



Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Schelly Olson at 12:02pm. Meeting held via in-person and Zoom.

Members Present (34):

See attached list

Review of Past Minutes:

No Minutes for January meeting. Virtual recording available.

Financial Update:

- US Bank: \$32,405
- ASAP (BLM Funds): \$35,000

Mitigation Committee Report:

- 2021 Cost-Share: We have funds available and are accepting applications.
<https://bewildfireready.org/fuels-reduction-cost-share-program/>
- 2021 Chipping Days:
 - May 22nd – Kremmling (Old Park Station, 31 GCR 1935)
 - June 12th – Grand Lake (Across from Trail Ridge Marina, 12669 US Hwy 34)
 - July 10th – East Grand Fire (77601 US Hwy 40, Fraser)
 - July 31st – Grand Lake (Across from Trail Ridge Marina, 12669 US Hwy 34)
 - August 21st – Grand Fire (60500 US Hwy 40, Granby)
 - **All dates are Saturdays from 10am to 3pm.**
 - <https://bewildfireready.org/community-chipping-days/>
- Hazard Tree Removal Program: Joel Cochran of OEM spoke about the county's plans to work with Team Rubicon on Hazard Tree Removal along county roadways.

Education Committee Report:

- Firewise Ambassador Program is set for September 19-20. Speak with Schelly if you have questions or want more info.
- May 1 is National Wildfire Preparedness Day
- New Education Committee for GCWC: Sue Valente, Deb Doberson, Mary Sangster, Laurie Pope, Marty Tod, Katlin Miller, Schelly Olson, others who want to join...

Old Business:

- Community Risk Assessments for the WiRe project are done. 5 communities completed.
- WiRe project: Compiling data and formulating results.
- Grant Writers and Funding Opportunities: Grant Writers are NEEDED to assist with applying for funding opportunities.



New Business:

- Election of Board Members (2 year term from 2021-2023):
 - Katlin Miller nominated Brian Faith.
 - Ryan McNertney nominated Schelly Olson.
 - Schelly Olson nominated Merrit Linke.
 - All nominees accepted their nominations.
 - As we currently have 4 positions on the board (not including the 2 positions that were up for election) and our bylaws state that we can have between 5-9 Directors, Katlin made a motion to elect all three nominees to the Board for a total of 7 Directors on the BOD, Ryan McNertney seconded. When voted upon, there was a unanimous vote of approval amongst the attendees.
 - Current Directors
 - Schelly Olson (until 2023)
 - Merrit Linke (until 2023)
 - Brian Faith (until 2023)
 - Katlin Miller (until 2022)
 - Adam Gosey (until 2022)
 - Clancy Philipsborn (until 2022)
 - Philip Brinkmann (until 2022)
- 2020 Colorado Gives Day Statistics: \$6,648 donated
- Total Donations to GCWC 2020: \$20,340
- 2021 CO Wildland Fire Conference: 9/21-23/21 in Grand Junction.
 - GCWC will sponsor a couple people if they want to attend. Chat with Schelly if interested.
- Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant (FRWRM)
 - GCWC is looking to apply for a large forest mitigation project in the Fraser Valley. Schelly, Adam, Zach, Philip and others will get together to work on the application.
- CWCB Grant: Grand County and Northern Water are applying for this grant to cover EWP program costs.
- Grand Foundation Request: Schelly applied to the Grand Foundation for Wildfire Mitigation and ETF Recovery projects. The Grand Foundation graciously donated \$125,000 to the Council for these projects.

Adjournment: 1:40 pm

Lunch: We had pizza and salad for lunch prior to the start of the meeting.

How safe is your house?

80% of respondents said they want information on how to reduce wildfire risk on their property.

Check off the mitigation actions as you accomplish them this month:

- Moved wood piles 30 feet from the home
- Mowed weeds/grasses to a height of 4 inches or less, in a 30-foot radius around all structures
- Created a fuel-free boundary immediately surrounding the home and any other structures (about 5 feet). Often this simply means pulling weeds or raking pine needles away, to get down to bare mineral soil. Fill with rocks or other non-combustibles.
- Cleaned gutters of flammable debris
- Removed debris from under decks
- Removed miscellaneous combustibles from around the home (e.g., leftover construction materials)
- Maintained paint/stain on wood decks and wood sided homes
- Made a schedule for when to repeat these tasks
- Set up a home ignition zone assessment with your local fire department for a personalized to-do list
- Talked with neighbors about wildfire mitigation activities

Have you talked to your neighbors about wildfire mitigation yet?

Folks who talk to their neighbors about wildfire are more likely to take mitigation action, according to the survey. That means your voice matters!

Your risk is connected to your neighbor's—if their house catches on fire, it's more likely yours will. Work with your neighbors to reduce risk!

Solutions to your top barriers to mitigation action



It's physically difficult

You can hire a contractor to do the work for you. Check out our list of contractors, under "Tree Contractors List" (link below).



Unaware of vegetation removal options

FREE Community Chipping Days You trim the limbs & trees and bring the slash to us for chipping. 10am – 3pm on the following dates (locations TBD):

- May 22nd – Kremmling
- June 12th – Grand Lake
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It takes time

Community Chipping Days can save time. Your local fire department can also make you a personalized to-do list so that you can plan it all out.



It's expensive

Check out our Cost Share Reimbursement Program for hazardous fuels reduction projects (link below).

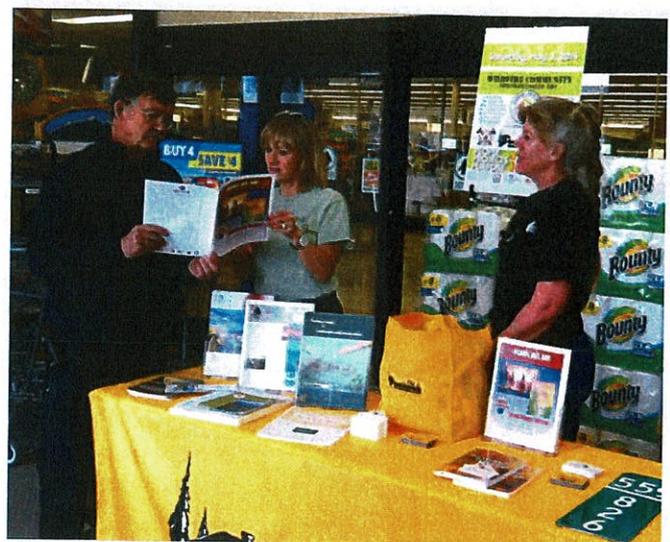


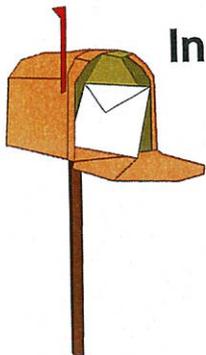
Don't know how to reduce wildfire risk?

Call your local fire department for a free site visit on your property (contact info on front page). They will go in-depth, marking specific trees for removal, recommending actions for the home itself, etc.



bewildfireready.org/info-for-residents/

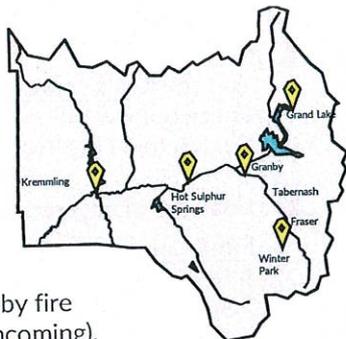




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73% have an evacuation plan,



but only

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Have you signed up for CodeRED?



bewildfireready.org/code-red/

The Grand County Sheriff's Office uses **CodeRED** to tell you when to evacuate during a wildfire.

Sign-up tips:

- Do not enter a landline
- Enter your address to get location-specific alerts
- Download the CodeRED app if you have a smartphone

Now you've signed up for CodeRED, what's next?

Download the **Ready, Set, Go! Action Guide** for tips on planning, emergency supplies, and family communication:



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Evacuation Checklist

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- Important documents photographed and safely stored
- Annual insurance coverage review done

During a wildfire:

- Stay aware of the latest news/updates
- Pack valuables in car
- Close all windows/doors and leave out ladder and hoses for firefighters
- Leave as early as possible!



If you have any questions, please contact us!

970-627-7121

BeWildfireReady@gmail.com

Or contact your local fire department:

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Grand Fire (Granby):

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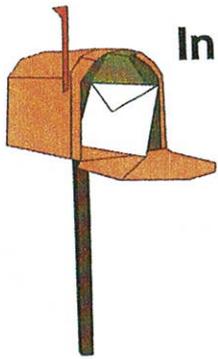
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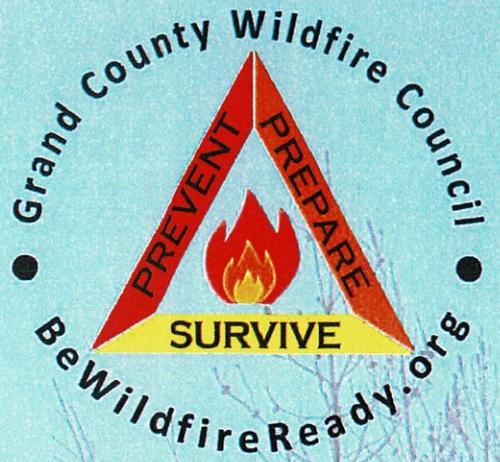
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GCWC Steering Committee Meeting
April 23, 2021

LAST	FIRST	ORGANIZATION	CELL	SIGNATURE
HOLZWARTH	COBB	EAST GRAND FM # 4	970-655-8466	
MARTIER	PAUL	GCSD	970-531-3287	
WEHR	ZACH	CSFS	970-219-7366	
Finne	Dora	MPEI	970-531-9161	
COSSIGNAU	RON	CSES		
BADE	ALYSSA	GCERS	970-531-2099	
McVernon	Ryan	CSFS	970-888-3132	
Wahr	Zach	CSFS	970-219-7306	
YNKE	MARY	GRAND County	970-531-4304	
WILKINSON	KATHIN	MPCD, GCWC		
Kunkle	DAVID	GCWC	970-531-9112	
OLSON	SHELLY	GCWC		
Sanger	Mary	Valley at W.P. Firewise	303-229-4705	
Dobersan	DEB	Valley at W.P. NOA Firewise	720-254-0319	
Brinkmann	Philipp	Ten Mile Creek O.A.	970-281-9994	
Jeff Green		Airburner	970-531-3469	
Mickelthwait	WILKIE	Airburner	970-531-2156	
MOE	MARTY	WPHA	352-814-4661	
Reedy	TERRY	Honestead Hills	352-514-5305	
FATHY	BRIAN	GLFPD		
Phillipsborn	CLANDY			
C Members	BETH			
PERSON	PAT			
Norton	Tan			
RUSSELL	Toni			
Bendall	Cindy			
POPE	Laurie	Grand Court was	219 241 6804	
Cochran	JOEL	GRAND OEN	970-531-3709	

Kedin Megan Grand Foundation 970-531-0519

If Not Now... When ??



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community a nationally recognized
FIREWISE USA® site**

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970.627.7121

Or contact your local Fire District



East Grand
970-726-5824



Grand (Granby)
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Grand Lake
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Learn more at:

BeWildfireReady.org/Firewise-Communities



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Members Present (64):

See attached list

Review of Past Minutes:

No Minutes for Approval. No Meetings in 2020 due to COVID and Wildfires

Guest Speaker: James Meldrum of the USFS in Fort Collins and the Wildfire Research Team (WiRe) gave a presentation on the Rapid Wildfire Risk Assessments and Outcomes based on our WiRe study that began in 2019.

Speaker Presentation Found at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/WZnidSOZGVSK3Ai-mmZuyR_B11HONMpgycVgJTUX7E3fG7mgclhWVsxGgcmHCQ5d.22Y89R4AmgWeyPx- Passcode: exee=1aJ

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- 2021 Chipping Days:
 - Dates TBD
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- Each Fire District will do 60-min Home Ignition Zone Assessment for any landowner in their fire district that wants to fine out what they should do to protect their property.

Education Committee Report:

- With the County Treasurer, GCWC sent out 25,000 one-page mailers to property owners on wildfire mitigation, prevention, etc...
- Schelly is working closely with Fire Adapted Colorado: Collective voice on wildfire needs and mitigation in CO. www.fireadaptedco.org
- Suggested Books to Read:
 - *Connecting to Change the World*
 - *The Fire Outside My Window*

New Business:

- **Question:** What can be done related to landowners that choose not to mitigate for wildfire? Here are things we are working on...



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- CMAT: Community Mitigation Assessment Team
- CPAW: Community Planning After Wildfire
- Headwaters Economics Team
- Work with County and Town Officials to make it safer against wildfire.
- Potential WUI codes
- Homeowners: talk to community and HOA leaders about codes...be an ACTIVE voice
- **ETF Fire Recovery:** Katlin gave a report on what Grand County and Northern Water are doing related to watershed recovery...Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)
 - ETF EWP Website: <https://www.northernwater.org/GCWatershedRecovery>
- **GC Mitigation Priorities Group:** Meeting to happen this spring (March). Last meeting was in 2019. Group meets to discuss priorities in wildfire mitigation projects. Watch your email for announcement about that meeting.
- **Merrit on BOCC Report:** BOCC has reduced fee for camping or parking RVs on lands burned in the ETF; is decreasing the cost of building permits for homes lost in the ETF; looking at increasing the fine for illegally burning during Fire Ban; BOCC will continue to looking into the Tannerite issue in the county prior to this coming summer.

Adjournment: 1:24 pm

Lunch: No lunch...Meeting was on Zoom

GCWC Steering Committee 1.28.21

1. Schelly Olson, GCWC & Grand Fire
2. Brad White, Grand Fire
3. Katlin Miller, GCWC & Middle Park Conservation District
4. Adam Gosey, GCWC & Grand Fire
5. Philip Brinkmann - Ten Mile Creek Owners Assoc., GCWC
6. James Meldrum (USGS)
7. Neil Willems - Snow Mountain Ranch
8. Courtney Haynes
9. Ryan McNertney, Colorado State Forest Service
10. Hannah Brenkert-Smith, University of Colorado, researcher with the WiRe Team
11. Pat Heggy, The Fairways at Pole Creek HOA.
12. Chris Barth, BLM/WiRe
13. Todd Holzwarth EGFPD #5
14. Laurie Pope
15. Mary Sangster- Valley at Winter Park
16. Rebecca Samulski, Fire Adapted Colorado
17. Kaitlyn O'Hara and Matthew Deneau



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18. Amy Sidener, Grand County Natural Resources
19. Marty Tod home owner in WPH
20. Virginia ('G') Winter, Equinox Consultancy LLC
21. Mark Schneider - Sunset Ridge Estates HOA
22. Brett Schroetlin, Grand County Sheriff
23. Colleen Donovan, Project Manager for The Wildfire Research Center.
24. Patti Biddle Orth - CLCC Homeowner (and curious Social Scientist)
25. Bob Colosimo Winter Park Highlands
26. Cathy Anderson
27. Courtney Haynes- West Region Wildfire Council
28. Brandon Voegtle BLM
29. Steve Waldorf, East Grand Fire
30. Gail Schmidt, Rockerville VFD
31. Susan and Dirk Applegate
32. Scarlett and Doug Ohde
33. Tom Anchordoquy, Grand Lake Homeowner
34. Cody Peel, Forest Service, Chief 1
35. Carole Walker, Rocky Mountain Insurance Association
36. Paul Minter GCSO
37. Julie Beyers- State of Colorado Emergency Management and land owner in Grand Lake.
38. Merrit Linke Grand County
39. Jamie Gomez, West Region Wildfire Council & Wildfire Research Center
40. Deb and Michael Dobersen, Valley at Winter Park, Tabernash
41. Mark Mendonca, USFS, Chief 2
42. Dick and Chris Doucette Grand County
43. Barbara McDonnell - Columbine Lake homeowner
44. Julia Goolsby, USGS in Fort Collins
45. Kelly Campbell, American Property Casualty Insurance Association
46. Gary Hanson 141 Deer Drive Columbine Lake
47. Steve Lawless Homestead Hills HOA
48. Carolyn Wagner, Wildfire Research Center (WiRe)
49. Nancy Babich owner Columbine Lake CC
50. Judy Tumblin, GL Chamber and Wildacres HOA
51. Cliff Chetwin, Kremmling
52. Susan Valente, US Forest Service, National Recreation.gov Program Manager, PIO2
53. Pat Person, GCWC member
54. Tyler Campbell, DFPC BC-23
55. Sam Parsons, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control
56. Ken Gambon family Columbine Lake HOA part time residents
57. Brian Faith Grand Lake Fire Wildland Division
- 58-64. Others