



Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners Annual Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 12, 2009
Meeting Time: **1:00 – 3:00 pm**
Meeting Location: Cheyenne Mountain State Park
410 JL Ranch Heights
Colorado Springs, CO 80926

Thank you to Cheyenne Mountain State Park and Dawn Sanchez for hosting the meeting.

1. Called to Order and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2009. Motion made, 2nd and passed.
3. Treasurer's Report- Walt Seeley reported an ending balance of \$6,942.88 with additional renewals received. He updated the group on potential "Pay-Pal" credit card service for charging future dues. A 2% fee and \$.30 per transaction is charged. It was suggested this cost be passed on to the payer, with further study once the new web site is up and running.
4. New Business-
 - a. Amy Smith, Woodmoor Improvement Association Firewise Chair, reported on their program.
 - b. Job Announcement- Colorado Legends and Legacies Youth Corp will be hiring a project coordinator.
 - c. Chris Barth gave a brief legislative update.
 - d. Sheryl Page requested "partnership" related articles for "2010 Fire Management Today".
5. Old Business
 - a. Mitigation Project updates-
 - i. Burning Tree HOA will be the spring PPWPP project. Bridle path and ladder fuel treatments along roadways will be implemented. Americorp crews were suggested. June 5-6th was suggested as the dates.
 - ii. Santa Fe Trail update- 3.1 miles of developed path from Monument to Palmer Lake for the fall project. A low level environmental assessment may be required.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Logo Committee – redesign status update by Dawn Sanchez. Several designs will be placed on the Yahoo site for review and comment by March 13th.
 - b. Website Committee – ClickCom status update by Chris Barth. The domain name is now in hands of ClickCom. Chris is working on email addresses for board positions that could be transferable to future board members, along with a potential "group" email.

- c. Financial Committee – Nothing new to report.
- d. Education Committee -
 - i. Teller County Wildfire Fair – May 16th (Matwijec)- May 16th is the planned date with a possible round-table presentation on May 15th. Keith Worley offered to cover the booth and will pick up the diorama from CSFS. Sheryl will provide Smokey material. Several ideas were floated: invite firewise builder materials suppliers/installers, provide demonstrations, prizes, involve utility providers (IREA), set up the Firewise House, and provide a kid's table.
 - ii. Roni Vale reported on possible use of the Colorado Springs HBA information for WUI homeowners. Potential cost is \$75/quarter.
 - iii. Dates of the Colorado Mitigation and Wildfire Conference were discussed. It will be in Steamboat this year.

7. County Reports

- a. El Paso-
 - i. Kyle Anderson reported completion of the Mountain Oaks project on a difficult site.
 - ii. 250 Cedar Heights project proceeding with 100 acres now treated. Andrew Notbohm will post pictures on the Yahoo site. Estimated cost per acre was \$850.
 - iii. Roni Vale has assumed Jim's board seat on the SW Hwy 115 Fire protection district. She is working on a Firewise Day
 - iv. Black Forest Fire is working with several HOA's to develop water supplies in under-served portions of their district.
 - v. The Black Forest Slash/Mulch Site will open April 1st, and scheduled an annual meeting for April 25th.
 - vi. Elongated Mustard was reported as a new noxious weed to learn about and watch for.
 - vii. El Paso County is no longer issuing burn permits due to lack of funding for administration. All fire districts will be encouraged to investigate use of fire codes to maintain some level of enforcement.
 - viii. Woodmoor Improvement Assoc. will be holding a slash roundup at the fire station adjacent to the community.
 - ix. Cheyenne Mountain State Park to begin another 20 acres of fuel treatment.
 - x. Palmer Lake has submitted grant applications prioritizing areas around their reservoirs.
 - xi. Whistler Ranch projects to begin soon.
 - xii. Wescott Fire will hold its initial partners meeting on April 17th.
 - xiii. Colorado Springs Fire reported nine new Firewise Communities. The Wildland Risk Section was awarded "Top Unit" in CSFD.
- b. Douglas-
 - i. Douglas County is investigating adoption of an amended NFPA-1142 water supply code for commercial uses in WUI areas.
 - ii. Keith reported on Roxborough Park Foundation table top exercise nearing completion. His managed communities of Roxborough Park, Perry Park and Woodlands-Escavera will be laying out 2009

projects soon. A high profile site, abutting Larkspur Town limits, will be laid out soon for bid process.

- c. Teller-
 - i. CUSP (Coalition for the Upper South Platte) is will begin fuel treatments on Wishing Well Hotel, GSA Camp and Quaker Ridge Camp.
 - ii. CUSP will be managing the Teller County slash/mulch site in Divide starting April 17th. It will be open half days on Fridays and full days on Saturdays, and staffed with volunteers. A \$5 fee will be charged.
 - iii. Dave Root reported on fuel treatments under the Woodland Park Healthy Forest Initiative, with a goal of full encirclement of the community (west side) with some level of fuel treatment. Ridgewood is beginning treatment projects soon along with Sanborn Camp.

8. Upcoming Events

- a. Teller County Wildfire Fair – May 16th
- b. PPWPP Spring wildfire mitigation project - TBD
- c. Colorado Wildfire & Incident Management Academy- May 30th – June 5th
- d. Black Forest Slash/Mulch Forest Mgmt. Demo- June 13th 9am - 11am

9. Next Meeting: **April 9, 2009** (Douglas County Events Center)

10. Adjourned at 3:02pm.

Please Pay 2009 Dues by 3/31/09