

2018 Floyd Hill CWPIP Activities Performed for the Clear Creek County 2018 Wildfire Risk Mitigation & Preparedness Grant

On 5/17/18, the planning team for 2018 Fire Mitigation activities on Floyd Hill, Beaver Brook, and Saddleback met at Linda Berteau's house. In attendance were neighbors Rob Anderson, Jim Cotsworth, Reg Fleming, Phill & Zermene Guinn, and Jake Jacobs, as well as Mark Fairchild of Colorado Trees. We planned for two chipper days in July and two in October. We currently have \$2,511.84 in the Community Wildfire Protection team's bank account, left from 2017 activities. Erin Rupe will post a wood clearinghouse and a sapling clearinghouse on Next Door. We will sponsor a spring and fall litter pick-up on U.S. Route 40, as well as a free Fire Prevention Outdoor demonstration on Lisa and Will Cassidy's property. Two days of fire extinguisher inspections and give-aways will be led by Phill Guin. We will look for a disabled neighbor who needs help mitigating his/her property. See meeting agenda and minutes.

On Saturday, **5/19/18** Wendy and Mark Teller, Chip and Lauren Law, and Linda Berteau picked up litter from mile marker 271.5 to 272.92 on U.S. Route 40 starting from the park'n'ride at the base of Floyd Hill. Because it was so wet and cold, Linda finished the project on Sunday, 5/20. 19 bags of trash were picked up. (See photo). We also pulled about 200 mullein (noxious weeds).

On **5/13/18** Erin Rupe posted on <https://docs.google.com/document/d/14zwql7Z4jFom7i4YUWTvVjbElzCgPvOD1iWnYbuWeDU/edit> a firewood clearinghouse for people who wanted to rid their property of logs up to 6' in length (11), and those who want and would pick up free firewood (7). The CWPIP provided a list of 4 neighbors who were willing to use their truck or trailer to transport the wood. One volunteer will split wood for those needing wood split. This was a hugely successful way to get dead wood off our mountains! See Next Door sign up list.

On **5/20/18** Erin Rupe posted on Facebook <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZNecfjMpAcEsmWOQ3QD7sKKuNRswgsjDdodfO2oA1M/edit?usp=sharing> regarding a sign up for those wanting to thin saplings on their property, volunteers willing to dig up the saplings, and those wanting to buy the saplings to diversify species. Phill Guin donated Douglas Firs and 4 homeowners planted 40 trees on their properties. On **6/1/18** Linda Berteau and Patty Hughes dug up 40 Douglas Fir saplings at Phill Guin's house at 1406 Santa Fe Mountain Road. Patty planted 10, Linda planted 10, Adam Levine planted 10, and Adriana Roberts planted 10. See NextDoor signup list.

On **6/1/18**, Phill and Zermene Guin inspected 37 fire extinguishers from 22 residents of the Floyd Hill area. Twenty-nine refurbished fire extinguishers were given away. Thirty refurbished fire extinguishers were given away to neighbors who did not have a working fire extinguisher between 3:00 and 5:30 pm at the park'n'ride at the base of Floyd Hill. Each participant was refreshed on how to use their fire extinguisher, and was given a noxious weed brochure. Pictures were taken of each happy and safe neighbor! See log and pictures

15 residents participated in a fire mitigation/defensible space workshop on **6/9/18** at Will and Lisa Cassidy's house at 630 Meadow View Drive. See recap with pictures.

Posted on NextDoor **6/5/18**, looking for a local resident who is unable to physically mitigate their land for fire so a team of neighbors can help them. One neighbor who we heard was disabled denied being disabled, and refused our help.

On **Friday, 7/27/18 and Saturday 7/28/18** Colorado Trees chipping contractor chipped 14 properties and chipped a total of 9.75 hours. Participants who were HOA members were charged \$35 per 1/2 hour of chipping. Participants who were not HOA members were charged \$35 to join the HOA and then were charged \$35 per 1/2 hour for chipping. We netted \$655 for CWPIP and spent \$2,350 for the chipping contractor. See participant tracking sheet and photos.

On Saturday, **8/18/18** Phill Guin was at the park'n'ride with 30 fire extinguishers to give away. He examined fire extinguishers for 9 neighbors and reviewed the approved way to use a fire extinguisher with them. Phil gave each participant a noxious weed brochure. He inspected 15 extinguishers and gave away 14 refurbished fire extinguishers between 10:00 and noon. Phill hopes to continue this service next year! See log and photos.

On **9/6/18**, Adam Levine led 8 volunteers (Mary Levine, Steve Axtell, Linda & Paul Berteau, Jake Jacob, Randy Heern, and Sparr Sapyta) in dragging down downed trees and slash from the bottom 1/10th of the Saddleback Mountain trail. This was with permission from Clear Creek Open Space (Martha Tableman), and Mountain Area Land Trust (Jeannie Beaudry). Two double trailers of logs were given to Sparr Sapyta and Mike Colchiski to burn as firewood. The remaining slash was chipped by Keith Briggs on 9/15. (See photos). This activity was done in lieu of the proposed grant activity to help a handicapped homeowner mitigate their property from fire. After advertising on Next Door and asking neighbors at flea markets, HOA meetings, picnics, and other activities, and having no prospects mentioned, we adopted this alternative community slash reduction project.

On rain postponement date of Saturday, **9/15/18** (originally scheduled for 9/8), Keith and Rebecca Briggs rented the County chipper and chipped at four homes on Floyd Hill on behalf of the Floyd Hill CWPIP. Keith also chipped a big pile of slash at the top of Saddleback Mountain trailhead parking area that was created on 9/6/18 with the help of Jim Cotsworth. Keith was paid \$350 for the chipper and his mostly-volunteer time, and received \$170 for resident chipping. Noxious weed brochures were handed out to each participant. (see attached photos and log).

On Friday, **10/5/18**, slash contractor Mark Fairchild of Colorado Trees chipped 11 residences with the help of volunteers Linda Berteau, Jake Jacob, and Steve Byrne. Mark and his assistant, Chad, were paid \$1,500 for over 8 hours of chipping. \$420 was collected from participating residents. A noxious weed brochure was given to each household who was home to help with the chipping on that day. Since many of these participants worked, and their original Saturday appointment for chipping was changed to Friday due to a prediction of rain on Saturday, the noxious weed brochures were put in their mailbox or door. (See attached photos and log).

Our last activity of the summer was on Saturday, **10/20/18** from 9:45 to noon. Seven volunteers picked up litter on both sides of U.S. Route 40 from mile marker 271.5 to 272.92. The participants were (See picture) : Wendy and Mark Teller, Linda Berteau, Jim Cotsworth, Jake Jacob, Carlene O'Brien, and Gabe Jantz (who was earning credit for his Environmental Class at Evergreen High School). Fourteen bags of litter were collected along the roadside for CDOT to pick up on Monday. About 150 mullein (noxious weeds) were pulled as well. Two syringes were found and reported to the Jefferson County sheriff's department who promptly responded and properly disposed of them. (See photos)

The balance in the CWPIP checking account from 2017 was \$2,511.84. The sum of all chipper receipts and donations netted \$1,270 for 29 properties. Expenses were \$4,598.48. We are asking for a reimbursement from the 2018 Clear Creek County Wildfire Risk Mitigation and Preparedness Grant. 215 volunteer hours were logged. Our bank balance is - **(-\$604.64)**. (See financial recap sheet). **The Floyd Hill CWPIP group is requesting a reimbursement from the grant for \$2,299.24.**