



Trustee Report

To: Board of Trustees

From: Trustee Randy Lee

Date: September 9, 2014

PROSAB: The August 23rd PROSAB meeting was largely devoted to fuels treatment issues, especially the proposed scope of work for seven Town-owned properties under a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant obtained by Boulder County with the Town as a partner. Extensive efforts were made prior to the meeting to encourage concerned residents to attend, including a postcard mailing, Mountain Ear ad and email notifications by the Forest Service and Boulder County.

Peter Brown, of Rocky Mountain Tree Ring Research, gave a presentation about the critical role of fire in conifer forest ecosystems, followed by Kevin Zimlinghaus of the US Forest Service, who described treatments underway in the Nederland area and the experience of the FS with regeneration after past mitigation projects. Scott Golden, who is assisting the Town with managing the FEMA grant, presented proposed treatment strategies for the Town parcels. Questions and comments from the audience were answered by the presenters, and finally PROSAB discussed the proposed FEMA treatments and voted unanimously to recommend their approval.



Trail Day

The PROSAB trails committee was joined by NATO volunteers on August 17th for a workday to repair the connector trail from Old Town to Eldora Road. The Town provided road base for the project. The repaired trail has now withstood several intense rainstorms.

PROSAB remains one member short.

Forest Health: Two Nederland-area Saws and Slaws events were held in August. 35 volunteers turned out for the second project of the season that addressed the area of Big Springs Drive and Alpine Drive. Resident Mike Woods donated his time, expertise and heavy equipment to hoist trees up the steep embankment to Pinecliff Trail for processing. The following Saturday, over 60 volunteers helped mitigate the upper end of the Summer Road, as Boulder



Mike Smith Gives Pre-event Briefing at Big Springs Event

County worked on the lower end. Both projects have made a tremendous impact in enhancing neighborhood safety.



Volunteers Feed the Chipper on August 23

The September 28th and October 26th events will be held at the Big Springs Park (the first FEMA grant parcel to be mitigated). Scott Golden marked this property September 8th. I encourage residents (and Trustees!) to attend to share in the satisfaction of making a real difference in the safety of the community.

Nederland Saws and Slaws is a thriving volunteer program because of

the dedication of area residents like Alan Brewer, Marc McClish and others and the support of the Town and Boulder County.

IMA: I did not attend the August IMA meeting, and the September meeting conflicts with the scheduled table top emergency preparedness exercise. Founder and Chair Rebecca Lawrence is stepping down, and a successor will be chosen at the September meeting. The IMA is forming a mutual assistance group to facilitate cooperative ham radio operations and equipment acquisition; this is a great time for our EPAC committee to have been approved.

EDTF: The Economic Development Task Force met on August 28th. We incorporated suggestions by Trustee Mueller into our working vision of the Nederland 2024 economy and had a first brainstorming session of opportunities to achieve this vision. The task force will continue its discussion on the 23rd, and will begin exploring ways to bring the community into the discussion.

EPAC: Applications have been submitted to fill the final two seats on this newly approved board. An inaugural meeting will be scheduled shortly.