



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).



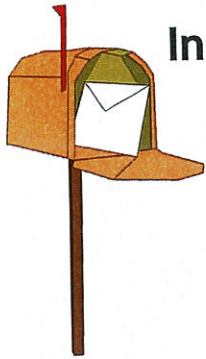
Don't know how to reduce wildfire risk?

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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556 households responded.

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

Download the
Ready, Set, Go! Action Guide
for tips on planning,
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Evacuation Checklist

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- ☐ Pack valuables in car
- ☐ Close all windows/doors and leave out ladder and hoses for firefighters
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**If you have any questions,
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Or contact your local fire
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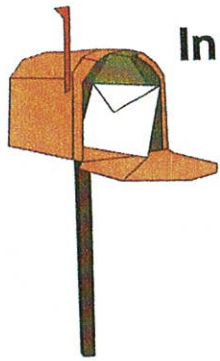
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LAST	FIRST	ORGANIZATION	CELL	SIGNATURE
HOLZWARTH	COBB	EAST GRAND FFA #4	970-655-8466	
MARTIN	PAUL	GCSD	970-531-3287	
MERL	ZACH	USTA	970-219-7366	
FINN	DON	MPEI	970-531-9161	
COSSIGNAU	ROY	CSES		
BADE	CHAS	GCERS	970-531-2099	
MCINTOSH	RUPEN	CSPS	970-888-3132	
WARR	ZACH	CSPS	970-219-7306	
LYNKE	MICHAEL	GRAND COUNTY	970-531-4304	
MILLER	KATHIN	MPCD, GCWC		
KUNKLE	DAVID	GCWC	970-531-8911	
OLSON	SHELLY	GCWC		
SANBASTER	MARY	Valley at W.P. Firewise	303-229-4705	
DOBERSCH	DEB	Valley at W.P. NOA Triba	720-254-0319	
BRINKMANN	PHILIP	Ten Mile Creek O.A.	970-281-9994	
JESS GREEN		Airburner	970-531-3469	
MURKIN	WOLFE	Airburner	970-531-2156	
MOE	MARTY	W.P.H.A.	352-814-4661	
REDDY	TERRY	Honestead Hills	352-514-5305	
FATHY	BRIAN	GLFPD		
PHILLIPS	CLANDY			
CUMMINGS	BETH			
PERSON	PAT			
NORTON	IAN			
RUSSELL	TONI			
BENDALL	CINDY			
POPE	LAURIE	Grand County	219 241 6804	
LEACHMAN	JOEL	GRAND OEN	970-531-3709	

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