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1	8/3/2010	Email	We should have restrictions around extreme fire danger communities that prohibit campfires from being allowed.	The Douglas County Sherriff's Office uses a process for initiating fire restrictions based off of quantitative fire hazard data (fuel moistures, weather, potential fire behavior, etc.). Fire restrictions are coordinated with the USDA Forest Service and neighboring counties to avoid confusion on what lands/areas have restrictions and which ones do not. This system is addressed in the Douglas County Annual Operating Plan and will be mentioned in the Douglas County Wildfire Protection Plan (DC CWPP). The DC CWPP is not the proper venue to create a policy such as this but we have made the Douglas County Sherriff's Office and USDA Forest Service aware of your concerns.
2	9/7/2010	Phone Conversation	I would like to schedule meeting to Discuss the County Open Space Lands Hazard Assessment for Valley Park Subdivision.	This request was granted. A meeting was scheduled and held to discuss the county lands hazard assessment and treatment recommendations in detail with the Valley Park CWPP Core Team. As a result, a follow-up site visit to Valley Park was conducted with Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resources Staff, Douglas County Wildfire Mitigation Staff, and Larkspur Fire Protection District to evaluate proposed amendments to the recommendations. One Open Space parcel was reclassified from no treatment to conditional treatment.
3	9/10/2010	Email	How were major stakeholders involved in the analysis and conclusion that no treatments are required for open spaces in Valley Park?	For the Valley Park subdivision, the county owned lands treatment recommendations generally fit into either the no treatment or conditional treatment categories. In the spirit of community stakeholder involvement and collaboration, all portions of the Douglas County CWPP are made available in draft form for public review and public comment. Comments will be considered by the Douglas County CWPP Core Team. Additionally a special meeting was held as requested by Valley Park residents to review the county owned lands treatment recommendations, and a follow up site visit with Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resources Staff, Douglas County Wildfire Mitigation Staff, and Larkspur Fire Protection District to evaluate proposed amendments to the recommendations.
4	9/10/2010	Email	Does the prescribed no treatment for open spaces in Valley Park follow the "fire wise" recommendations that will be given to other property owners with similar conditions in Valley Park.	The Douglas County CWPP will not prescribe treatments on open space parcels, but only include a hazard assessment that makes recommendations on whether or not to treat specific open space parcels. Open Space parcels that pose a hazard to structures, have potential for significant fire behavior, or are appropriate for demonstration sites will be recommended for treatment. The Douglas County CWPP will recommend defensible space standards (e.g. fire wise recommendations) for protecting structures that adhere to the Douglas County Wildfire Mitigation Standards and Colorado State Forest Service Defensible Space Guidelines.

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5	9/10/2010	Email	Since we were not involved in the assessment of the fuels on the open spaces in Valley Park, we request a copy of the analysis of the fuels and treatments that relates to the open spaces in Valley Park. Otherwise, how are we to address Valley Park's open spaces in our CWPP?	As part of the DC CWPP process, all stakeholders have the opportunity to comment on the county-owned lands assessment and provide comment through the DC CWPP website, community meetings, and additional meetings as requested. As requested by Valley Park residents, a meeting was held to discuss the results of this assessment. A follow-up site visit with Larkspur Fire Protection District, Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resources, and Douglas County Wildfire Mitigation Staff was also made to review proposed amendments to the recommendations. An analysis of fuels, potential fire behavior, and treatment recommendations for Valley Park has been provided.
6	9/10/2010	Email	Does the county's draft CWPP allow a home owner to extend their fire mitigation efforts on their property into the open space bordering their lots or coordinate mowing projects and other efforts to mitigate potential wildfires on the open space parcels located in their subdivision?	Through the county owned lands hazard assessment, as part of the Douglas County CWPP, county owned lands that pose a significant hazard to adjacent structures, provide opportunity for a demonstration site, or would make adjacent land owner treatments more effective will be recommended for fire mitigation treatment either by having a "treat" or "conditionally treat" recommendation. Those open space parcels with these recommendations provide the opportunity for the county and adjacent landowners to complement each other's efforts. Parks and Open Space rules and regulations, specifically R005-033 Sec. III B (i) prohibits anyone removing, destroying, damaging anything on parks or open space, including vegetation. This is also covered in the broad context of CRS 18-9-117 Unlawful Conduct on Public Property which allows jurisdictions to restrict activities of the public in order to protect its resources. All treatments will be accomplished either by County staff or by contractors selected by County staff.
7	9/10/2010	Email	Will the Director of Open Spaces follow the recommendations of the Larkspur Fire Protection District should funding become available for a wildfire mitigation project that includes an open space parcels located in Valley Park?	Any treatments on Douglas County BOCC lands under management by Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resources Division will be done under the recommendations listed in the hazard assessment of the Douglas County CWPP and subsequent updates. Conditions for possible amendment may exist including restrictions on the property due to a Conservation Easement(s), significant issues related to wildlife management or habitat, including threatened or endanger species, or significant recreational impacts that may need to be addressed.
8	9/10/2010	Email	How many subdivisions are located in the Larkspur Fire Protection District and have open spaces dedicated to the county?	Approximately 65 platted subdivision lie wholly or partially within Larkspur Fire Protection District. Approximately 17 contain county owned parcels. Not all of these parcels are necessarily under the management of Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resources.

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9	9/10/2010	Email	How are you going to notify each of those subdivisions within Larkspur Fire Protection District about the October 5 community meeting?	<p>Following is a summary of the marketing and public relations efforts deployed to support general community outreach for the CWPP process and specific efforts for the October 5 Larkspur CWPP community meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creation of CWPP logo and branding/messaging</li> <li>• Creation of CWPP website/content on county's website: <a href="http://www.douglas.co.us/CWPP">www.douglas.co.us/CWPP</a></li> <li>• News Release written and distributed to all HOA newsletters, Chambers, EDC's local media, 700 email subscribers and social media pages announcing CWPP Process. It ran in all five County Colorado Community newspapers and YourHUB sections of the Denver Post.</li> <li>• County homepage banner ad creation and placement on homepage promoting Community Meetings: <a href="http://www.douglas.co.us">www.douglas.co.us</a></li> <li>• Evacuation video banner ad: <a href="http://www.douglas.co.us">www.douglas.co.us</a> – timed to bring added value to the CWPP Process and community meetings</li> <li>• CWPP community meeting poster design and placement throughout community(s)</li> <li>• News release announcing all community meetings and Larkspur Meeting – it ran in all five County Colorado Community newspapers and YourHUB sections of Denver Post</li> <li>• Larkspur Elementary School outreach. Placement in 'Thursday' folders, newswire article</li> <li>• Placement of three ads in five Colorado Community Newspapers, highlighting Larkspur</li> <li>• Larkspurs Town Meeting (9/29) announcement – County Commissioner Town Meeting</li> <li>• Creation of Town Meeting newsletter and flyer for distribution at meeting <a href="http://www.douglas.co.us">http://www.douglas.co.us</a></li> <li>• Fire District outreach – provided Larkspur Fire District with news release for placement</li> <li>• Automated email subscription distribution of news releases to more than 700 subscribers</li> <li>• Announcements on followers and fans of Douglas County's Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn</li> <li>• Placement of news releases in online news room of County's website (home page)</li> <li>• LFPD contact with HOA's</li> </ul>
10	9/10/2010	Email	Since the October 5 <i>Larkspur Fire Protection District</i> meeting starts at 7 PM, how much of the meeting have you realistically allocated for review of the prescriptions for the open spaces <i>referring to county owned lands hazard assessment</i> in each of those subdivisions?	<p>The Douglas County CWPP will not be as detailed to prescribe treatments on open space parcels, but only recommend specific open space parcels where treatment may be effective for reducing fire hazard or serve as an educational demonstration site. These recommendations are derived from the County Lands Hazard Assessment. Specific treatment prescriptions will be determined on a parcel by parcel basis as funds are available for treatment and as local-scale communities derive CWPPs. The treatment recommendation classification system was discussed among other topics at the community meetings. Preliminary assessment have also been posted on the DC CWPP Website.</p>

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11	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Were the maps available on the web site prior to the community meeting? <i>Comment is referring to Larkspur FPD Community Meeting.</i>	All draft maps are available for review by the public after core team approval. All maps were made available on the DC CWPP website before the community meetings with the exception of the County-Owned Lands Treatment Recommendations Map which was made available for review shortly after the Larkspur Community Meeting.
12	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Are municipal fire hydrant locations included in the hazard assessment?	Due to the assessment's broadness in scale and variability in type and availability of water sources for wildland fire suppression they were not included.
13	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Why were power lines categorized as a values and not an ignition risk in the hazard assessment?	Power lines logically fit into both categories, but were considered a value for the purpose of this assessment. By being classified as a value they are weighted heavier as being an area of focus.
14	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	The Douglas County CWPP should include wildland urban interface (WUI) areas and zones of influence from existing local CWPPs in the county-wide plan. The reason for this would be to help the U.S. Forest Service prioritize their treatment areas.	At this point it is not possible to include the WUIs and zones of influence from localized CWPPs due to lack of spatial data (GIS) from those plans. The CSFS is attempting to put a spatial database such as this together and when complete could be included in future plan updates, but is not available at this time. The U.S. Forest Service is aware of the local CWPPs in the vicinity of U.S. Forest Service lands as they are part of the core team for those plans. The Douglas County CWPP will include a map showing communities that have existing CWPPs and contain narrative discussing this topic. This will be useful to the U.S. Forest Service and other interested parties in referencing locations and information from localized plans.
15	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Douglas County should hay the grasses on their open space lands in Valley Park.	If grass on county open space lands is not posing a direct hazard to values at risk or if a hazard can be reasonably mitigated through defensible space, the county will retain the grass as a natural open space to provide the ecological services that open space lands are intended to provide. Additionally, with limited resources, county-owned properties that contain heavy ladder and crown fuels that pose a hazard to structures are the county's highest priorities for treatment.
16	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Do all funding streams for performing mitigation work require a CWPP and would the county CWPP make all Douglas County citizens eligible for those that require CWPPs?	A CWPP is not necessarily required for all grant opportunities, but only suggested for some. For those funding sources that require a CWPP the county plan alone will not make you eligible for grant funds as additional work has to be done by the community see CSFS Minimum Standards for more information). The county plan will make it easier and faster for local communities to put together a localized plan that, once approved, would make those communities eligible for applying for grant funding.

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17	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	The residents of Douglas County are fortunate that the Douglas County Wildfire Mitigation Staff and Colorado State Forest Service are available to help communities who may be at risk to wildfire.	Both agencies work together and with our many other cooperators to help reduce wildfire hazard to communities.
18	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Slash disposal is a problem. The DC CWPP should include recommendations of more mulch sites within Douglas County.	We will provide recommendations on this topic in the plan.
19	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	What type of outreach efforts were used to get the word out to people about the Larkspur Fire Protection District community meeting?	Please see comment 9.
20	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Personal invitations should be made to provide for more attendance at community meetings.	Personal invitations seem to generate better attendance as demonstrated in a mailing sent out by the West Douglas County Fire Protection District for their community meeting. This will be communicated with other fire protection districts to consider for their future meetings.
21	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	For consistency reasons all areas identified for development but not yet built (i.e. Remuda Ranch, Sandstone, and Meribell Village) should either be included or excluded in the communities identified in the community hazard ranking map.	<p>The community boundaries for the purposes of the Douglas County CWPP Community Ranking Map were drawn around concentrations of already built address points that share similar hazard potential at a landscape scale. Due to address point location and changes in hazard level, subdivision plats were not always taken into account. Because it is a landscape (broad) scale assessment the boundaries are less meaningful than is the general location of each community and its associated hazard. The rankings are meant to provide information to communities about the difficulty of controlling a fire in their area, ignition potential, and proximity to values. This information can then be used by local CWPP planning teams in combination with finer scale inputs such as construction materials, ingress and egress, and defensible space to determine local hazard. Exact locations of community boundaries are more meaningful at the localized CWPP level for determining stakeholders and for planning project-level activities such as vegetation treatments. Local communities should determine these exact boundaries</p> <p>during localized CWPP planning efforts based on topographic features (i.e. ridge tops), changes in fuel types, or political boundaries such as homeowner's associations or subdivision plats.</p>

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22	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Future build out should be accounted for in the hazard assessment.	During development of the hazard assessment the Douglas County CWPP Core Team considered including future build out, but decided that initially the plan should focus on present hazard. Also the Core Team agreed that timing of future build out is difficult to predict. When future build out happens, it will be taken into account during periodic updates of the plan.
23	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	The DC CWPP should be used as a policy document by Douglas County regarding Community Wildfire Protection.	Community Wildfire Protection Plans are only plans, not policy documents and not legally binding. It will have to be determined by the County Commissioners if they would like to make any policy changes based off of recommendations from the plan after its approval.
24	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Individuals can speak with the County Commissioners to provide input to the plan.	Interested parties can go through the normal methods of contacting the Commissioners, but mechanisms are in place as part of the CWPP process to solicit public comments for the plan. These mechanisms include the CWPP website comments box, community meetings, phone calls, and emails. After comments are received through these means they are brought to the CWPP Core team who will then address them and post the information on the website.
25	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Will this plan be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners?	Adoption and public hearing are not requirements of the minimum standards for developing CWPPs. Public hearing and adoption will be determined by the BOCC.
26	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Will a second series of public meetings be held after the draft CWPP is released?	There will not be a second series of public meetings after the release of the draft plan. Before being made final, public comments will be solicited on the draft document. All of the information and draft products will be posted on the web site and available for the public to view. Other dissemination methods will also be sought. Additionally, the Core Team is considering an open house to solicit input on the draft plan, but at present has not committed either way.
27	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	There is an issue with the consistency of color across maps, specifically having the <i>High</i> category being the same color across all maps.	The maps and color schemes will be revisited to try for better consistency.
28	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	We should not be spending tax money on this process. We are creating a plan with tax payer dollars to basically encourage people to clean up their own properties, something they should be doing anyway. The grants communities receive for doing wildfire mitigation work are also tax payer dollars.	Comment noted.

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29	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	A county wide community wildfire protection plan is an unneeded and redundant effort for Douglas County as they have an Annual Operating Plan.	These are two distinctly different documents intended for separate purposes. A CWPP is a planning document for the county and local communities to reduce the wildfire hazards in and around their community. The Douglas County Annual Fire Operating Plan is a document that outlines roles/responsibilities of the County, State, and US Forest Service in regards to wildland fire suppression, prevention, etc.
30	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	There have been times where I have gone onto open space land to mow the grass next to my property. Is there a problem with this?	This is prohibited under state statute. Additionally, grazing on county open space is done through agricultural leases on a case by case basis.
31	10/5/2010	Larkspur Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Will the hazard assessment be used by the insurance companies?	This concern has been expressed in the past when different wildfire hazard assessments have been completed. It is important to realize that most insurance companies have their own assessments to determine policies and that there are a variety of wildfire hazard assessments available to the public. To our knowledge CWPPs have not been used by the insurance industry to assess homes and policies. Additionally, the hazard assessment and community rankings look only at general landscape scale hazard potential and not the specific hazard to each individual home in identified communities. The Douglas County CWPP will clearly state that it is not appropriate to make inferences about the hazard level of individual homes from this assessment. More, fine scale variables such as defensible space, access, construction materials, and response aspects must also be factored in. For example, a home with defensible space and fire resistant construction materials that is considered having a low to moderate hazard, but resides in a high to very high rated community.
32	10/19/2010	Jackson 105 Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Was the National Fire Incident Reporting System Data (NFIRS) used to determine areas of ignition risk?	The Douglas County CWPP Core Team looked into using the data, but found that the reporting was inconsistent across the county. Instead, to determine ignition risk potential ignition sources were used. These include campgrounds, lightning density, railroads, hiking trails, and roads. Power lines were also included, but lumped in the values category where they got a higher weighting. When determining hazard potential, ignition risk is not as important of a factor as potential fire behavior (based off of fuels and topography) and its proximity to values. This is because we never truly know where the next fire will occur.
33	10/19/2010	Jackson 105 Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Acres burned in the WUI should be added to the hazard map.	Due to reporting methods it is difficult to capture all acreage that has been burned in the WUI in the past. However, large fires since 2002 are on the map, but probably do not stand out enough. We will try to adjust the map so they stand out more.

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34	10/19/2010	Jackson 105 Fire Protection District Community Meeting	What will happen to the maps and data from the plan once it is finished?	The plan and data will remain on the website and be available for the public and local communities, especially for creating localized CWPPs. The plan and maps will also be updated periodically to reflect future changes.
35	10/19/2010	Jackson 105 Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Was any additional funding allocated for this project?	There was no additional funding line allocated to preparation of this plan.
36	10/19/2010	Jackson 105 Fire Protection District Community Meeting	The plan should include objectives with benchmarks such as reducing a certain number of communities from high hazard to moderate hazard.	As the draft plan is being written, based off of public input, the DC CWPP Core Team is identifying realistic and useful goals and objectives for the plan.
37	10/19/2010	Jackson 105 Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Douglas County should spend funds on private lands to reduce the highest hazards instead of treating their own lands.	Presently there is no program in place to do this. It will be up to the Board of County Commissioners on how they move forward with the plan. We will capture this input for the Commissioners to consider.
38	10/19/2010	Jackson 105 Fire Protection District Community Meeting	There should be a quantifiable goal to seek funding to mitigate acreage in the county on public or private land.	The comment was noted as this may be beyond the scope of this process. The input provided from these meetings will be provided to the Commissioners.
39	10/19/2010	Jackson 105 Fire Protection District Community Meeting	What is the relationship between the plan and insurance industry use?	Please see comment 31.
40	10/19/2010	Jackson 105 Fire Protection District Community Meeting	The plan should provide a strong emphasis for seeking funding to make available for individual homeowners.	We will capture this input for the Commissioners to consider.

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41	10/19/2010	Jackson 105 Fire Protection District Community Meeting	What is an estimated number of hours it takes to complete a local level CWPP?	Each one is different; however, much of the background information will be available in the completed version of the Douglas County CWPP to make the process quicker and more streamlined. For instance, the Douglas County CWPP will provide a landscape scale hazard assessment and community hazard rankings to aid in the local level hazard assessment, county owned open space treatment recommendations, and a discussion of the fire protection district and suppression capabilities. With the majority of the background information provided through the Douglas County CWPP it is estimated that it would take at least 6 months to complete a local plan due to the time it takes to gain understanding and support from the community. We will provide an outline of the “next steps” communities need to take to complete a local plan when the Douglas County CWPP is completed.
42	10/19/2010	Jackson 105 Fire Protection District Community Meeting	It should be clear in the plan that one of its purposes is to simplify the local CWPP planning process and reduce the time it takes complete a local level CWPP	We will make sure to incorporate that into the plan and will re-emphasize that at future meetings and on the website.
43	10/19/2010	Jackson 105 Fire Protection District Community Meeting	A graphic of completed local level CWPPs should be added to the plan.	This will be incorporated into the final plan along with a list of the communities with completed plans. The plans are currently available to view on the CSFS website.
44	10/20/2010	South Metro Fire Rescue Authority and Aurora Fire Community Meeting	I have a concern for people and fires in the undeveloped portion of the Pinery and is there any enforcement in the area?	The Timbers is private land under the ownership of the Timbers. There have been issues in the past with bonfires, but the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office has been responding when they are aware. The goal is for Misty Pines and the Timbers to get a CWPP in place then engage the landowner to discuss solutions for that property.
45	10/20/2010	South Metro Fire Rescue Authority and Aurora Fire Community Meeting	I am concerned about the open space lands near Lightening View Drive.	Several parcels near Lightening View Drive have been identified for treatment in the Douglas County CWPP County Lands assessment.
46	10/20/2010	South Metro Fire Rescue Authority and Aurora Fire Community Meeting	Who owns open space lands?	Certain parcels are deeded to the Douglas County through the development process in addition to those that are purchased with the open space tax. There are also open space parcels deeded to Home Owners Associations and Metro Districts. Parcels are also deeded for schools through the development process. Not all naturally vegetated parcels within subdivisions are necessarily open space, as some may be private lots that have not yet been built on.

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47	10/20/2010	South Metro Fire Rescue Authority and Aurora Fire Community Meeting	Who maintains open space lands?	The deeded owner maintains their own open space lands. In the case of Douglas County, Douglas County Department of Open Space and Natural Resources (DC OSNR) maintains open space lands deeded to Douglas County. DC OSNR does not mow their parcels on a regular basis because they are intended to serve as natural areas. DC OSNR is committed to mitigating properties according to the recommendations in the Douglas County CWPP, but will also have to take into consideration additional issues such as funding, wildlife habitat, and easements.
48	10/20/2010	South Metro Fire Rescue Authority and Aurora Fire Community Meeting	How do residents get permits to build in hazardous areas?	There are homes and subdivisions that were built and platted before the current wildfire regulations were in place. There are now building codes in place that provide for wildfire mitigation to be performed in certain areas during the development process as well as defensible space requirements during the building process. This will be discussed in the DC CWPP.
49	10/20/2010	South Metro Fire Rescue Authority and Aurora Fire Community Meeting	How can you tell exactly where the Douglas County open space parcels recommended for treatment are?	You can go to the MapIt program on Douglas County's webpage and enter the state parcel number of the open space parcel you are interested in. Open space parcels that are recommended for treatment and their state parcel numbers can be found on the County Owned Lands Treatment Recommendations Map.
50	10/26/2010	West Douglas County Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Is there a certifying authority or process for the hazard assessment?	There is no certifying authority for the hazard assessment. The assessment was conducted and approved by the Douglas County CWPP core team that is made up of local technical experts including the Douglas County Wildfire Mitigation Staff, Douglas County's 11 fire protection districts, the US Forest Service, and the Colorado State Forest Service. The assessment used a scientifically based approach. The professionals involved in the creation of the assessment have technical expertise in the areas of fire behavior, fuel treatment, and fire suppression.
51	10/26/2010	West Douglas County Fire Protection District Community Meeting	How will insurance companies use the hazard assessment?	Please see comment 31.

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52	10/26/2010	West Douglas County Fire Protection District Community Meeting	What funding sources are available to reduce fire hazard?	The Colorado State Forest Service administers several sources of funding that originate from federal dollars. FEMA often has mitigation grant programs. The Coalition for the Upper South Platte was granted an ARRA (stimulus) award and is allocating those dollars to local projects. Some funding sources require a CWPP and others do not. It is important to communicate with the Colorado State Forest Service if you are interested in grant funding and if your community is interested in working together to reduce the hazards as a good portion of the grant funding is for community efforts instead of individual homeowners.
53	10/26/2010	West Douglas County Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Perry Pines HOA would like to do a local community wildfire protection plan. What are the next steps to start a plan?	We recommend that Perry Pines defer their planning process until the completion of the Douglas County CWPP which is projected to be this June or July. Once the county plan is complete, much of the work will be done for creating a localized plan. The next steps then would be to develop a core team, identify treatment areas and other needs, gather community input, and create an implementation plan. There are some education activities that can take place until the Douglas County Plan is done to start gaining support from the community.
54	10/26/2010	West Douglas County Fire Protection District Community Meeting	The county-wide CWPP should include a section to reduce human caused ignitions and raise awareness when it is dry. For instance suggestions such as signage regarding keeping cigarette butts in cars and better signage for fire bans.	We will incorporate this in the plan.
55	10/26/2010	West Douglas County Fire Protection District Community Meeting	The Douglas County Sherriff and/or US Forest Service should ban all campfires within a specified radius of extreme hazard communities.	Please see comment 1.
56	10/26/2010	West Douglas County Fire Protection District Community Meeting	The plan should recommend ways of reducing fire hazard along Rampart Range Road and Highway 67.	Through the Douglas County CWPP process, the Core Team has been working with the US Forest Service to identify priority landscape scale treatment areas. Rampart Range Road will be identified in the plan as a priority fuel treatment area.
57	10/26/2010	West Douglas County Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Cherokee Ranch was not identified as Open Space Lands recommended for treatment.	This is because the Cherokee Ranch property did not show as property deeded to Douglas County when queried.

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58	10/26/2010	West Douglas County Fire Protection District Community Meeting	As a contractor it seems that there are mixed messages and differing prescriptions for mitigation.	Differing properties or different treatment designs may have differing prescriptions, but the mitigation messages should be consistent. If the properties are using grant funding from the CSFS there are CSFS standards that must be met.
59	10/28/2010	Conversation	The plan should discuss obstacles to prescribed fire within the county for disposing of treatment residues	We will incorporate this.
60	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	What can be done regarding absentee landowners and fuel accumulations? Is there public funding to deal with this type of a situation?	There is no public regulatory authority addressing absentee landowners in particular. It depends on what is in the HOA covenants if an HOA exists. Where there is no HOA or covenant enforcement some success has been generated through community projects. We can provide educational information that the HOA could provide to the landowner to increase awareness of the situation.
61	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Can someone come out and assess the hazard on our lot?	Yes, the Douglas County Mitigation staff and the Fire Protection District are available to complete hazard assessments upon request. The CSFS will come out and complete a hazard assessment but will charge for the service.
62	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	How successful have efforts been to get people on board with mitigation?	<p>There are many levels of success. Those communities with grass roots efforts who know and talk to their neighbors regularly have had successful community involvement and mitigation efforts. Those with top down efforts have larger challenges to raise awareness and motivate people to mitigation action. A great example of a successful community project is currently underway in the Deerfield and Pinewood Knolls area. The HOAs got together and approached the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS). The community did not have a CWPP, but had the desire to do work and the ability to pay for a portion of the work. The CSFS had some cost share monies available that came with certain requirements including treating a minimum of 2 acres and following a set scope of work. Meadow Trail was a great place to see completed work. In addition to work being done within the community the Douglas County Open Space parcel in Pinewood Knolls will be treated using county funds. There has been an attitude shift for residents in Pinewood Knolls and Deerfield. They are more aware and have more favorable attitudes</p> <p>as they see more work completed. There has been very positive feedback from the Pinewood Knolls and Deerfield community. The CSFS is going to offer an after project workshop for the Pinewood Knolls and Deerfield community to help continue mitigation efforts.</p>

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63	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Some people who are new to the area believe that the current vegetation is natural or in a natural state. They do not understand that the current vegetation state is unnatural <i>due to fire suppression and other human-caused factors</i> , natural fire regimes, and that things should look more park like. I believe there is more buy in from community members when forest health components are added to the mitigation mix.	We plan on including the background information on forest health, current conditions, what is considered natural for local ecosystems in the CWPP. We will also look at including this information at future meetings and on the website.
64	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	I strongly believe in this effort, but insurance companies did indeed cancel some homeowner policies based on the code. How will you address this? <i>The commenter has served on the State Fire Marshall task force in California where he assisted with the adoption of the Wildland Urban Interface Code (WUIC).</i>	This concern has been expressed in the past when different wildfire hazard assessments have been completed. It is important to realize that most insurance companies have their own assessments to determine policies and that there are a variety of wildfire hazard assessments available to the public. To our knowledge CWPPs locally have not been used by the insurance industry to assess homes and policies. Additionally, the hazard assessment and community rankings look only at general landscape scale hazard potential and not the specific hazard to each individual home in identified communities. The Douglas County CWPP will clearly state that it is not appropriate to make inferences about the hazard level of individual homes from this assessment. More, fine scale variables such as defensible space, access, and construction materials must also be factored in. Insurance companies often perform their own analysis by using tools such as aerial photos, ISO ratings, etc. Also, depending on the number of homes insured in certain vicinity, some insurance companies may be at a level of risk saturation in a particular area, which may affect their decision to insure.
65	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	It is good to see the county taking the initiative to treat their own property.	Comment noted.
66	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Is there grant funding available for paying the landowner to do the work versus paying a contractor in order to keep costs down?	It depends on the rules that come with the grant funding. Some grants will allow for that, but most of what we have seen lately has been strictly for paying a contractor. There are some other avenues to look at for reducing the cost of treatment including the use of the prison crews through the State of Colorado and the use of volunteer groups to assist or complete projects.

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67	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	In some subdivisions permits approved by the HOA are required for cutting trees.	That is most likely going to be amended to allow tree cutting for wildfire mitigation and forest health. <i>Response given by HOA president pertaining to Russellville HOA. Additionally, 38-33.3-106.5, CRS provides guidance to HOA regulatory authority pertaining to defensible space.</i>
68	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	The presentation did not clarify the position of wildlife agencies-are they a part of the CWPP?	The Division of Wildlife (DOW) has been contacted in regards to our CWPP process. DOW has been supportive of mitigation work in and around communities and are familiar with the prescriptions as they relate to impacts on wildlife. They are also supportive of the forest restoration work completed along the South Platte on the Denver Water property and on US Forest Service property. There are two habitat improvement projects funded through ARRA funding on State Wildlife area and another 35 acre development with a conservation easement held by DOW in an elk calving area where the habitat improvement prescriptions are similar to those of hazardous fuels reduction. We will make a point to address the topic of wildlife and habitat in future meetings.
69	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	Too much carbon is being removed during treatments if all of the material is hauled away.	Most of the projects that have been completed involve mulching the trees on the stump and leaving the material on the ground. When timber harvests are involved there is a certain amount of material that is left on the ground so the carbon is not being removed from the site. Most projects do not involve a harvest due to a poor wood products industry.
70	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	If we were going to let people <i>in our community</i> know about grant funding options what could we put as a general rule of thumb for cost-share? 50/50?	There are different funding options available at different times with different requirements. Most of this money comes through the CSFS. It is good for CSFS to know what types of projects communities are interested in so they can offer the money when they know it is available. Costs per acre differ based on the complexity and the type of work. Most projects need to be identified in a CWPP to be eligible for funding. A good rule of thumb would be 50/50 cost share as we generally don't have many fully funded (no matching required) projects.
71	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	How many people have to agree on a localized plan? Just the HOA or everyone in the community?	Community support is a large part of the planning process. Some HOAs will formally adopt/sign off on the plan after they feel the community has been heard. Not everyone in the community has to sign off, but all have to be given the opportunity to be involved and provide input.

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72	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	What options are available for brush disposal?	There is a County slash/mulch site located in Castle Rock open seasonally. Chipping onsite is always an option. Communities have also piled slash and hired a masticator to grind up the slash. The key is to not let the slash sit longer than a month or insect issues can increase the threat to standing trees (i.e. ips beetle).
73	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	How do we get started with some type of community program?	Community chipping day/clean up day is a good way of getting started. Demonstration sites are also effective. They key is to start raising awareness of the issues with the members of the community.
74	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	What time of year should mitigation activities take place? <i>This question was asked in concern for pine beetle infestation.</i>	Most mitigation activities take place in the spring and summer when insects are active as this is the best weather for doing work. There have been some instances in the past where we have seen increase in insects in areas where mitigation activities have taken place due to the resins produced from chipping and cutting trees. These have been situations where there are active infestations of ips or mountain pine beetle in the area and they attacked trees in close proximity. Although there is always the potential to have increase insect activity the CSFS entomologists agree that mitigation work trumps beetle concerns. The important thing is to treat slash quickly and be aware of any active insect issues in the area. Slash accumulation can be a potential problem if left too long- ips beetle infestation is a possibility.
75	11/17/2010	Franktown Fire Protection District Community Meeting	There are dense trees along the county right of way. How do we treat these trees not just for fire but forest health?	The County has a right of way tree removal policy through the Douglas County Operations Department. This is usually conducted on an as requested basis regarding roadside safety and maintenance issues, which often will complement forest health and fire mitigation efforts. <i>Due to the narrowness of right of ways, most of the time treating only trees in the right of way is not sufficient enough to reduce problematic fire behavior or significantly improve forest health. To have significant benefit, trees need to be thinned on private property as well to have an impact on fire behavior. CSFS minimum standard call for a 300' width of shaded fuel breaks.</i>

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76	11/29/2010	Douglas County CWPP Website Comment Box	I would like to be involved in a CWPP. Are there any meetings that include Parker, CO?	There are several ways to become involved in the Douglas County CWPP. This includes attending community meetings, visiting the DC CWPP website, and submitting questions or comments. A comment period will also be available when the draft plan is released. If you are interested in assembling a local CWPP for your community please contact your local fire protection district, the Douglas County Wildfire Mitigation Staff, or the Colorado State Forest Service. There was a public meeting and an additional open house held for South Metro Fire Rescue Authority which includes Parker. If you were unable to attend we encourage you to attend future community meetings that will take place in the spring of 2011 and will be held in different fire protection districts. For a schedule of meetings please see the DC CWPP website.
77	11/30/2010	Douglas County CWPP Website Comment Box	I have a concern that the drafters of the county's CWPP are really not interested in input from the citizens. It appears that you are more interested in reading to your audience instead of allowing them to talk. From your actions it appears you have determined county policy before you have fully understood the unintended consequences of your decision. Effectively, the county is not doing what it is telling the citizens to do. Another version of do as I say, not as I do. Additionally, I asked specific questions at the Larkspur meeting to which I never received a response.	Comment is noted. Multiple meetings have been held with commenting party in attempt to address commenting party's concerns.
78	1/27/2010	Email	I was reading the information on the Douglas County CWPP website and I was impressed with the details and direction of the planning process. In regards to the treatment of specific areas (open space, trails, parks, etc.), is there ever a recommendation for improving the fire department access. I understand that the normal improvement may be to modify the vegetation and I believe that improving FD access could have a positive impact on a fire outcome. Improving FD access also serves the dual purpose of improving public access via new trails.	We will incorporate this suggestion and include fire department access into the narrative regarding objectives for fuels and vegetation treatments.
79	5/7/2011	MCVFPD Community Meeting	Citizens in the area do not receive traditional Douglas County newspapers. The best way to communicate with the folks in this area are through the Valley Voice and mailbox postings. How will we know when the plan comes out?	The Public Relations staff at Douglas County regularly connects with the Valey Voice. There will be a press release on the Douglas County Wwebsite, Chief Brown suggested a paper copy of the document be at the station for review; this can be accommodated.
80	5/7/2011	MCVFPD Community Meeting	Is there someone from the FPD to assist with mitigation prescriptions?	Aliisha is the Lieutenant at the Turkey Rock Station and will come out to perform site assessments and assist residents with mitigation prescriptins.DC wildfire mitigation staff also offers this service.

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81	5/7/2011	MCVFPD Community Meeting	Large concern regarding flooding in the area and evacuation associated with flooding. It is a long way around if roads are closed.	The US Forest Service did an assessments of roads impacted by flooding. As part of the Trail Creek watershed improvements they are re-locating parts of Trail Creek Road.
82	5/7/2011	MCVFPD Community Meeting	The weather station at MCVFPD Station 2 is not totally working. It takes data but the locals cannot access the data. It will take another visit from SkyView Weater to complete the process (it was believed)	This would be closer related to OEM for assistance, I will pass it along. Response from OEM was we do not own the station and therefore it is not under our control.
83	5./7/11	NFFPD Community Meeting	Signaage regarding fire restrictions is confusing	signage is posted at major intersections by Jeff Co Sheriff Office, signage is not required. Douglas County has signs posted coming up the canyon and at the Teller County line.
84	5/7/2011	NFFPD Community Meeting	Folks in the area want reasonable fire restrictions.	Fire restrictions are always controversial. Although we (the Counties, Us Forest service and State Forest Service) talk weekly about what stage we are all in, there are sometimes differences of opinions as to what the data is telling us. As for conditions right now we are extremely dry-the science is telling us that with the moisture content of the fuels. Also, we temporarily saw a decrease in human caused fires after we went into restrictions but that has bounced back. We had a couple of illegal bonfires in the Pike just this past weekend which could have been catastrophic. The long-term prediciton is still not good. We are only seeing minimal moisture each week and the National Weather Service backs this. THE jet stream continues to track too far north fo us to receive good moisture. Of course, if we see a shift I (Director of OEM) will make a change.
85	5/7/2011	NFFPD Community Meeting	Folks want a better demarcation line for fire restrictions	The Counties are large geographic areas. Splitting the County for fire restrictions purposes would be even more confusing to the public.See comment above.
86	5/7/2011	NFFPD Community Meeting	What is the penalty for not complying with fire restrictions?	Violation is a Class-2 Petty Offense, comes with a \$600.00 fine and a \$22.00 surcharge. County Deputies have the authority to ticket on Federal lands when the Fire Restriction Resolution is written to include Federal lands (which is currently the case) even when the Feds are in a lower Stage or not in fire restricitons at all.

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87	8/22/2011	Email	<p>I am a "city firefighter" but did review the document. One area that really caught my attention was the "Obstacle 1-Hazard Awareness". Unfortunately money talks more clearly too some home owners. A review of reduced insurance rates for preparation and protection, costs recovery after an event and time frames associated with relocation and reoccupation may gain their focus. (A recent review of the struggles the residents of the Four mile Canyon fire had in recovery and rebuilding may bring things closer to home.) How to incorporate this information into a Public document/forum I will leave to our political representatives.</p>	