

Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners
Membership Meeting
Mueller State Park
August 9, 2007

1. The meeting started at 1:35 with introductions and thanks to our hosts.
2. Minutes of July 12, 2007 were approved as amended.
3. Treasurer's Report- No report. All were reminded that payments/donations are due for shirts and other apparel. Andrew Notbohm with purchase the PPWPP project sign. Steel brackets will be donated by Keith Worley (to provide Andrew with sign size.). A price break is available if multiple signs ordered. The P.O. Box issue will be tested with recent bank statements.
4. Shirt and apparel orders are in and available for pickup.
5. New Business-
 - a. Project Ideas- none were received, so none reviewed. Any ideas should be submitted well ahead of the agenda deadline, so these can be placed on the following month's agenda.
6. County/City Reports
 - a. El Paso County-
 - i. EP Wildland crew has been out on multiple fires.
 - ii. Black Forest Fire Protection District is nearing completion of its CWPP. The Slash Mulch Site is approaching a record year.
 - iii. SW Hwy 115 FPD is progressing with its CWPP.
 - iv. Green Mtn. CWPP nearing completion.
 - v. Fifteen acres of gambel oak will be treated in Garden of the Gods (City project).
 - vi. The Scotsman Creek project was awarded to FireReady.
 - vii. FireReady completed 24 acres of Mt. St. Frances (2 of 4 units).
 - viii. Crystal Park fuel treatment project underway by FireReady.
 - ix. El Paso Dept. of Trans. (DOT) is mowing Black Forest area right-of-ways.
 - b. City of Colorado Springs- Chris Barth reported a major re-organization within the Wildland Group with Chris appointed as full-time Firewise Coordinator and liaison to HOAs. The City chipping crew is staying busy with multiple projects. Mark Janssen and Andrew are working with Channel 13 on TV demo project with "before and afters." Mark is administering his community's chipping project.
 - c. Air Force Academy- Gambel oak treatment projects in progress. 260 mountain pine beetle (MPB) trees were cut and treated. A briefing was conducted for AFA General's Staff.
 - d. Fort Carson- \$65,000 was approved for MPB control and preventive work. \$24,000 was approved for additional fuel

treatments. In-house crews are working on fuel breaks along Hwy 115.

- e. Douglas County-
 - i. Perry Park projects will be under way soon and CWPP update completed.
 - ii. Roxborough Park projects will be bid out soon.
 - iii. Woodlands-Escavera CWPP in progress in Town of Castle Rock.
 - iv. Woodmoor Mountain CWPP in progress.
 - v. DC Fire Marshals Working Group continuing to work with DC Building Dept. on revised building and development regulations.
 - f. Teller County-
 - i. Colorado Mtn. Estates Wildfire Protection Group presented their program and issues: 1) dealing with lack of insurance coverage for members/volunteers; 2) Suggestions were given on how other groups such as Citizens Corp or Fire Corp may be used. Also to consider Fire Dept. Auxillary.
 - ii. NE Teller County Fire Dept- Using Red Zone software to assess all homes.
 - iii. Elk Valley- Currently held up by CDOW easement on all properties and prohibition on cutting.
 - iv. Sterman Fuel treatment in progress.
 - v. Lone Ranger Road CWPP adopted (group of 4 property owners).
 - vi. Grant applications were submitted under HB-1130.
7. Committee Reports-
- a. Brochures- No report.
 - b. Information box and Diorama to be delivered for Black Forest Fair.
 - c. Legislative- No activities
8. FYI-
- a. Palmer Divide Public Safety Group sponsoring Emergency Preparedness Fair on Sept. 15th.
 - b. A "Call For Papers/Presentations" is open for the 2008 Backyards and Beyond Conference in Tampa, Fl.
 - c. Questions was raised on availability of possible funding for emergency egress routes.
 - d. Shelter-in-place article in Wildland Firefighter was discussed.
 - e. Article on homeowner insurance in the WUI in Wildland Firefighter was discussed and impact on rates and coverage.
 - f. Chris Barth reported on the Lake Tahoe Fire Season study. It noted that fire brands from adjacent burning structures contributed to home losses. Success of D-spaces was noted.
 - g. Firewise House in Turkey Creek Canyon Ranch to be open soon and site of next month's meeting.

- h. Question was raised on “Cable Yarding” systems by Keith Worley.
He is currently developing a small, economical system.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

Reported by Keith Worley, Secretary
a.k.a. Fire Wiseguy