



## Trustee Report

To: Board of Trustees

From: Trustee Randy Lee

Date: August 29, 2013

PROSAB: Meetings were held on July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>. At the July meeting, USFS representatives provided an overview of two upcoming fuels treatment projects in the area; the projects have not been contracted yet, but treatment activity could begin as soon as this fall on FS lands surrounding the Big Springs neighborhood (public outreach will precede any cutting). Candidates for the remaining empty PROSAB seat were interviewed and a recommendation made to appoint Scot Gorbet. The Board also discussed the social bike trails that cross the newly acquired Sherwood open space property and voted to recommend that the County maintain the status quo.

At the August meeting, USFS representatives introduced preliminary plans for the Magnolia Trails Project; Laurie Enke was appointed Vice-Chair; preliminary siting criteria for shooting ranges being considered by the Northern Front Range Recreational Sport Shooting Management Partnership were discussed, and it was agreed that PROSAB would make a recommendation to the partnership to increase the required distances between formal shooting ranges and single residences, residential developments and recreational developments; discussion was begun on the Town's approach to noxious weed management in 2014.

### Forest Health

Saws & Slaws: Two events have been held in Big Springs since my last report. 45 volunteers turned out on July 25<sup>th</sup> to mitigate four properties on Valley View Drive, and about 30 residents helped mitigate three properties on Ponderosa on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Another event is scheduled for a Big Springs location TBD on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sugarloaf Saws & Slaws held its first event on July 14<sup>th</sup>; there are now S&S groups located in Coal Creek Canyon, Nederland, St. Antons and Sugarloaf.

FEMA Pre-disaster Mitigation Grant: The Town of Nederland, along with BVSD and the City of Boulder, partnered with Boulder County in a grant proposal for FEMA mitigation funds late in 2010; this grant has just been finalized. The Nederland Firewise Action Committee met with County representatives on August 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss implementation of Nederland's portion of the grant (meeting notes are attached). The Town will receive \$60,000 for mitigation work on seven properties that were identified in the grant application, and must contribute \$5,000 cash and \$15,000 in-kind match.

2013 Colorado Forestry Fair: Boulder County and the Colorado State Forest Service will be holding this event on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Nederland sort yard (event flyer attached). The goal of the event is promotion of sound forest management; there will be numerous informative booths, demonstrations and educational hikes – this is something we should promote heavily.

Fall Sort Yard Opening: The Nederland sort yard will reopen for a limited time this fall. The yard will be open Fridays and Saturdays only from 9 am to 5 pm September 20<sup>th</sup> thru October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Big Springs Egress: Discussions with the County and Forest Service to determine a feasible route are ongoing. Town Administrator Reis, Chief Dirr and I are scheduled to meet with them again on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

IMA: The IMA met on July 24<sup>th</sup> in Jamestown. Discussion items included Firefighter Appreciation Week, installation of a Mountain Emergency Radio Network repeater in Allenspark on August 10<sup>th</sup> and status of finding an operational frequency for a future Eldora repeater. The August IMA meeting has been rescheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> in Lyons.



**Nederland Firewise Action Committee  
August 26, 2013 Meeting Notes  
6:00 PM Nederland CC**



Meeting convened at 6:05 pm

In attendance: Alan Brewer, Rick Dirr, Ashley Garrison, Scott Golden, Randy Lee, Dallas Masters, Marc McClish, Alisha Reis, Jim Webster

Meeting foci:

- Implementation of Nederland's portion of the FEMA pre-disaster mitigation grant
- 2013 Nederland Firewise Community Action Plan check-in

Discussion High Points:

- FEMA Grant
  - Grant money must be devoted to the properties identified in the grant proposal. This precludes incorporating the Wingate property but extension to the open space land surrounding the Indian Peaks subdivision is permissible, inasmuch as it will be identified by the same address as 62 Navaho Trail, which was listed as a project site.
  - Projects must be completed by March 2016. A scope of work will need to be drafted for each parcel.
  - There was consensus that the FEMA money should be devoted to mitigation of the Mud Lake property, ideally utilizing the County's contractor for economy of scale. Nederland's matching funds and in-kind match, including Saws & Slaws volunteer efforts, will be directed towards some of the smaller parcels listed in the proposal. Scott will examine the Mud Lake IGA to see if Nederland's portion falls under the County management plan.
- Firewise Action Plan
  - Items not yet completed were identified, and a renewed effort will be made to address these:
    - Town will acquire needed software for the CC lobby looping presentation. Fire Dept. will seek access to a short video under production.
    - Rick will attempt to make a short pre-movie BDT presentation.
    - Alan will look at updating Town website forest health material.
    - Jim will inquire about NFPA display.
    - Randy will continue working with Alan on management plans for Town property.
    - Rick will check with Ace Hardware re house numbers.
  - Town will continue to support pine needle collection next year; we will seek to advertise better and perhaps locate a rollaway at the Town shop site.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20

