

Floyd Hill Community Wildfire Protection Implementation Plan Committee Meeting
Bergen Park Fire Station
6:30 - 8:00 pm
5/16/16

In attendance:

Bill Allen, Floyd Hill
Kelly Babeon, Clear Creek County Fire Authority
Linda Berteau, Floyd Hill
Phil Buckland, Clear Creek County Commissioner
John Chapman, CWPIP Coordinator
Frank Dearborn, Evergreen Fire/Rescue Fire Marshall
Maggie Elliott, Floyd Hill
Sarah & Scott Guillauden, Floyd Hill
Phil Guin, Saddleback Mountain
Carol Reynolds, President Floyd Hill Area Property Owners' Association
Coleen, Reyna, Floyd Hill

After introductions, John Chapman passed out current copies of the Floyd Hill 2012 CWPIP which now includes an Executive Summary of the top 10 priority fuel treatment zones and appendix E describing a Grant of Easement dated 9/6/12 between Clear Creek County and ESRE Properties II, Inc for an emergency ingress/egress for emergency service providers and the general public from Clear Creek High School to Jefferson County Highway 65. Linda Berteau suggested starting with the CWPIP priority 3 (Hilltop West) extreme fire area because it involves major portions of Saddleback and Floyd Hill. Kelly Babeon felt the priorities should be eliminating ground fuels on lower altitude properties such as priority 2, (Saddleback) 8, (Santa Fe/Saddleback) or 7 (Elk Valley). Kelly Babeon will produce detailed maps of areas 2, 8, and 7 which identify which private addresses each area includes. This will allow us to contact property owners to make sure their homeowners' insurance will cover any injury incurred by volunteers helping to haul out ground fuels from these areas. Frank Dearborn urged all CWPIP Committee members to send him an e-mail authorizing Evergreen Fire/Rescue to come on their property to assess fire mitigation issues such as clear address signage, 10' driveway clearance with 2' on each side (fire trucks are 11'6" wide), as well as 11' 6" fire truck height clearance. Codes for gates need to be shared with the Clear Creek County and Evergreen Fire Departments. Bridges must have specified load limits, and fireplace chimneys need screen covers.

John Chapman mentioned that the Echo Hills CWPIP HOA got grants and Cascade Community in the Ute Pass CWPP Plan in El Paso County has an annual wildfire fair pancake breakfast for its residents.

John Chapman and Frank Dearborn would like proof of the Floyd Hill area's current FireWise status. (this was e-mailed to them).

Frank Dearborn would like a copy (emailed) of the Floyd Hill (aka Hyland Hills) covenants (which are silent to fire burning). Campfires in Jefferson County must have a 3' cubic clearance. Slash burns require a State permit and cannot be within 50' of a house. Burn areas can be no larger than 8' x 8' x 4'. No bonfires are allowed. To find out more about JeffCO fire restrictions, call 303-674-3411. For burn permits in Clear Creek County, go to: http://www.clearcreekfire.com/permit_proc.html

Bill Allen expressed concern about property insurance companies dropping properties in the Floyd Hill area, and becoming more stringent about criteria used to insure wooded properties. Property insurance costs have recently increased substantially. Linda Berteau e-mailed to all committee members a summary of property insurers who still offer coverage for the Floyd Hill area.

All Floyd Hill area residents will be invited to attend a wildfire mitigation talk by Doug Saba, Evergreen Fire/Rescue Community Educator, critiquing Leon and Becky LaClair's property at 270 Saddle Ridge Drive on Saturday, June 4th (time to be determined). This Floyd Hill property adjoins a neglected wooded area to the west, and a steep wooded slope to the south. All local residents can learn from Doug's prioritizing the most important fire mitigation issues as we walk around this property. Questions from attendees about their own property will be encouraged. We will try to video tape Doug's talk to share with interested area residents who are

unable to attend. Such an onsite fire mitigation critique generally cost \$75. Frank Dearborn passed out a list of possible qualified inspectors.

The Committee would like to sponsor a Wildfire fair with a pancakes breakfast . Carol Reynolds would like to invite a chimney sweep.

Kelly Babeon and Frank Dearborn would like to be speakers at the July FHAPOA meeting. They would like to also invite State Forester, Allen Gallamore to speak.

Frank Dearborn summarized that personal expenditures for fire mitigation can reduce Colorado taxes. Colorado landowners with property located in a wildland-urban interface area may qualify to receive a tax subtraction for the costs of wildfire mitigation work on their Colorado property. As authorized by §39-22-104(4)(n)(II), C.R.S., for income tax years 2009 through 2024. The total amount of the subtraction cannot exceed 50% of the landowner's out-of-pocket expenses, \$2,500 or the owner's federal taxable income, whichever is less. The deduction is available for tax years 2009 through 2024. Certain costs incurred in performing wildfire mitigation measures can be subtract from federal taxable income.

The following types of fire mitigation projects are included in this tax reduction:

- Creating and maintaining a defensible space around structures;
- Establishing fuel breaks;
- Thinning of woody vegetation for the primary purpose of reducing risk to structures from wildland fire;
- Secondary treatment of woody fuels by lopping and scattering, piling, chipping, removing from the site or prescribed burning.

Frank Dearborn passed out possible grant sources, such as the FireWise, Colorado State, and State Department of Natural Resources web sites. Carol Reynolds will contact State Representative Polis's office to see if his assistants can help us locate appropriate grants and help in their writing. Glenn Wallace of Floyd Hill is on the Clear Creek County Open Space Board and has written 2 successful grants to create a fire break on 20+ acres on upper Beaver Brook Canyon Road. He was able to use Boy Scouts and Colorado Youth Corps personnel along with independent contractors to clear this area. Additional work is needed to eliminate slash and logs. Volunteers will be asked to work on 6/18, 7/16, and 8/13 to help clear slash and wood from this area.

Glenn Wallace will call Bill Allen regarding why fire mitigation around the Lookout Mountain Reservoir at eastern Floyd Hill was not possible due to steepness and a mixture of Lookout Mountain, Clear Creek Open Space, and private property.

The Floyd Hill Area Property Owner's Association will no longer allow volunteers to run chippers due to an injury that occurred in the summer of 2014. Lam Tree Services declined to bid on the Hilltop recommended priority #3 due to a 6 week backlog. They would charge \$225 per hour for a 2 man chipping crew plus \$26/cubic yard to haul chips away in June. Splintered Forest would charge \$3,600 per day for a crew of 4 to run a mini skidster with a 15" turbo diesel chipper. This would include basic felling and pruning and picking up piles of slash. Frank Dearborn encouraged us to contact Boy Scouts, Americorps, and other tree services such as Eric Barber in Grand County. During summer months, slash can be hauled to the Clear Creek County Transfer Station for free.

Four Seasons Tree Service (clean up for Dawn Hanson's fire mitigation). called 5/31/16 lives on Floyd Hill.

Bob Franz
303-809-7894

Donald Arborist c: 720-737-9728 after 6/11 \$2,500 3 guys + chipper (up to 6-8" trees) & trailer
Tree removal, stump grinding left message
303-279-9337 or (Dola)? 720-724-0414
recommended by Maureen DeJongh

David Holm 303-567-2699 How to become 501 c 3 qualified (non-profit) + water conservation grants

The contractor Glenn Wallace used for last year's Upper Beaver Brook Canyon Road project was Griff Gehring, owner of Colorado Treescapes in Littleton. His phone number is 303.770.4155. (left msg) He was easy to work with and he and his crew and equipment worked much faster than Glenn expected. The other crew was from Colorado Youth Corps funded by a GOCO grant. Their office is

in Steamboat Springs. Frank Young, was on Kathleen Kreb's 303-679-2320 or Jane Thomas 303-679-2237 CCC Fire Protection Task Force (FPTF). He can advise us on how best to get downed wood off steep slopes, and on other forestry and fire mitigation issues. Frank's telephone number is 303 569-3172, (left msg) and his email is fyoung2688@aol.com. He has done this for the Georgetown/Silver Plume area. CCC has chipper for rent.

The next Floyd Hill CWPIP meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 pm at the Bergen Park fire station. John Chapman, Kelly Babeon, and Frank Dearborn will be invited, as well as other interested Floyd Hill area residents. Martha Tableman 303-679-2305 get Youth Corp or Americorp. Call K Krebs asst working on Echo Hills project Jane?