



## Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners Membership Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 12, 2009

Meeting Time: **1:00 – 3:00 pm**

Meeting Location: Black Forest Fire Rescue  
11445 Teachout Road  
Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Thank you to Black Forest Fire Rescue for hosting the meeting.

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. *Approval of minutes to be revisited at the March meeting.*
3. Treasurer's Report- Beginning balance of \$6,654.68 and ending balance of \$6,839.68.
4. New Business-
  - a. Naomi Marcus, CSFS Woodland Park, announced her promotion to Assistant Staff forester in the Fort Collins office. Special thanks to Naomi for her dedication to the mission of PPWPP over the years.
  - b. Louise Link, Northern El Paso County Community Organization (NEPCO), advised the group on her mission to begin more aggressive wildfire mitigation planning and implementation within the group's membership area. They are holding a meeting March 14, 10:00-12:00am at the Lutheran Church on Baptist Road. (NEPCO.org)
5. Old Business-
  - a. 2009 Projects- The projects will be the Burning Tree bridle path, and Santa Fe Trail (Monument to Palmer Lake).
  - b. Woodland Park "Be Aware. Prepare. Wildfire Fair" will need assistance from PPWPP. Naomi recommended obtaining past files to aid in setting up fair. Prospective dates were May 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, or June 6<sup>th</sup>.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Logo Committee – redesign status update- none available.
  - b. Website Committee – ClickCom status update by Chris Barth. General consensus of the group was to proceed with presented design. Feedback was given on posting of agendas and minutes, past projects, site mapping, educational opportunities, links to other sites, and releases/disclaimers on use of site material. Keith, Randy Johnson, Chris and Walt Seele to be formal committee.
  - c. Financial Committee – Nothing to report (NTR).
7. County Reports
  - a. El Paso-
    - i. Black Forest Fire Rescue is beginning its assessments of homes in the District.

- ii. High Forest is looking at increasing water supplies.
  - iii. Black Forest Slash/Mulch site to open soon. Educational opportunities available on June 13<sup>th</sup> for safety oriented training of homeowners.
  - iv. Cedar Heights fuel treatment nearing completion.
  - v. Air Force Academy- Fuel treatments along roadways to begin soon. Ridgetop treatments planned for this season.
  - vi. El Paso County Wildland Fire Crew has begun training with 37 new members (50 total).
  - vii. USFS- Brent Botts reported areas of the Pike National Forest at 25% of normal snowfall. A demo was planned to begin along Hwy. 67 on February 20<sup>th</sup>. An Americorp crew is now on line.
  - viii. Colo. Springs- Now in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of its FEMA grant. Cedar Hts. Before/after shots will be available soon. Bear Creek Park mitigation to begin. A wildfire (17 acres) was reported in Sonderman Park. Stratton Community Open Space mitigation is still in progress.
  - ix. Wescott Fire Rescue has initiated its CWPP process.
- b. Douglas-
- i. Keith reported on follow-up of the Roxborough Park tabletop evacuation exercise.
  - ii. Commissioners initially approved Remuda Ranch which may provide a second emergency access to Perry Park. No fuel treatment plan was prepared for the development.
  - iii. Larkspur Fire is rebuilding its main station.
  - iv. Dove Creek Enterprises was introduced as the primary contractor for Perry Park's 2008 mastication work.
  - v. Forestree Development is working on 2009 fuel treatments for Roxborough Park, Woodlands-Escavera and Perry Park.
- c. Teller-
- i. Coalition for the Upper South Platte is administering the Slash/Mulch site in Divide, scheduled to open April 15<sup>th</sup>. Mitigation projects will be set up with target of 1,000 acres.
8. Upcoming Events/FYI
- a. Bighorn Sheep Day – February 14 (Garden of the Gods)
  - b. IAFC WUI 2009 – March 24-26 (Reno, NV)
  - c. Fire Prevention and Safety Grants web site being established.
  - d. Chris and Randy reported on presentation at the "Saving Places" conference in Denver.
9. Next Meeting: **March 12, 2009 (hosted by Dawn Sanchez)**
10. Adjourned at 2:56pm.

**Please Pay 2009 Dues by 3/31/09**