

Mountain Communities Fire Protection District Community Meeting



**Mountain Communities Station 2
15000 West Creek Rd May 7, 2011 10:00 AM**

Meeting Notes

Core Team Members Present

Jill Alexander, Douglas County Wildfire Mitigation

Matt Schweich, US Forest Service

Steve Brown, Chief, Mountain Communities Fire Protection District

Community Attendance

Several community members were in attendance, some longer time residents and some newer community residents.

Meeting Proceedings:

A presentation covering the following topics was given to participants at the meeting: CWPP Background, the Douglas County process, Draft Hazard Map/Community Delineation, County Lands Assessment, Draft Fuel Treatments, and Next Steps.

After the presentation a general question and answer session was held and attendees reviewed the maps with core team members.

Questions and Comments: the following summarizes the questions and comments captured during the meeting proceedings.

Comment: Citizens in the area do not get the traditional Douglas County newspapers, some get the Colorado Springs papers. The only way to communicate with the largest percentage of locals is through the Valley Voice and mailbox postings work best. How will we know when the draft plan comes out?

Response: The Public Relations staff at Douglas County connects with the Valley Voice for regular business associated with Douglas County. The press release/ a notice will

appear in the Valley voice when the draft plan is out and available for comment. Chief Brown suggested a paper copy be located at the fire station; that request can be fulfilled

Question: Is there someone from the FPD to assist with mitigation prescriptions?

Response: Alisha (who was present) is the Lieutenant at the Turkey Rock station and will come out and assist residents in the district with mitigation prescriptions. Often members of the church camp will come out and do perform the mitigation work. County staff also performs this duty along with members of the CSFS.

Comment: largest concern in the area was flooding and evacuating. It is a long way around if the roads are closed.

Response: The USFS did an assessment of the roads impacted by flooding. Currently working on Trail Creek Road as it is the highest priority. They are re-locating parts of the road. This is associated with improvements in the Trail Creek watershed.

Comment: The weather station at station 2 is only partially working. The station takes weather, inputs it into the computer, but the locals cannot access the data. They would like to have Sky view weather come out and complete the installation/remedy the situation as Sky View would be the one to do that.

Response: That would be a closer to tie with the office of Emergency Management. Staff will let them know but follow-up should be with OEM.