

Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners  
Membership Meeting  
July 12, 2007  
El Paso County Black Forest Regional Park

1. The meeting was called to order and introductions made.
2. The minutes of June 14<sup>th</sup> were reviewed with recommended corrections. Motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve minutes as amended.
3. Treasurer's Report- Mark Janssen reported Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Do expenses of \$830. 50. The final outstanding cost is for the sign. Mark will follow up on bank statements not going to the P.O. box. No income was reported over the past month.
4. PPWPP Apparel Order- To be finalized and submitted, with due date of approximately July 31<sup>st</sup>.
5. New Business-
  - a. New Projects for 2008 to be reviewed at the August meeting. Proposals are to be posted on the Yahoo site in a folder titled "Project Ideas." Also, send to Marti Campbell. Project criteria should focus on Partnerships and Ownership. Information needed will be: 1) Contact; 2) Ownership; 3) Project Outline; 4) Budget and timeline; 5) Project match through cash or in-kind; 6) Long-term maintenance; and 7) Publicity/PR.
6. City and County Reports
  - a. C. Springs- Colorado Springs chipping projects are now underway. 16,000 notification cards were mailed to City residents in WUI areas. Insurance issue is still be investigated by Chris Barth, with a possible workshop for insurance companies in the near future.
  - b. El Paso County- The Black Forest Slash site continues to be a success with record amounts of slash. Mulch disposal is now becoming an issue. The first case of Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) Enforcement was reported by Mark Johnston. A grant was received for gambel oak treatment and testing of Garlon for chemical control. The Firewise House (Roni Vale) completed its first phase of fuel mitigation and utilized donated material from NO BURN. The SW Highway 115 CWPP is continuing.
  - c. Douglas County- Castle Rock and Woodmoor Mountain are proceeding with their CWPP's. Douglas County Fire Chiefs Association is progressing toward its final recommendations to Douglas County for Wildfire regulations.
  - d. Teller County- Marti reported on a possible partnership with local for mulch utilization for mining reclamation. Trucking costs are an on-going concern. The Woodland Park slash site is seeing increased activity this year. Five fire districts will be trained on use of RED ZONE software. All data is to be maintained at one central location. Marti reported on use of MPB by one community for thinning. Chris reported on his trip to Lake Tahoe after their recent

fires and homeowner issues with covenants and zoning regulations that inhibit wildfire mitigation. Keith Worley will post the SB-100 language that allows Colorado homeowners to mitigate if prohibited by covenants.

- e. Air Force Academy- Diane reported oak treatments are in progress. MPB training has started, with possible use of Hot Shot crews for MPB control.
  - f. Pueblo- Ralph Bellamy reported the Middle Arkansas Prevention Partners are becoming more active. He is also coordinating "Fire Danger" signage throughout the area. A USFS booth will be set up at the State Fair.
  - g. Pikes Peak Ranger District- Brent Botts and Bob Ayotte reported tornado damage in the Painted Rocks campground area (approx. 40 acres damaged). 150 acres have been thinned and approximately 1,000 acres will be treated in the Skeleton Ridge area this year.
7. Committees
- a. Brochure- No action. Report due at September meeting from Dave Ury, Dawn Sanchez and Chris Barth.
8. Upcoming Events-
- a. Black Forest Fair- Coverage needed by PPWPP membership in Jim Mesite's absence. Marti will bring the Diorama to the August meeting for Mark Johnston to use at the Fair. Keith will try to remember to bring the information box.
9. FYI's
- a. Smokey Bear interactive display is in progress and may be available soon.
  - b. Keith presented his hi-tech Basal Area Factor gauge (BAF 10).
  - c. Mark Janssen and Marti Campbell were recognized for their leadership at the "Neighborhood Champions" event recently.
  - d. NO BURN is setting up as a web site provider should PPWPP be interested.
  - e. Mark Janssen is setting up "before and after" mitigation opportunities for local media outlets.

Next Meeting at Mueller State Park. Please RSVP to Dave Root for clearance through the gate.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Submitted by Keith Worley, Secretary, PPWPP