate change is producing conditions conducive to wildfires and the spread of invasive species threaten riparian areas and critical water flow.

Conservation service corps in Colorado engage more than 1,600 members annually to perform land, water, and energy projects to conserve resources and steward public lands. These efforts help mitigate the threat of natural disasters, such as flooding and wildfire; return delicate ecosystems back to balance; and maintain recreation infrastructure so they remain accessible for all.

ABOUT US: Since 1992, GOCO has been investing a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the state's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers, and open spaces. Our independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created by voters, GOCO has committed more than \$1.4 billion in Lottery proceeds to more than 5,600 projects in all 64 counties without a single dollar coming from taxpayers' pockets. For more information, please visit www.GOCO.org.

CYCA is a statewide coalition of 8 conservation service corps that employ and train youth, young adults, and veterans on land, water, and energy conservation projects. Corps are a proven strategy for engaging young people in service to their communities and stewardship of their environment while cultivating in them valuable skills to meet the challenges of the 21st century. For more information about conservation service corps, or to find the accredited conservation corps that serves your region, please go to www.CYCA.org.

General Guidance and Grant Information

IMPORTANT DATES: Applicants must submit applications to CYCA no later than 4:00pm on Wednesday, July 26th, 2023. *We strongly encourage early submissions to avoid missing the application deadline.* The GOCO Board will make grant awards in early December. Successful applicants shall have one year from the award date to complete the proposed project and submit final documentation.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS: After receiving an application, CYCA partners with GOCO staff and outside peer reviewers to review applications, assess the merits of each project based on the applicant submission, and develop a consensus on which projects to fund. The proposal review committee reserves the right to request additional or clarifying information; and/or request revisions on any component of the application.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY: This program is open to the following entities eligible to receive GOCO open space and/or local government funds:

- a) Colorado municipality or county
- b) Political subdivision of the State of Colorado that includes in its mission the identification, acquisition, or management of open space and natural areas
- c) Title 32 special district eligible to receive distributions from the Conservation Trust Fund
- d) 501(c)(3) non-profit land conservation organization that includes in its mission the identification, acquisition, or management of open space and natural areas, e.g., land trusts

PROJECT/PROPERTY ELIGIBILITY:

- a) Applicants must apply for a minimum of **two weeks of conservation service corps work**. One week of work consists of a minimum of 320 hours of labor (8 people for 40 hours each, for example) inclusive of one-way travel and 4-5 hours per week of on-site education activities for the crew.
- b) The project's primary objective must consist of enhancing/restoring open space, wildlife habitat, or other ecosystem (e.g. noxious weed removal, forest health, fire recovery, flood recovery, riparian restoration, etc.) or constructing/enhancing/restoring trails or other passive recreational infrastructure including signs, fences, tent pads, etc.

Please note: We welcome forest health projects with impacts beyond defensible space where outcomes enhance or restore open space, wildlife habitat, or improve other ecosystem considerations.

- c) The project must occur on land owned or controlled by a:
 - i. municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the state;
 - ii. land trust or other private party when the land is permanently protected by a conservation easement or other permanent use restriction; or
 - iii. federal agency

Please note: while federal agencies are not an eligible applicant, projects that occur on federally-managed land are permissible if they are to perform stewardship or restoration projects; or develop improvements for or stewardship of passive recreation, e.g. soft surface trails. The applicant must be a local government or open space organization and they must clearly demonstrate how their community will benefit from the project—such as demonstrable impact on the local economy, improvement of an interconnected riparian area, etc.

- d) Projects must provide a public benefit and comply with any conservation easement, other use restriction, or government policies or procedures concerning management of the property's resources.
- e) Applicant must demonstrate capacity to host a conservation service corps crew, and coordinate closely with the corps in advance of submitting a proposal, to ensure the project is appropriate

TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION: Successful applicants must complete the proposed work within one year of the grant award date. Applicants must respond to a CYCA-generated project evaluation upon completion of the project. GOCO may deauthorize a grant if the project is not completed within that time, or by any extended period of time authorized by staff or the board.

COSTS AND MATCH: The table below provides a brief description of available crews and the weekly rates for each crew. Please only include requests for conservation service corps labor; materials, equipment, staff time, and any other costs are ineligible for funding but may serve as match. Please discuss any potential project expenses with GOCO to determine the eligibility of those expenses prior to applying. Applications require a minimum of 10% match, 100% of which can be in-kind and may be from the applicant, the conservation service corps, or other contributing project partners. If the applicant is unable to meet this match requirement, please reach out to CYCA to discuss a match waiver justification.

Weekly Crew Rates:		
Day Crew	crews go home each night and travel to the project daily	\$8,600/week
Camping Crew	crews camp at or near the project, sponsors should work with the conservation service corps to help secure free camping	\$9,350/week
Chainsaw and/or Herbicide Application Crew	includes day crew and camping crews, 80% of the crew is chainsaw trained, or meets state herbicide application compliance requirements	\$11,100/week

WORKING WITH A CONSERVATION SERVICE CORPS:

From project planning to completion, it is easy to use a conservation service corps. Corps are high-capacity organizations that are well-prepared; they arrive with the equipment, skills and supervision to succeed. After talking with a potential sponsor, the conservation service corps will match the right type of crew for the project.

Typical projects include:

- constructing and maintaining Colorado’s trail system
- improving outdoor recreation amenities such as playgrounds and parks
- forest health
- restoring wildlife habitat
- installing and dismantling fences
- mitigating and removing invasive species (Gamble Oak/Mistletoe)

Shared Project Responsibility

Hosting a conservation service corps requires cooperation, communication, and shared responsibility. Many sponsors ask, “what do I need to provide?” The chart below details how corps generally share responsibility. Of course, a project may require a different breakdown of responsibilities which you can discuss with corps staff as you plan the project.

Conservation Service Corps Responsibilities	Project Sponsor Responsibilities
Pre-project walk-through with sponsor’s staff	Project planning
Adult supervision	Pre-project walk-through with corps staff
Youth/young adult crew (at least 8 people and 320 hours of labor)	Specialty tools (if necessary)
Basic tools	Sponsor staff person available to answer questions and check work regularly
Transportation	Complete an end-of-project evaluation

Camp equipment & food (if necessary)	Access to free camping (if necessary)
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What Conservation Service Corps Are

- Youth, young adult and veteran workforce development programs
- Programs focused on developing youth and young adults through service
- Programs focused on providing veterans experience for post-service conservation careers
- Programs focused on environmental education and ethic of stewardship

What Conservation Service Corps Are Not

- Professional contract-work crews
- Volunteer programs
- Recreation or summer camp programs
- Court-ordered or juvenile-offender diversion programs
- Wilderness therapy or mental health counseling

PROJECT PROMOTION: Applicant must agree to promote a funded project using social and traditional media.

CONTACT: We encourage you to thoroughly review all application materials and to discuss any questions or concerns that arise throughout the process in advance of submitting your proposal. We look forward to working with you!

Please direct questions about applicant or project eligibility to:

Sammie George
GOCO Program Officer
720.576.4112
sgeorge@goco.org

For all other inquiries, please contact:

Scott Segerstrom
Executive Director
303.863.0604
ssegerstrom@cyca.org

To locate and contact the conservation service corps serving your area, please visit <https://www.cyca.org/hire-a-corps/>

Submit the following documents to Nancy Weil, nweil@cyca.org. CYCA strongly encourages submission via email but please contact CYCA if you wish to submit via an alternative means, e.g. fax, standard mail, FedEx, in-person, etc.

Document 1: Full Project Proposal

Please submit a single document (PDF preferred) comprised of the following in the order listed:

- Summary Form
- Proposal Narrative *Please include the HEADINGS with your answers; limited to THREE (3) pages*
- Proposals should include at least TWO (2) maps: 1) a project location map showing the general location and surrounding context, and 2) a detailed map for each discrete project location showing the specific project area and components in sufficient detail. Please label the maps and appropriately reference them in the narrative proposal. Format maps for 8 ½" x 11" paper.
- Assurance and Signature Page
- Letter of authorization from holder of the conservation easement or other use restriction that indicates that the anticipated work does not violate the easement/use restriction (IF APPLICABLE)

Please note that CYCA will not accept CDs, DVDs, videos, brochures, or any other additional attachments.

Applicants will be provided a receipt upon submission to CYCA.



SUMMARY FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Becky Frank **Title:** Town Manager
Organization Name: Town of Green Mountain Falls
Organization Type: Municipality
Phone: 719-684-9414 X. 5 **Email:** manager@gmfco.us
Partnering Conservation Service Corps: Mile High Youth Corps

TECHNICAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact person for coordination of technical aspects of project (if different from applicant, above)
Name: Bo Ayad **Title:** Town Clerk
Organization Name: Town of Green Mountain Falls
Phone: 719-684-9414 X. 1 **Email:** clerk@gmfco.us

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: GMF Healthy Forest
Property Name: Green Mountain Falls Forest Park (Catamount Trail Parcels)
Landowner Name: Town of Green Mountain Falls
Property Type: Publicly owned open space
County/Counties: Teller/El Paso
What entities will facilitate the required 4 hours of education per week: (check all that apply)
 Applicant Conservation service corps External facilitator Other:

BUDGET INFORMATION

Select from the pulldown menu the type of conservation service corps crew requested and number of weeks for that crew type:

Example Crew Type:	Camping Crew - \$9,350/wk	Weeks:	2	Total \$:	\$17,200
Crew Type:	Day Crew - \$8,600/wk	Weeks:	2	Total \$:	17200.00
Crew Type:	Chainsaw Crew - \$11,100/wk	Weeks:	6	Total \$:	66600.00
Crew Type:	Select a Crew Type	Weeks:		Total \$:	
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Crew Type:	Select a Crew Type	Weeks:		Total \$:	
				TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED:	83,800.00

MATCH INFORMATION

Please input the matching funds provided, cash or in-kind (if applicable):

Item	Source	Calculation	Cost
Staff Support (Public Works, Chipper, Administrative Support, Office Space, weather shelter at Falls, Town Hall, Porta Potty)	Town of Green Mountain	Staff/Office support Porta Potty Dumpster or Chipper	\$6,400 \$1,000 \$1000

TOTAL MATCH PROVIDED: \$8,400



SUMMARY FORM

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In the box below, provide a brief summary/overview of your proposal (100 words or less):

The Town of Green Mountain Falls is almost entirely surrounded by public and privately-owned open space, which contain many popular hiking trails. The town is also in one of the highest [fire risk zones](#) in the state and country. Over the past few years, fire mitigation work has taken place on some of this land to date (58 acres over the past three years), with the help of CUSP (FRWRM & SFA) COSWAP funding and youth corps labor. The Town, Fire District, and private owners wish to continue this coordinated work, with the goal of completing a continuous fuel break around and within the community. This grant would help fund this crucial effort.

Answer each of the following Selection Criteria questions: Three (3) pages maximum, 11-point type, 1-inch margins. Please include the question title (not the entire question) and answer each question.

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW, NEED, and BENEFITS:

Chainsaw crews will be used to continue the mitigation work within town-owned parcels, by performing forest thinning and management of cut fuels above and below the popular Catamount Trail, which is a three-long section of trail that connects the southeast area of town with the west area of town and the very well-known Thomas and Mount Dewey Trail systems. These forested parcels have become infested with multiple species of beetles and mistletoe, with the effect of leaving large stands of dead and dying trees of multiple evergreen species. This has created an extremely high-risk fire environment directly adjacent to many residential properties and utility owned properties. This work expands upon previous MHYC has completed and continues the community efforts to improve forest health and reduce the risk of wildfire. While the utility owned parcels identified in the supplemental materials will not be included in this project, this work would support collaborative efforts to reduce fuel loads in the area as this project borders CSU property that is scheduled for treatment.

As with work performed under the recent COSWAP grant award, a prescription created by a local Colorado State Forester will guide the work. The prescription details crown spacing, species promotion, and specifications for dealing with the cut fuel. Fuel removal is also a challenge in this area, as there is limited access into these parcels through private property. Crews will also be directed to manage already cut fuels by working to clean up areas where trees have been felled and left at length, so that smaller sized boles can possibly be removed as firewood or appropriately scattered to the prescribed 12-inch depth.

This work will transform this popular open space into a more aesthetically pleasing, park-like space while also creating a fuel break that will connect to previous and future mitigation efforts on privately owned to the southwest. The area is steep and rugged, making mitigation work technical and expensive. Various mitigation crews have only averaged about 1-acre per week on this slope, but the work is critical. This grant could enable the continued mitigation and/or improvement of an estimated 8-12 acres of forest within the targeted town-owned open space. It would also continue the momentum of mitigating the greater area as a whole and help convince neighboring owners such as the US Forest Service, Colorado Springs Utilities, and private entities to initiate or continue similar projects and to partner with the town for future efforts.

This project is a priority for the town because of the extremely high fire risk our community lives with. When this area is fully mitigated, there will be a 3-mile-long fuel break along the south side of town that will provide some buffer in the event of a wildfire. This project will bring us closer to that goal. If this grant is not awarded to the town, it will delay the town's progress in completing this work.

2. PLANNING & READINESS, and SUSTAINABILITY:

The town has a Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee that serves in an advisory capacity to town staff and the elected body, which has identified this continuous fuel break as a priority goal to continue work on. Additionally, the Town's Parks, Rec, & Trails Advisory Committee had identified dead trees along the trail that not only increase fire risk but also the risk to trail users. Additionally, the FOUPT (who the town contracts with to perform regular trail maintenance) has requested some assistance as they are 100% volunteer supported. There are two areas that need repair where the trail head interfaces with the Town road system. These areas need some erosion control measures to protect the town roads

from subsidence and erosion. The request for two weeks of trail crew time is intended to address these areas and improve the interface between the trails and street system.

Town staff is currently managing the COSWAP grant, which is a workforce development crew-time award performed by Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC). C.J. Runge, Regional Manager at MHYC, notified town staff of this GOCO opportunity, and both sides feel that this is a great opportunity for the town to continue the work that was started this summer. The town owns the land on which the work will be done, and town staff has established relationships with private landowners who have granted through access in strategic locations. The work is currently familiar to the adjacent residents, the MHYC crews are familiar with the land, and it would be beneficial to keep the work going while everyone is accustomed to the process. The town and MHYC have established a very good working relationship. There are no barriers that would prevent this work from being completed by December 31, 2024.

Regarding sustainability and impacts, this project will have a significant positive impact to this land in multiple ways. Along with creating a substantial fuel break, improvements will benefit overall forest health and the aesthetics of what is informally called "Green Mountain Falls Forest Park", hence the "GMF Healthy Forest" project name. This multifaceted impact also means that there is a direct correlation to two of the town's committees, the Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee, and the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Committee.

The existence of these two committees, along with an active nonprofit called Friends of Ute Pass Trails, ensures that there will be many community members who have eyes on the land to monitor the acreage and recommend future maintenance activities to town staff. Town staff and community members are aware that there will be periodic maintenance required to sustain the mitigated status of the resulting healthier forest, with volunteers and staff alike being called upon to act after the heavy lifting (prescribed cutting) is complete.

It will be a team effort: staff will be responsible for listening to the committee members and will budget for necessary work accordingly. Ladder fuels will need to be kept under control, the land will have to be monitored for erosion control, and successive diseased trees may need to be felled. The town's committee and board members have expressed steadfast support for fire mitigation efforts and have budgeted funds accordingly the last few years, and this will need to continue for further mitigation and mitigation maintenance.



ASSURANCE, AUTHORIZATION, & SIGNATURE FORM

ASSURANCE

I certify that I am authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant and that, if awarded a grant for this project, the applicant will comply with the grant administration requirements of both GOCO and CYCA. I further certify that the applicant collaborated on this proposal with the conservation service corps indicated and that the conservation service corps is fully aware of and agrees to the scope of the project, budget, and timeline.

Name and title of conservation service corps staff consulted on this proposal:

Name: CJ Runge

Title: Regional Manager: Southern Front Range Land Conservation MHYC

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE FUNDS

Applicant recognizes that it will not receive payment from GOCO. By its signature below, applicant hereby authorizes GOCO to make payment on its behalf directly to CYCA in the event this project is chosen for funding.

SIGNATURE

(electronic and pdf signatures are accepted)

Name: Becky Frank

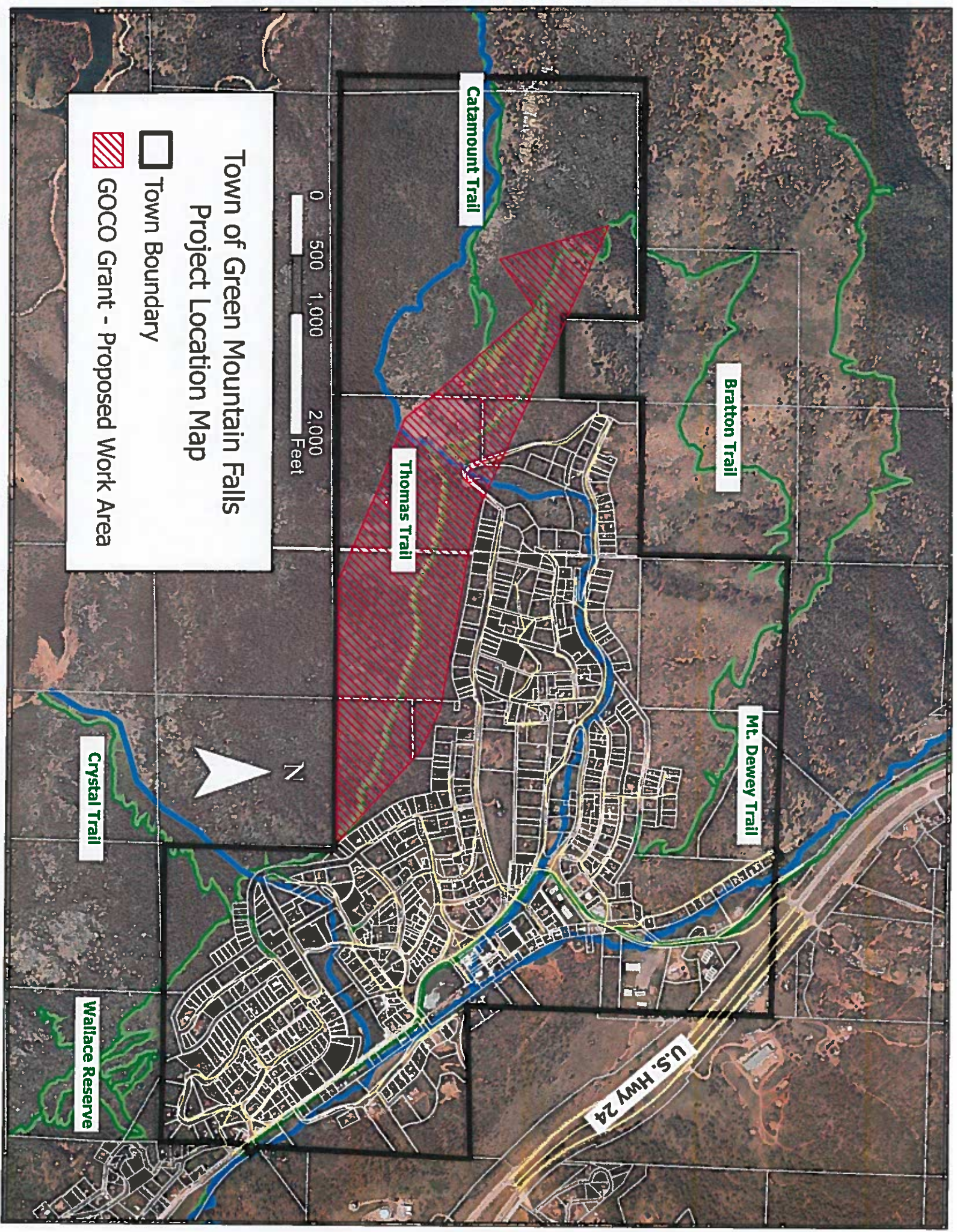
Title: Town Manager

Organization Name: Town of Green Mountain Falls



Signature:



Date: 7/21/2023



Town of Green Mountain Falls Project Location Map

-  Town Boundary
-  GOCO Grant - Proposed Work Area

Catamount Trail

Bratton Trail

Thomas Trail

Mt. Dewey Trail

Crystal Trail

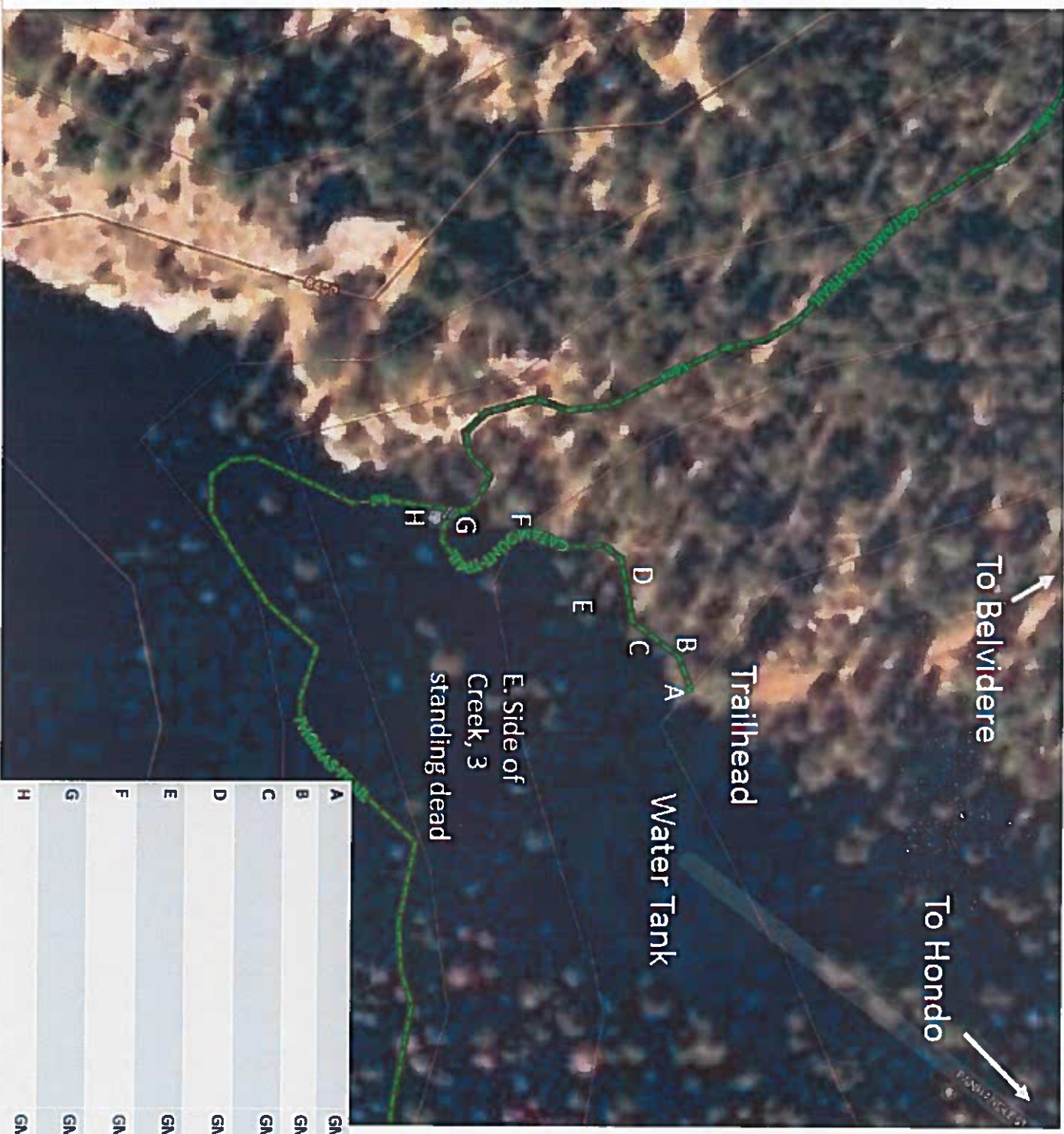
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CATAMOUNT TRAILHEAD AREA



A	GMF	2 trees: 14" and 12" on left
B	GMF	12" dying, right side
C	GMF	24" dead above trail, Imm. after trail leaves creek
D	GMF	12" dead, above first S/B after leaving creek
E	GMF	22" dead below Thomas trail near upper falls
F	GMF	14" dead 50 LF below trail split
G	GMF	16" dead Imm. below split, has colored dot trail markers
H	GMF	24" dead 20 LF east of trail split, below Thomas

Budget Recommendations

A. Matching funding for CUSP grants:

\$40,600

Of the two current CUSP grants, (FRWRM and SFA), one grant runs until April 2024 and the other runs until Oct 2024. This was update I received from Adrian Knight recently.

“So, it looks like between the 2 grants and taking into account for what is planned, we have about 44 acres to be used up. at an average of 4k/acres that comes to 176,000. 60% of that is 105,600. Big numbers. If those funds can't be found, anything would at least help chip away at the acres available on the grant and help connect some fuel breaks in GMF.” – Adrian Knight

The breakdown among the parties:

1. CUSP - \$70,400
2. KFF - \$65,000 (Grant Application pending)
3. Green Mountain Falls - \$40,600 (2024 Budget Proposal)

B. Education Events (Kelly Hunter)

\$1000

Bo had an idea months ago that we have a Fire Mitigation Tools Lending Closet. I think this is a fabulous idea to go along with the Neighbor Helping Neighbor group. If we already have the tools it makes it that much easier to help each other mitigate our properties. I know if I had a lawn mower, weed whacker, limb cutter it would be far easier to get it done.

I would also like to have more education opportunities for the community like we did at Church in the Wildwood. I think it was Lisa's pies that got them there more than the video. But I hate to see her always having to do that much work. What if we \$ponsored some pizza and movie nights throughout the year so people could come right from work for the Fire Mitigation 101 video or the Paradise fire movie? We can get more folks aware, involved and prepared.

Teller CWPP 2023 Renewal Timeline

Project Name: Teller County CWPP Update

CSFS Account Number: 1929106.1PROJ

CWPP Development Stages

Stage 1: Community and Partner Engagement

Aug 2023-Dec 2023

- Creation of a core team with local governments, state and federal partners, local businesses and local citizens. Hold first meeting to meet partners, set tone for process, and review timeline.
- Initial outreach to engage additional community members through community survey and inviting to community meetings- advertising in local papers and through social media
- Schedule and conduct community meetings (Florissant, Divide, Cripple Creek, Woodland Park).
- Review of previous plans including 2011 CWPP, County Hazard Mitigation Plan, County growth plan, Colorado Forest Action Plan and National Wildland Cohesive Fire Management Strategy Plan.
- Commit to a plan for the GIS component of this project – who are we contracting with, what fire risk models will be best to use
- Conduct core team meetings as necessary. Continue to define values at risk and how to weigh these.

Step 2: Hazard and Risk Analysis

June 2024- May 2024

- Partner Engagement:
 - Evacuation Meeting. Meet with all relevant stakeholders to discuss previous evacuations and/or future evacuation scenarios and identify the locations of congestion and high volume
 - POD analysis? Thinking about if these are correct mitigation planning zones for our county
 - Identification of adjacent landowners
 - Neighborhood Assessment to quantify hazards
- Mapping:
 - Update mapping of area, completed projects, demographic information, major transportation routes, Wildland/Urban interface
 - Generate maps with community context CWPP boundary, public land, fire history, vegetation, WUI etc
 - Generate maps that model fire risk and fire likelihood, alongside values at risk
 - Identify emergency evacuation routes and produce appropriate mapping
 - Review maps with Core Team and adjust as necessary
- Complete Section 1 of the CWPP Document
- Closing community survey and finalizing results

Step 3: Prioritization and Implementation Planning (actions for next 5 years)

July 2024- Dec 2024

Rev. April 2023

- Prioritize risk reduction prioritized projects and plan units
 - Landscape prioritization meeting (all stakeholders)
 - Roadway prioritization meeting (core team and road related partners)
 - Engaging homeowners/ outreach planning ? (core team)
- Write Section 2 & 3 of the CWPP Document
- Write Appendices

Step 4: Final Document Development 2025

- Implementation Plan meeting
- Create plans/maps for each implementation project
- Write Section 4 and 5 of the CWPP document
- Internal review of whole document with 1st CUSP, then CORE team
- Public Review of document
 - Create CWPP Summary Document for residents
 - CWPP up for public review and comment
 - Final CWPP community results meeting(s)
 - Evaluate and incorporate public comments

1st Qtr 2025

- Produce draft plan and distribute for input

2nd Qtr 2025

- Produce final plan and obtain signatures, record with CSFS

Measurable outcomes will include:

- Creation of a core team with local governments, state and federal partners, local businesses and local citizens
- Initial outreach to engage additional community members - advertising in local papers and through social media
- Conduct a minimum of seven (7) community meetings in various parts of the county
- Conduct core team meetings as necessary
- Review of previous plans including 2011 CWPP, County Hazard Mitigation Plan, County growth plan, Colorado Forest Action
- Plan and National Wildland Cohesive Fire Management Strategy Plan
- Updated mapping of area, completed projects, demographic information, major transportation routes, Wildland/Urban interface
- Update community risk analysis - produce appropriate mapping for risk
- Identify emergency evacuation routes and produce appropriate mapping
- Prioritize risk reduction prioritized projects
- Produce draft plan and distribute for input
- Produce final plan and obtain signatures, record with CSFS

Commented [L1]: Can this be 4 before and 3-4 at the end of the process?

Once plan is complete and new projects identified and prioritized, CUSP will work with the

Becky Frank

From: John Bell <jbell5927@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 9:23 PM
To: gmfdixon@gmail.com; Becky Frank
Cc: David Douglas; paul.l.yingling@gmail.com; kellygrn@comcast.net; Lisa Huizenga; Nicholas Donzello
Subject: Nuisance Trees -- A Risk Model Approach

Todd and Becky,

Thank you for reviving the process for updating the Nuisance Tree Ordinance at last night's BOT work session. The latest BOT action on this topic that I can find is from the Aug, 16, 2022 BOT meeting minutes:

7. Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee Recommendation – Nuisance Tree Definition

Mayor Dixon comments on a reply he received from the State Forest Dept in Woodland Park.

Comments about best practices to identify dead or dying trees.

TC Scott advises a process which will advise staff on how to compile a periodic list of code changes, which is to finalize the language of each item with the agenda item. Discussion about changing language of this item.

Mayor Dixon moves to approve the concept of this statement as presented, with “dead or dying standing tree” replacing “dead standing tree” and with the addition of language from the Forest Service about how to identify dead or dying trees as nuisance trees. No second. Motion passes unanimously.

A Risk Model Approach

Once the town is ready to enforce the ordinance, one question that will arise is which trees are first to be cited and why? I want to suggest FMAC help create a risk matrix to help rank the fall hazard of dead standing trees based on objective criteria. Simple objective criteria can also aid with messaging.

As a side note, FMAC is receiving a small signal (3 complaints so far) from residents regarding a neighbor's dead standing tree threatening their property. I've gone out to look at those trees and empathized with the resident's concerns. We need to anticipate that once the ordinance is being enforced the signal may strengthen.

The basis for the risk matrix is assessing a dead standing tree's capability for damage.

Assumptions:

- All dead standing trees will eventually fall if not removed. Sometimes nature will bring them down in parts and sometimes in whole.
- All dead trees when falling possess energy, which increases based on mass and falling height.
- Dead standing trees as they age in place will become increasingly less stable and consequently more dangerous for an arborist to fell. This can also lead to higher cost.
- There are dead standing trees on both town owned and private land. The same risk matrix should apply to both groups of trees.

Examples conditions to be considered in the risk matrix:

- Tree diameter and height – relative energy when falling
- Signs of disease, decay, lightning strike, or other weakening
- Leaning trees greater than 10 degrees from vertical

- Cracks in trunks and branches
- Soil heaving or uplift around roots
- Houses, garages, parking areas, power lines and roads within fall line
- The complexity of a tree's safe fall line, if any

My goal for this email is to introduce the concept of a risk matrix and ask if the two of you believe this could be a useful tool for the town moving forward. If yes, FMAC can develop the tool further with input from town staff, experts (foresters, arborists, mitigation experts ...), and other stakeholders.

Thank you for considering,

John

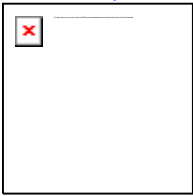
Becky Frank

From: Adrian Knight <adrian@cusp.ws>
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 3:34 PM
To: David Douglas
Subject: Re: ROW

So it looks like between the 2 grants and taking into account for what is planned, we have about 44 acres to be used up. at an average of 4k/acres that comes to 176,000. 60% of that is 105,600. Big numbers. If those funds can't be found, anything would at least help chip away at the acres available on the grant and help connect some fuel breaks in GMF.

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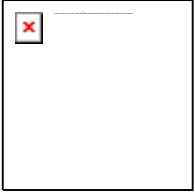
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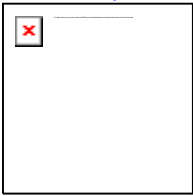
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Subject: Re: ROW

We are working on how much we have left so I'll let you know once we have that figured out. Also, good news, I was mistaken about the deadline for the grants. One grant runs until April of next year and another runs until Oct of next year. So we have some breathing room.

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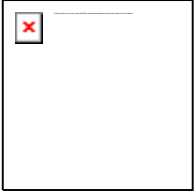
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From: John Bell <jbell5927@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 10:18 PM
To: David Douglas
Subject: [SPAM] RE: 8/28 FMAC meeting agenda

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From: John Bell <jbell5927@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 3:10 PM
To: paul.l.yingling@gmail.com
Cc: David Douglas
Subject: 8/28 FMAC meeting agenda

Paul,

I recommended at the last FMAC meeting that we review the team's outcomes from the Strategy session you led in the spring. In particular, I think there is value in reviewing outcomes captured for CIP section 2. Our Health. Attached are screenshots from the video of our meeting.

Here is my recommendation:

- 1) We review our discussions results
- 2) Affirm items we agree should become FMAC objectives
- 3) Discuss implementation
- 4) Develop action plans to address

Do you agree with this suggestion? Would you be willing to lead the discussion given your expertise and initiation of the topic?

Thank you for considering,
 John

	2. Our Health: "A town that proactively preserves and enhances the aspects of our narrow mountain valley environment, providing residents with a scenic, low-stress lifestyle."			
	Strategy	Assessment: Did we accomplish this goal?	Recommendation: if not, what should we do to accomplish this goal?	Refinement: How should we change this goal?
11				
12	Identify strategic locations within and adjacent to GMF for temporary supplemental water storage during fire season to support existing or non-hydranted areas.	No.		Delete.
13	2.1. Develop wildfire public education brochures that build off existing documents (e.g., "Living with Wildfire" booklet).	FMAC has distributed and made available CSFS brochures. Brochures are not the answer. Training in fire fuels mitigation should be the primary outreach to private property owners.		Replace with "Sustain wildfire public education campaign, including monthlytips to prevent wildfire
14	2.2. Work with landmanagement agencies for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of a green-waste disposal site within reasonable proximity Green Mountain Falls.	No.	Joint project w/ HGMFF	This should be done in conjunction with HGMFF to provide a source of chipped green waste for the horse rescue facility.
15				

16	safety and fire-awareness posters for public places.	by FMAC. Brochures are not effective tools for education. Public education should be conducted in seminars and symposiums to show property owners how a why.		education system: 1. Public information 2. Courtesy Assessment 3. Community assistance 4. Code violation warning. 5. Code violation enforcement
17	2.4. Conduct hazard assessments for homeowners; use Firewise or similar door tags.	Currently available.	Develop trained volunteers. Hire paid staff	
18	2.5. Install and maintain roadside fire-danger warning signs and other informational and directional road signs along major roads.			
19	2.6. Work with El Paso County Emergency Management and Colorado State Patrol to develop a notification and evacuation plan for the community.	Evacuation plan complete. Ongoing refinement.		
20	2.7. Work with utility and transportation agencies on vegetative management treatments within and adjacent to utility corridors where opportunities exist on private			
	2.8. Install break-away gates at the end of Hondo and Belvedere that can be used for evacuation in the event of an emergency.	No. Not practical.		

From: David Douglas <david@falconpartnersltd.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:13 AM

To: John Bell <jbell5927@outlook.com>

Subject: RE: [SPAM] RE: 8/28 FMAC meeting agenda

John,

Thanks for your input to the agenda. This is a fine recommendation on its own merit and it relates to our discussion of budget recommendations to the BoT. Please let me know how much time you will need to lead this discussion and send me any collateral materials we will need to reference so it can be included in the agenda packet.

Will you be sending me any specific budget recommendations in advance of the meeting?

Regards,

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GMF

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From: lara Thomas <lara@cusp.ws>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:11 AM
To: David Douglas
Cc: John Bell; Nicholas Donzello
Subject: Re: Follow up - Meeting this morning
Attachments: Teller 23 CWPP Timeline.Scope of Work.docx

Hey David,

Here is the link to the [training resources](#) I acquired as part of the Ember Alliance CWPP training I did over the winter. There are some powerpoints in there you may be able to follow along, but for getting started I think the process timeline and the CWPP template are great to get started.

As I mentioned, CUSP is just beginning this CWPP process so currently I am focused on assembling a core group and creating a community survey. Finding funding (if needed) for the project, laying out your goals and timeline, and deciding on your "core group" is probably the most important first steps. I am attaching CUSP's "timeline and scope of work" so you can see how we have laid out our project in the hope it will help inform your own planning.

I also want to share with you Mark Kohlman's contact from CME (Colorado Mountain Estates) here in Florissant. CME is updating their CWPP this year, so he has the perspective of how they, as residents, have managed this project. He has a lot of strengths with mapping and communicating with Teller County. His email is



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On Wed, Jul 19, 2023 at 2:49 PM David Douglas <david@falconpartnersltd.com> wrote:

Dear Lara,

It was a pleasure speaking with you this morning following the Teller County Wildfire Council meeting. As discussed, you mentioned a document you could share with me. Also, GMF, as part of the Ute Pass Fire District needs to update its CWPP. We would appreciate collaboration with you in pointing us in the right direction and sharing information based on your current initiative to develop the Teller County CWPP. Let me know your thoughts on how we may draw on you as a resource and how we might add value to your initiative.

I look forward to our ongoing communications in all areas of our mutual interests.

Regards,

David Douglas

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From: Becky Frank <manager@gmfco.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 2:51 PM
To: Town Clerk; gmfdixon@gmail.com
Cc: chief@gmfcpfire.org; Poletti,David; Lawrence Long; Jeremy Taylor; adrian@cusps.ws; John Geerdes; Amanda Meldrum; Teague, Jay; Nichols - CDPS, Meredith; David Douglas; jbell5927@outlook.com; Bill Banks; Long - DNR, Travis; Dan Battin
Subject: Ute Pass Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update Discussion

Good afternoon Ute Pass area community partners,

The Town of Green Mountain Falls would like to request the participation of your organization in a preliminary meeting to discuss an update of the 2007 Ute Pass (CWPP) Community Wildfire Protection Plan . The 2007 plan can be accessed on the Colorado State Forest Service website here: https://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csfs/documents/Ute_Pass_CWPP_000.pdf

Like many of your organizations, the Town of Green Mountain Falls has been actively pursuing fire mitigation/forest health projects and we have been successful on several grant applications. Unfortunately, this is really just the tip of the iceberg compared to the amount of work that could be completed. Also, we are beginning to have significant challenges in determining how to reduce the fuel loads of our dense forests because of the steep terrain in many areas. Because many funding opportunities require that projects be identified in a CWPP, many projects that the community would like to seek funding for are not listed in the CWPP, or the funding source requires that the community have a plan that is current (within 10 years). There is an upcoming opportunity to submit a grant application which has a very minimal local match requirement of 10%. The application deadline is October 31, 2023. A lot has happened since 2007, and while GMF can certainly create a local CWPP that is specific to our jurisdictional boundaries, a collaborative application for the CWPP would not only be more competitive, but could also help us to identify future projects that will have a greater positive impact to the Ute Pass area.

Some goals for the preliminary meeting include:

- Determine if the 2007 CWPP geographic area will need to be amended
- Identify stakeholders/partners and organization requirements
- Discuss submission requirements for the grant

Please respond to the following with your availability no later than COB on Friday August 25th :

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/b8EnjWmd>

Also, if you believe that this project is better served by someone else in your organization (or there is someone from another organization that you believe should have the opportunity to participate), please feel free to forward this email or let me know and I'll reach out directly.

With gratitude,

Becky

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: RE: FMAC Meeting with Cori @ Red Cross re: pilot program for GMF

Hello all.

I am coming back early from PTO to address this issue. I have been in touch with Team Rubicon and, as related previously, they will work folks into their already scheduled calendar, as time permits. The list provided to me has been forwarded to them. They may be looking to schedule all of GMF, including more properties on subsequent dates in the spring, I am working with them to get a time that will work for them and the community.

They will only be offering defensible space mitigation; this was expressed to each resident.

I will let you know as soon as I get more information.

Cori

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: RE: FMAC Meeting with Cori @ Red Cross re: pilot program for GMF

Dear Jim,

Thank you for sending me your email regarding unresponsiveness of Red Cross and Team Rubicon. I have spoken with a Red Cross representative this morning to try and get answers. I am told that Team Rubicon, who is supposed to manage the mitigation part of the program, has been unresponsive to Red Cross. We are continuing to pursue this on behalf of all our participating residents. I apologize that this part of the program has not been completed as promised. We will find a solution to fulfill the promises made by Red Cross. I hope to have definitive answers this week.

Regards,

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From: Jim Hund <hounddoggie1949@gmail.com>

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Hello! I have not heard back from anyone since this email was posted on 7/19/23. I have a serious need on four trees that need to be addressed. My hopes are that you can assist me on this issue. If not, I need to contact someone else. Please advise. Thank you

Jim Hund
Retired

On Jul 19, 2023, at 2:28 PM, David Douglas <david@falconpartnersltd.com> wrote:

Cori,

As requested in your email below, I have created a list of the people who attempted to contact Team Rubicon and have reported no response. Some of these people called more than once. Some, if not all, left a VM with their contact information. At least one person called and emailed Team Rubicon. I am listing the name and email of every person who has responded to me to report problems with Team Rubicon:

Stephen Fergusson	1949fergy@gmail.com
Kelly Hunter	kellygrn@comcast.net
Debra Mee	dmee@hotmail.com
Jim Hund	hounddoggie1949@gmail.com
Amy Wartman	amywartman@gmail.com
Lisa Huizenga	lmhuizenga@gmail.com

Chris Frandina municlerk@hotmail.com
Susan Hanford sewingsusan@yahoo.com
Margaret Peterson margaretp0409@gmail.com (Did not call Team Rubicon
but is interested in Team Rubicon's services)

This list represents only those people who responded to my request if they experienced problems. There may be others and if they respond, I will send their names. I would like to remain in the loop on this since this was an initiative of the Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee. We want to be assured that a suitable response and resolution has been achieved.

Thanks for your intervention on behalf of these participants.

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David:

I am sorry to hear of these problems. I worked with the local representative for Team Rubicon who did state up front that they would only be able to assist with defensible space as their work load allows. If you provide me with the individuals who will need assistance (not all residents had a need), I can work with Team Rubicon to schedule these.

As an aside, the upcoming project will not have a mitigation partner identified, with ARC providing the education piece and any mitigation will have to be arranged by the homeowner.

Thank you for reaching out and being part of the pilot program.

Cori

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Cori,

I left you a voicemail just a few minutes ago but wanted to follow up with your in writing as well. Our committee members and other GMF committee members have been getting feedback from the participants of the Wildfire Mitigation Pilot program that the fourth part of the program is not functional. Participants have been attempting to reach the contractor you had engaged for this project. The contractor is either non responsive or state they have no knowledge of the program.

Obviously this was not the outcome you or we were expecting. Therefore, we are letting you know mitigation of the defensible space around the perimeter of the homes is not occurring as advertised in the program. We would like to get this resolved so those participants in the program can carry out this component of the mitigation program. Please let us know how we may be of assistance in resolving this deficiency.

Regards,

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From: Tanner, Cori <cori.tanner@redcross.org>
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All:

Here is the information about the program and it's parameters:

The American Red Cross is proud to offer the Wildfire Mitigation Pilot Program this year in the Southeastern Colorado Chapter. The community of Green Mountain Falls was selected as a candidate for this no-cost program.

The program is offered to 25 homes in each selected community. Homes are selected by the Red Cross and collaborating community agencies. The Red Cross partners with the local fire department to assess the areas in the community with the most need.

This program has four parts:

- Home Fire Campaign education
- Installation smoke alarms, with a 10-year life span
- Evaluation of wildfire exposure of a each selected property
- Mitigation by a partner organization of defensible space around the home

We hope to complete the first three parts by appointment over 4 days in June. We will select at least five additional locations so if one falls off the list we have a replacement. The exact schedule will be available later this month.

While this is a pilot program, the Red Cross continues to offer free smoke alarm installation and resident preparedness education as well as free youth preparedness education programs. I am happy to discuss a Home Fire Campaign event where we choose a neighborhood and install smoke alarms on a specific day.

Please reach out to me if you have further questions and I look forward to our partnership.

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I can be there....Zoom?

On 04/27/2023 2:44 PM MDT Becky Frank <manager@gmfco.us> wrote:

1:30pm on Monday, May 1st works for me. I will have to be done by 2:30 for another meeting.

Thanks,

Becky

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Hi all

Cori is suggesting May 1 - can we do 1:30?

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Hi All,

Thanks for getting this info and potential opportunity out! Next week works quite a bit better for me and if we can make it work for the group, during the day would be ideal. Here are a couple of timeframes that work for me for your consideration: Monday 5/1 after 11am or Wednesday between 2pm and 5pm.

Please let me know if these times won't work and I'll dig a little deeper.

Thanks!

Becky

From: David Douglas <david@falconpartnersltd.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 1:41 PM

To: John Bell <bell5927@outlook.com>

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Tanner, Cori <cori.tanner@redcross.org>

Subject: Re: FMAC Meeting with Cori @ Red Cross re: pilot program for GMF

Kelly,

First question is what time can/will Becky be available? As I recall, Becky's participation in the meeting was considered to be essential. If she is willing to meet after normal work hours, that opens up more time slots. If she wants to me during normal workday hours, then that narrows the time slots. If we can get Becky's input first, then it helps define my suggested time and day availability and probably everyone else.

Regards,

David

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On Apr 25, 2023, at 1:06 PM, John Bell <jbelle5927@outlook.com> wrote:

I will do my best to attend on either day. John

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Hello all,

I just got off the phone with Cori and she is available on Zoom tonight from 5:00 or 6:00, or tomorrow from 5:00 or 6:00. I

know some of you are not available earlier than that. This is to discuss the pilot program Red Cross is offering to Green Mountain Falls the last two weeks in June.

Would tonight or tomorrow night work for any of you and is 5:00 or 6:00 better?

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