

**Summit County Wildfire Council
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2018
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Buffalo Mountain Room
County Commons
Frisco, CO**

Attendees: Michael Wurzel, Adam Bianchi, Peter Grosshuesch, Chapin LaChance, Bill Wolf, Justin Conrad, Ryan McNertney, Andy Held, Matt Benedict, Jim Keating, Howard Hallman, Maggie Hillman, Jim Cox, Lisa Lewis, Jen Barchers, Bentley Henderson, Dan Schroder, Steve Lipsher, Jim Curnutte, Beth Huron, Char Bloom, Greg Roy, Joel Dixon, Bill Jackson, Dan Gibbs

- I. Approval of Agenda:** Jim Curnutte opened the meeting at 1:32 p.m. and attendees introduced themselves. Jim Cox moved to approve the agenda. Matt Benedict seconded the motion; all were in favor and the council approved the agenda without changes.
- II. Approval of September 20, 2018 Minutes:** Matt Benedict moved to approve the September 20, 2018 minutes. Steve Lipsher seconded the motion; all were in favor and the council approved the minutes without changes.
- III. Acorn Creek Fuel Reduction:** Acorn Creek residents plan to hire a contractor in 2019 to perform maintenance fuels reduction work on several properties previously treated using county grant funds. Since the grant program's inception, the county has not allowed funding the same piece of property twice using grant funds. Dan Schroder asked the council to weigh in on revising this stipulation. The council agreed that based on the patterns of regeneration seen by the Forest Service, Colorado State Forest Service and fire districts, it would be appropriate to consider funding maintenance fuels reduction projects going forward.
- IV. Chipping Program Discussion:** Timberline reports that they hauled 4,420 cubic yards of materials collected in the 2018 chipping program to Climax Molybdenum Mine. Dan Schroder handed out a summary of the past five years' chipping program participation tracking (Attachment A). The volume reported for 2018 does not support the contractor's claim to have handled far more materials than previous years, although the number of chip piles reported is far greater than in previous years. Several factors could contribute to these anomalies: in 2017 and 2018, the contractor was responsible for tracking piles, whereas in previous years staff tracked the piles. The outcome was that no piles were left behind this year, even though the contractor fell behind schedule. Staff agree that counting piles may not be a good indicator of overall program success. Staff will work with the council to form a small subcommittee to discuss whether to make changes for the 2019 chipping program. A brief discussion followed on other ways to improve the chipping program's efficiency. The council agreed that staff should bolster education efforts by working with neighborhood representatives as well as towns to educate homeowners about program requirements.
- V. 2019 Funding Discussion:** Summit County citizens recently voted in favor of ballot measure

IA, which provides a ten-year funding source for wildfire mitigation efforts, among other things. The ballot language calls for the creation of a citizen advisory group to prioritize potential projects for funding. The county will finalize the 2019 budget in the next few weeks and wants to recognize any needs now so we can hit the ground running on projects, as well as determine if there will be a 2019 budget impact. IA allocates \$1 million per year to wildfire mitigation and places no restrictions on use on federal, county, or town land. The “Get it Done” list evolved from the CWPP (Attachment B) and provides a good starting point for projects, but the ballot measure language does not limit the type of project, so the subcommittee may also explore options not included on the list. Staff estimate a cost of approximately \$1 million per year to accomplish everything on the list. The county will not receive revenue from the ballot measure until June 2019, and will need to fund projects from another source until then. The subcommittee will meet next week to identify near-term projects, and then meet a couple more times to phase longer-term projects several years out. Revenue will roll over annually, so the subcommittee will need to look at the long term. The following attendees volunteered to be on the subcommittee: Matt Benedict, Jen Barchers, Lisa Lewis, Joel Dixon, Chapin LaChance, Ryan McNertney, Andy Held, Steve Lipsher, Howard Hallman and a Forest Service representative.

- VI. Education Updates:** Staff have worked with a graphic designer to establish a template for all chipping and wildfire advertising to create a consistent, recognizable look. The newly elected county treasurer asked that staff create an educational insert to include in the upcoming Property Tax Notice, which will be ready for final output next week. Char Bloom asked whether the county could add evacuation route signs to speed limit signs. Staff will follow up to determine where the county will allow such signage. Currently, the county places mobile messaging signs directing people where to go in an emergency. The council agreed that signage would be helpful in some neighborhoods; particularly to help inform short-term renters of escape routes. Dan Schroder asked the council to recommend \$20,000 to support educational outreach in 2019. Char Bloom motioned to approve \$20,000 for education in 2019. Matt Benedict seconded the motion; all were in favor and the council passed the motion.
- VII. Legislative Updates:** Governor-elect Jared Polis has invited Dan Gibbs to be part of his transition team. Dan asked the council to let him know of any potential volunteers to help the transition team, or visit BoldlyForward.co to see more about the transition team process.
- VIII. 2019 Meeting Dates: March 21, June 20, September 19, November 21**
- IX. Other Matters:** Matt Benedict introduced three members of Red, White & Blue’s five-member home assessment team: Capt. Keith McMillan, Fire Medic Ty Humphries and Driver Operator Chris Turturici. Dan Schroder will represent Summit County in Fire Adapted Colorado starting in 2019. Dan Schroder and Jim Curnutte recently presented at the state planning conference in Keystone to help spread the word about Summit County’s wildfire mitigation efforts.
- X. Adjournment:** The chair adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Beth Huron, Summit County Community Development

Chipping Program Participation Tracking						
Season	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
Homes	1,664	2,024	2,213	2,841	2,646	11,388
Piles	5,025	5,187	5,979	9,227	12,015	37,433
CuYd	4,400	6,300	5,480	5,120	4,420	25,720

Contractor	P&A	Alpine	CTS	Alpine	CTS
Cost	\$97,500	\$142,000	\$120,000	\$107,500	\$110,505
Change Order	\$97,500	\$8,000		\$6,000	\$55,252.50
Total	\$195,000	\$150,000	\$120,000	\$113,500	\$165,757.50
Staff	Matt x2 Dan	Matt/Will x4 Dan/Doug	John/Dave x4 Dan/Doug	Dan x1	Dan x1

at 3 weeks, CTS said Buffalo fire mitigation had buried them. This is for a 3rd crew

\$2,000 per day for 3 days to respond to Peak 2 fire by pre-chipping Peak 7.

To B got a SCWC grant to chip their "open" slash pile. Alpine added to create this total.

5 day retainer at \$1,600 per day

\$744,258

2017 Summit County Wildfire Prevention Get it Done List

Focus Area	Project Name	Scope	Key Partner	Notes
Acorn Creek (County)	Shaded Fuel Break	7 Ac	private	complete
	Roadside thinning	9 Ac	private	complete
	Widen Access Road	300 yds	R & B	
	Emergency Water		private	complete
Sierra Bosque (County)	USFS fuels reduction	11 Ac	USFS	complete
	Roadside thinning	2 Ac	private	complete
	Roadside thinning	2Ac	private	
Boulder Creek	Cross Boundary	136 Ac	USFS/private	
	Bridge Weight Limit	multiple bridges		
	Street sign improvement		R & B	
	Emergency Water		private	
	Fuel Break	3 Ac	private	complete
Pebble Creek (County)	Roadside thinning	2 Ac	USFS	complete
	Fuel Break	10 Ac	Private	complete
Hamilton Creek (Silverthorne)	N 40 D-Space	28 Ac	private	complete
	N 40 Road Brush Clearing		private	complete
	emergency egress route through Angler	100 yds	private	complete
	Fuel Break	14 Ac	USFS/private	complete
Eagles Nest (Silverthorne)	Fuel Break	4 Ac	private	
	Emergency Bridge	1 Bridge	private	
	Improve Hydrant Lines		Metro District	
Ptarmigan (County)	Thinning	22 Ac	private	complete
	Repair Roads		private	complete
	Improve Street Signs (2020/2021)		R & B	complete
	Emergency Water		private	complete
Mesa Cortina (Silverthorne)	Open Space below 20 Grand	4 Ac	county	ongoing
	ongoing maintenance as things grow			
Summit Estates (County)	USFS Treatments	6 Ac	USFS	complete
	Fuel Reduction	22 Ac	private	complete
	Secondary Egress		private	
Golden Horseshoe North	Emergency Water		private	complete
	Bearing Tree D-Space	43 Ac	private	complete

ATTACHMENT B

Golden Horseshoe South (County/ToB)	Dyer Trail D-Space Highland Dr D-Space USFS (planned for 2017) Fairways Fuel Break Egress signs for Highlands Emergency Map for GH roads	36 Ac 12 Ac 142 Ac 6 Ac	private private USFS private R & B, RWB, EM GIS, RWB, USFS	complete complete complete complete complete complete
Peak 7 (County)	CR 3 Road Hazard tree removal Protector D-Space Discovery D-Space Blue Ridge Fuels Winterwood D-Space Protector Placer Fuels Slalom D-Space USFS Fuels Improve road signage	15 Ac 24 Ac 37 Ac 25 Ac 7 Ac 8 Ac 17 Ac	R & B private private USFS/private private private private USFS R & B, RWB	complete complete complete complete complete complete complete complete complete
Peak 8 (Breckenridge)	Ski Hill Road Hazard tree removal Gondola Station fuel break Pence Miller fuel break Shock Hill fuel break	24 Ac 6 Ac 10 Ac 5 Ac	R & B, USFS private/ToB private private	complete complete complete complete
French Gulch (Breckenridge)	Moonstone D-Space 503 Fuel Break	135 Ac 31 Ac	private ToB	complete complete
Baldy/Boreas Pass (County/ToB)	Linked D-Space Roadside thinning	94 Ac 13 Ac	private private	complete complete
Warriors Mark (Breckenridge)	USFS treatment White Cloud roadside fuel treatment	15 Ac 4 Ac	USFS private	complete complete
The Crown/Bekkedal (County/Blue River)	Roadside thinning Sunset D-Space Bekkedal Emergency Water	50 Ac 38 Ac	private private private	complete complete complete
Blue River (ToBR)	Linked D-Space Roadside thinning Egress Route Rd Improvements FSR 611 Emergency Water Roadside thinning	243 Ac 2 different options 1 Corner 46 Ac	private R & B/ToBR private USFS ToBR private	complete complete complete complete complete
Quandary (county)	upgrade roads improve/relocate street signs highway 9 fuel break Tordal linked D-Space	11 Ac 398 Ac	private R & B/ToBR private private	complete complete complete complete

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Lewis Ranch (County)	Fuel Break at end of subdivision	3 Ac	private	need to remove piles
Iron Springs/Gold Hill (County)	USFS Ophir Mountain	1461 Ac	USFS	complete
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	Gold Hill Fuel Break	53 Ac	private	complete
Iron Springs/Hospital (county/Frisco)	Roadside thinning - Bill's Ranch		private/R & B	complete
	Bill's Ranch bridge load rating	1 bridge	R & B	
	improve road signs - Bill's Ranch		R & B	
Summit Cove (County)	ongoing maintenance as things grow			
Keystone Ranch (County)	West Ranch D-Space	35 Ac	private	complete
	Yarro D-Space	14 Ac	private	complete
Keystone	USFS Roadside Fuels	5 Ac	USFS	complete
	Single Family D-Space	12 Ac	private	complete
	East End Fuel Reduction	14 Ac	private	complete