**2022 Annual HOA Meeting: Enchanted Forest Estates CWPP Committee Report**

**(Sunday August 14th, 2022)**

* Committee has completed the Enchanted Forest Dr. Right of Way mitigation project for 2022. The EFE HOA Board approved $22,200.00 and the committee members have feelers out to WAP for any kind of grant or matching funds possibilities in 2022. Jon Westrup and his crew of 4 additional sawyers completed the job, going over budget by $225.00 from his original bid. He compensated the overage for the subdivision and did not charge the $225 on his final bill. Due to the limited funds for this project, some trees that were more technical and required more time to drop were left standing so crews could have more impact on the entirety of the project, from entrance to entrance and for addressing the encroaching and threatening scrub oak ground fuels.
* Committee has obtained a bid from Fire Smart for the 2023 mitigation season. The committee has developed a working relationship with this contractor and has been happy with his expertise, relationship with partner agencies and his work so pursued this contractor again. The next target area (as per Upper Pine and Fire Smart) for mitigation urgency will be the remaining roads in the interior of the subdivision, Blue Spruce Dr to cul de sac, entire length of Mountain Shadow Dr to Hammer Head at top, Shadow Court to cul de sac, Spruce Court to cul de sac, and Mountain Court to cul de sac. This 3rd phase of Right of Way fuels mitigation, hopefully to be completed in 2023 will thus *almost* completing the right of way mitigation efforts along the subdivision roads as per one of the EFE CWPP document goals. These projects are essential to providing safe fire department and emergency management services response in wildfire and medical emergencies to all EFE residents. The bid for the remaining ROW mitigation contact bid with Fire Smart is $21,600.00 and will take an estimated 12 days to complete. Any trees left standing in the Skyline Dr project in 2021 or the Enchanted Forest Dr project in 2022 (left marked with pink flagging tape) can be addressed at a later date if the HOA decides to bring the contractor back in to tidy up and completely finish the EFE ROW project/s and to really open up the road ways as shaded fuel breaks as per CSFS (Colorado State Forest Service) healthy forest standards.

\*\*\*If residents want to remove the pink flagging tape, please feel free, just realize these trees still pose a hazard to the safety of the EFE right of way road system. Property owners are invited to contact their own contractors to drop these trees or if too close to utility lines, contact LPEA to drop the trees to the interior of their properties.

***\*\*\*\* All wood rounds near roadside need to be picked up between now, August 14th, 2022 and by August 27th,2022. \*\* ATTN: Neighbors, you may now pick these up at this time. Any rounds near roadsides after August 27th, 2022 will be donated to those who burn wood for heat OUTSIDE of our subdivision to finish cleaning up the project area and to clear roads for winter plowing.***

* Once tree thinning throughout the neighborhood is completed (3–4-year project?) the committee anticipates being able to keep on top of the right of ways with annual flail mowing (scrub oak and small diameter trees and shrubs that seed and start to grow). This will be done on the same rotation as the original mitigation projects (Skyline, Enchanted Forest loop, Mountain Shadow/Spurs) as long as mitigation funds remain available.
* Committee had 1 slash chipping day in 2022 due to limited funds. Originally scheduled for May 26th and 27th, the contractor Lone Elk Fire LLC, had to postpone the chipper day until June 3rd due to crew members responding to New Mexico fires. Because Upper Pine Fire Protection District had crews dispatched to out of state fires and wasn’t a reliable source for neighborhood chipping, a private contractor was hired to get slash piles along the roadsides chipped before the summer really heated up. Remember, this is an annual service to property owners, paid for by your HOA dues. Please take advantage of this opportunity to reduce wildfire fuels on YOUR property in the future if chipping days continue. Oak, fir and pine chips are great for reducing weeds, though NOT next to your house or outbuildings, please. The total cost of the chipping day this year was $1,965.00 with the private contractor. \*Note: UPRFPD bought a new chipper for the fire department and increased their cost to $1,500.00/day this year. A Neighborhood Chipper Rebate was applied for through WAP for matching funds up to $750.00. \*\*\*HOA received reimbursement?
* 2021 CWPP community events hosted by the committee will be a presentation from Upper Pine River Fire Protection District at the annual HOA meeting. ***Update/TBD:*** \*\*The committee will host a representative of Upper Pine River Fire Protection District to speak at our annual HOA meeting on Sunday August 14, 2022. Please plan to attend for important information regarding wildfire safety in EFE\*\*
* Committee member Jan Pielech is currently working to renew/reapply for our **2022 National FireWise Neighborhood status**, the 4th year the committee has applied for the award. This award depends on hours, money spent, miles traveled and biomass cubic yardage of fuels removed from properties within the neighborhood. Please remember to report all hours, costs, miles traveled for dumping of dead/down fuels, details of what mitigation work was done (trees dropped, slash piles chipped or burned (w/burning in winter only ***PLEASE***, with burn permit from Upper Pine River FPD), pine needles raked away from structures, wood split or hauled off site, etc.). Landscaping costs can also be counted if the work is helping to prevent firebrands from igniting your homes/outbuildings and occurring within Home Ignition Zones 1 & 2. Any work and/or costs for contractors to make driveways wider or to provide emergency equipment turn arounds on your property can be included as well. These hours are reported to FireWise and to (WAP) Wildfire Adapted Partnership (previously our local FireWise chapter) for proof EFE is working to reduce fuels and wildfire danger and for possible grant opportunities should they become available for neighborhood Right of Way projects. All property owners are asked for this information quarterly via email.
* The committee received road signing (turned over to EFE Road Committee for installation) designating the community as a Nationally recognized FireWise Neighborhood and these signs have been installed.
* Committee is still waiting for 5-year annual CWPP document update to be approved and finalized by agency partners. Renewal processes are being reviewed by CSFS but the regional Durango CSFS Ranger’s office has the EFE CWPP for review currently.
* Committee Members Amy Paylor and Jan Pielech also participated in a research study in June 2022, visiting with Ohio State University graduate student Emily Rabung for the CoNIFER Project (Community Networks in Fire-Environment Resilience), a collaborative project including Ohio State University, University of Michigan and Colorado State University (where CSFS is headquartered in Fort Collins, Colorado). Jan and Amy were asked to participate due to their work on the original CWPP document and as neighborhood CWPP Committee members. Please see attachment for more information.
* Please continue to look for and read any emails or mailbox cluster bulletin board/box postings by your EFE CWPP committee going forward in the months ahead and thank you for all the work you do to help clear fuels along the roadsides (right-of-way) 30-50 feet into your properties and within a 20 foot radius of any utility equipment on your properties, and most importantly, Wildfire Defensible/Home Ignition Zones 1, 2, & 3 around your homes & outbuildings. <https://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csfs/pdfs/FIRE2012_1_DspaceQuickGuide.pdf>
* Amy Paylor is stepping away from the CWPP committee as of the annual HOA meeting this month, August 2022 after 23+ years. CWPP visual materials and records will be handed over to Jan Pielech and the HOA Board of Directors for safe keeping until other residents step up to volunteer for the CWPP committee. Jan Pielech will remain on the committee for the sole purpose of being a CWPP/Wildfire Adapted Partnership Ambassador and liaison for the neighborhood and CWPP partnering agencies.

\*\*\*If you are interested in wildland fuels management, wildfire science and preparation, and forest health, please consider joining the committee. The committee duties include:

1. Seasonal emails to property owners of relevant wildfire mitigation tips, news and best practices
2. Maintaining the middle entrance information box for relevant wildfire and mitigation information
3. Fulfilling the duties of the CWPP document requirements (please see CWPP on EFE website: <https://csfs.colostate.edu/media/sites/22/2015/09/EnchantedForestCWPP-FINAL-9-24-15.pdf>)
4. Maintain completion and reporting of mitigation goals in above document
5. Collect, record and report resident mitigation hours for reporting and report/log with Wildfire Adaptive Partnership for future grant applications
6. Maintain established relationships with agency partners (Interim Ambassador, Jan Pielech)
7. Helpful but not required, become WAP Ambassadors to facilitate and strengthen established relationships with partnering agencies <https://www.wildfireadapted.org/>
* A BIG shout out and THANK YOU to those of you working on home mitigation projects this year and ESPECIALLY any of you who have picked up your loppers on behalf of the subdivision and are working along the right of ways, clearing utility equipment and dense fuel loads!! Your committee thanks you!!!
* **Enchanted Forest Estates 2021Fire/Fuels Mitigation Hours/Costs (through 06.30.2022 & reported 7.29.2022)**
* **2022** **Mitigation Hrs.** **CWPP Hrs.** **COST** **Bio-Mass cubic yards** **Mileage**
* 1st qtr. 171 17 $1,308.00 40 yds 90
* 2nd qtr. 724 57 $4,850.50 105 yds 0
* 2nd qtr (HOA EF Dr. Mitigation Project) $22,200.00
* 2nd qtr (HOA Chipping Day\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $1,965.00\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* YTD TOTAL 895 74 $30,323.50 145 yds 90
* COMBINED TOTAL HRS 969

Respectfully, Your EFE CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) Committee Members,

Amy Paylor (WAP Ambassador) & Jan Pielech (WAP Ambassador)