

# Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) MEETING MINUTES

5/8/2007 at

Oak Creek Fire Protection District (OCFPD) Stagecoach Station I

Present:

Chuck Wisecup	OCFPD
Chris Zuschlag	Facilitator/Resident
Ken Burgess	SPOA
Sam Duerksen	USFS
Ken DePaul	SPOA
Craig Preston	State Parks
Tara Mehall	CSFS/Homeowner
Lynn Barclay	BLM
Tony Stitch	SPOA/Resident
Lou & Lydia DeQuine	Resident
Steve Colby	MCMWSD
Murray Selleuk	Resident
Ken Collins	Resident
Mike Petix	Resident/Horseback
Don Read	Resident

Agenda: Introductions

Review April 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Fuel Treatment Projects

Projects to Reduce Structural Ignitability

Projects to Increase Emergency Preparedness

Discuss responsible parties for projects and level of priority

Next meeting date

Sam Duerksen gave a brief overview of the meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Chuck Wisecup talked about an addressing database that he has been working on for the three main sub areas which include:

- Lower Morrison Creek
- Middle Morrison Creek
- Upper Morrison Creek

## **Step 6 – Community Fire Hazard Reduction Priorities and Recommendations**

### **Fuel Treatment Projects**

For roads create a safer ingress and egress in the event of a wildfire.

#### Highest Priorities

- County Road 16
- Pima
- Seneca
- Ute Trail

#### Other Priorities

- Colt Trail
- Schussmark Trail
- Greenridge Road
- Halter
- Hockeye
- County Road 212
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Philly Trail
- Mountain Meadow Lane
- Woodchuck Lane

### **Other Fuel Treatment Projects**

#### Highest Priorities

- Power line clearance (Maricopa mile marker 6 to 7 on CR 16)
- Defensible space (Well houses and Booster stations)
- Fuel treatment project for US Forest Service to look at near the Southwest portion of Middle Morrison Creek sub area.
- Mt. Elim vicinity (Bible Camp)
- Hideaway Ranch
- Fuel reduction on State Parks and particularly on Division of Wildlife land.
- Colorado State Forest Service is doing a timber sale on their state section off of CR 16. (Summer 2007)
- Treat Fuels near homes, promote defensible space projects. Larger forest management projects, whether commercial timber sales or fuels

treatment operations, can potentially provide significant protection to communities from wildfire.

- Large scale timber management projects can make the biggest impact toward protecting a community.

## **Reduce Structural Ignitability**

### Highest Priorities

- Community & Individual Subdivision Educational Events
- Promote fire wise education through HOA, fire district and community meetings
- Chipper projects
- Private landowners in the Oak Creek Fire Protection District Wildland Urban Interface are encouraged to complete defensible space projects and reduce other fire hazards on their personal property. This includes improving ingress and egress routes for emergency fire services as outlined in the Routt County Fire Management Plan. Fire Wise projects completed by individuals can lend protection to individual homes and neighborhoods as well as lessen the chances of a wildfire starting from within the Wildland Urban Interface. Many Wildland Urban Interface residents have completed FireWire projects on their property. Recognizing that people cannot be forced to complete Fire Wise projects on their property, all Oak Creek Fire Protection District Wildland Urban Interface landowners are encouraged to create defensible space and reduce other fire hazards on their personal property.
- Facilitate Oak Creek Fire Protection District evaluating defensibility of each property in Oak Creek Fire Protection District Wildland Urban Interface. Find funds to support this critical activity.
- Display addresses nomenclature for all homes and structures in the North Routt Fire Protection District Wildland Urban Interface.

### Other Priorities

- Encourage Routt County to participate through funding.

## Emergency Preparedness Recommendations

### Highest Priorities

- Signage (Evacuation Route Signs)
- Identify water sources (with agreements in place)
- Pre-established evacuation destination (Soroco High School)
- New cell towers for increased cell phone coverage.
- Ingress, Egress (road across dam or new bridge)
- Explore community notification methods; identify people with mobility/health issues.
- Animal evacuation
- Annual review of CWPP in late spring

### Other Priorities

- Support the South Routt Fire Fighters of the Oak Creek Fire Protection District and encourage residents to become volunteers.
- State Parks and US Forest Service will be responsible for communication with campground, forest and park visitors.

### **Responsible Parties for Projects:**

- **Routt County**
- **SPOA**
- **US Forest Service**
- **State Parks**
- **Colorado State Forest Service**
- **Individual Home Owners**
- **HPP – Grant Partner**

Next meeting will be June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7pm at Stagecoach station I in South Routt.

Meeting adjourned.