

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
MEETING MINUTES

1/11/2007 at

North Routt Fire Protection District (NRFPD) Station II

Present:

John Twitchell	CSFS
Tara Mehall	CSFS
Bob Reilley	NRFPD + Captains Cove Subdivision
Bill Speaker	Red Creek
Karen Kosakowski	Ranches at Steamboat Lake
Doug Carlson	Homeowner/Rancher
Jason Krueger	Homeowner/CETS
Jim Ross	Homeowner
Deb Alpe	CSU Coop Extension
Selina Heintz	Home Ranch
Charlie Comme	Vista Verde Ranch
Julie Arington	State Parks
Mark Cahur	USFS

Agenda: Introductions

Identify fuel hazards

Identify homes, businesses and essential infrastructure at risk

Community values

Describe your community's emergency preparedness

Next meeting date

Deb Alpe welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the room. Following the eight step process identified in the CWPP guidelines distributed by the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), we determined we were at step 5. Deb Alpe put together some specific questions based on four main categories to answer on community risk assessment by using documentation and handbooks. The four main categories are 1. Fuel hazards 2. Homes, businesses and essential infrastructure at risk 3. Community values and 4. Community's emergency preparedness. Each of the different sub areas addressed the following questions.

North Routt Risk Assessment

Sub Areas are:

Clark North (to include CR 129, 62)
Clark South (to include CR 129, 56, 54, 52)
Seedhouse Corridor (to include CR 64)
North of the NRFPD (areas north of Columbine)

QUESTIONS

1. Fuel Hazards

Describe each sub area in terms of fuel hazards and risk of wildfire occurrence. Rate as high, medium or low risk to community. Three categories for fuel:

- Scrub/shrub/aspen
- Pine/fir/spruce – highest hazard risk
- Grass

Clark – North

All subdivisions that border National Forest are at risk.

- Steamboat Lake Park & Subdivision – medium/high
- Pearl Lake Park & Subdivision – medium/high
- Badger Meadows – high
- Aspen Heights – high
- Hahn’s Peak – medium/high
- Columbine – high
- The Ranches at Steamboat Lake – high
- Dutch Creek – high
- Captains Cove – medium/high
- Red Creek – high
- Murphy Larson – medium
- Public lands adjacent to private

Clark - South

- West of 129 – low/medium
- East of 129 – medium/high
- Moonhill South:
 - West of 129 – high
 - East of 129 – low
- CR 56:
 - South & West Aspects – high
 - North & East Aspects – low

Seedhouse

- High – significant fuels remain even after Zerkel Fire.

2. Homes, Businesses and Essential Infrastructure at Risk

Use descriptors of few=25% or less, some =50%, or most 75% or more. List some of the businesses located in your community.

Clark – North, Clark – South, & Seedhouse

Roads:

- Road signs present – most
- % paved, graveled, or dirt – CR 129 paved, Seedhouse is 50% paved/50% gravel, and the remainder is gravel/dirt.
- Majority of roads will support how many lanes of traffic for pick-up's and emergency vehicles – CR 62 is 2 lanes, most of the roads are 16 feet or wider
- Loop roads – few
- Dead end roads – most
- Dead end roads that have adequate turnaround space for emergency equipment – few

Driveways:

- Width & height clearance and road grades are adequate for emergency equipment – few
- Individual homeowners have posted their name & address – some

Structures:

- Wood frame construction – most
- Wood decks or porches – most
- Fire safe roofing – most
- Visible from the main road – some

Bridges, gates, culverts:

- Bridges support emergency equipment – most
- Gates provide easy access to emergency equipment – most
- Culverts are easily crossed by emergency equipment – most

Utilities:

- Are land line telephone service lines above or below ground – some for above ground & some for below ground
- Cell phone coverage – some
- Are electrical lines above or below ground – above ground is few and below ground is some
- Are there homes using propane and if so are they above ground – most
- Are the underground propane tanks marked – few/some

- Are some homes using natural gas – none

Water Sources:

- Homes using central water systems – some (Murphy Larson & Willow Creek)
 - Homes using wells – most
 - Cisterns – few
- Steamboat Lake Water District

3. Community Values

What are some of the other community values of importance to protect in the event of a fire? These can be places of historic or cultural significance, wildlife habitat, recreation areas, scenic areas, etc.

- Hahn's Peak Village
- Moonhill School House
- Charter School
- New Preschool
- Clark Store
- Viewsheds
- Scenery – Hahn's Peak 360 degrees
- State Parks
- Trails/trailheads
- Watersheds/fisheries/recreation
- Cell phone towers/communication towers (Sand Mtn.)
- Campgrounds
- Agricultural improvements/heritage
- Water treatment plant
- Substation west of Clark

Businesses:

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| - Vista Verde | - Del's Triangle |
| - SLO | - Clark Store |
| - Dutch Creek | - Hahn's Peak Inn & Cafe |
| - Elk River Guest Ranch | - Working & historic ranches |
| - Glen Eden | - Trades/heavy equipment |
| - Columbine cabins | - Location neutral home-based businesses |
| - Alpaca, Llama, & Elk Ranchings | |
| - Marina @ Park | |
| - Zerkel Wireless | |
| - Home Ranch | |
| - High Mountain Snowmobiles | |
| - Guiding & Outfitting | |

4. Describe your community's emergency preparedness

- Does the community have an evacuation plan documented – no evacuation plans known
- Describe the emergency service response times to your community – varies widely (full time chief & 2 equipped stations), high interagency coordination and there is a reverse 911 county wide system.
- Do you know your Insurance ratings in the community: (include in plan)
 - 6 Willow Pass
 - 9 All areas inside 5 miles
 - 10 All areas outside 5 miles

Next meeting will be February 5th, 2007 at 7pm at the station II in North Rount.

Meeting adjourned.