

Front Range Roundtable – Community Protection Team Meeting Agenda

Friday, August 2, 2013

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Call in number: 1-712-432-3066

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Megan Davis – Boulder County
Jim Webster – Boulder County Land Use
Richard Alper – interested public, from Ft. Collins
Gloria Edwards – Southern Rockies Fire Consortia
Katherine Timm – CSFS
Joseph Hanson – JeffCo Conservation District
Terra Lenihan – Beh
Mark Martin – Arapaho Roosevelt
Cheri Ford - USFS

- I. Roundtable CPT presentation/panel - Firewise and Fire Adapted Communities efforts along the Front Range

Timeline for the presentation/discussion - FAC for 45 minutes, with 15 minutes for Q and A

Joseph – would be great to hear about along the Front Range and within the Roundtable, who is doing largescale implementation across communities. Interested in knowing about what other projects are going on along the Front Range – what their problems were and what worked – projects that were oriented to wildfire mitigation treatments across boundaries. [Discussed that this could be at an upcoming meeting with examples of landscape scale treatments across jurisdictional/private land boundaries.]

Katherine Timm – might be beneficial for Jerry Vaske and Lisa Mason to talk about D Space implementation, acceptability, and other social research. Presented this at other conferences – the motivations and barriers to wildfire mitigation in communities. What could work for FAC? How does FAC approach address this – or not? Katherine will mention this to Jerry Vaske. Need to have longer time for this. Will schedule for an upcoming CPT meeting and then hope to have on full Roundtable agenda at future meeting.

Lisa Mason– could she give an update on the CSFS efforts around FAC for the next full RT meeting?
Megan will contact her along with Jonathan and Carol.

Potential questions/ideas:

1. What is the actual meaning, program, etc. It's become a buzzword – the history behind this, what the formal program looks like, what the misconceptions are, etc. History, intent, how it came about, etc.
2. What's the difference between FAC, Firewise, how do CWPPs fit into this, how does Ready, Set, Go! Fit into this? How are they being advanced in CO?
3. What do they mean? How are they different? What's the premise for each and what are they grounded in?

4. These are tools – they are not yet policy in CO. How do we see the tools overlapping, complementing each other?
5. Need to bring these back to the landowner, manager in the community – what’s in it for me and why should we do this? Promote the benefit/concept within our own community. How do these programs do this along the Front Range?

Other ideas for the discussion (or future RT meetings/topics around Community Protection):

1. Living in an area after a fire – part of FAC – how it is to live in an area that had a fire in it. What does that mean for residents in the area? How does “fire adapted” educate landowners about living in a burn area?
2. Could be beneficial to find a landowner who can experience this and talk about it at the Front Range Roundtable – post fire. (Maybe for another discussion? Don’t want to dilute this panel too much and take away from speakers’ limited time.)
3. Have Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention presentation – visit with people on the ground who have had the experiences and share what works and what doesn’t. At future meeting, could have some practitioners talk about programs that work and that do not.
4. Assessment that PPWP is doing – some benefit in having a firefighter talk about it from his/her perspective? Bringing someone from outside the culture helps refresh the group and bring a new perspective.

II. Insurance Task Force (30 minutes):

- Cheri – Sept 30th deadline for the report to the Governor. Environmental sensitive ways to improve forest health, Building activities in WUI, CO WRAP, Insurance Mktplace workgroups.
- Whole group will meet several times to hear details about each of the sub-groups.
- Meetings open to the public at this time.

III. Next meeting/next steps for CPT – determine month, topics of interest, etc.

- When is a good time?

October meeting time – early October preferable. Megan will send out a doodle – Terra will help schedule the meeting and get notice out to group.

Topics:

- Team opportunities to debrief summer successes? Is this valid use of time? Limited time for this? Unlimited? Other format?
 - Yes, group likes this idea but should be limited time for each person so that we don’t go over and everyone has a chance to share their projects/programs.
 - Facilitate the sharing of ideas – ask for 3 major themes/ideas in advance that they’d like to highlight, and they only get a limited time to share them.
- Fire science consortia research questions/mission – request from Gloria to use some of CPT group time to survey them/ask for their input to improve the work that they do. They would like to make their research more accessible to managers, to give feedback to managers. Want to know what works for managers and what is helpful. E.g. Research briefs –how they use it, and what they would like to see. What format, what methods of sending information/deliverable/understandable, etc. The group was moderately interested – not sure if this group is the best group for this discussion, or if best use of team time? Perhaps separate focus group of those interested and relevant?

- The Wildfire Matters committee is going to meet on August 15th, this could be a potential location for them to provide input on science.
- Jerry and Lisa – presentation/discussion with the CPT if/before they give a presentation to the full Roundtable (if the RT Executive Committee is interested and agreeable to such presentation). Megan will include on agenda for next CPT and make sure that they are scheduled.
- Patty Champ – USFS Research on education – she has done some new social research on residents attitudes about wildfire mitigation and suppression in the WUI. Perhaps have Patty join us for a discussion about her work and findings at a future meeting? Could be for the October meeting? Megan will check in with her about how much time she would want/need, and could we fit in both Jerry/Lisa and Patty to one meeting?