



Trustee Report

To: Board of Trustees

From: Trustee Randy Lee

Date: May 15, 2014

PROSAB: PROSAB has met twice since my last report. In April, we focused on PROSAB committee projects. At the May meeting, Conor Merigan led a discussion of possible PROSAB action items in the Sustainability Action Plan matrix, and Boulder District Ranger Sylvia Clarke provided status updates on post-flood repairs, area fuels reduction projects and wildfire readiness and West Mag trails restoration. Members also discussed PROSAB budget priorities for 2015 and progress in meeting 2014 PROSAB objectives. Two member terms are expiring, and one of these members, appointed to fill a resignation-caused vacancy, plans to apply for a full term.

Forest Health: The first Nederland area Saws and Slaws event of the season will be held May 24th in St. Antons. A planned sawyer-only cutting event that was to be held May 17th near the water plant has been postponed because of excessive snow on the ground. Coal Creek Saws and Slaws has currently suspended cutting activities because of liability concerns; the core group is actively researching options for acquiring insurance coverage. Nederland Saws and Slaws is able to continue, thanks to the Town's sponsorship as a PROSAB committee. Participation at the chain saw safety class held at the Nederland Community Center on April 26th was excellent, and another class may be scheduled later in the season.

Work to meet the Town's obligations under the FEMA Pre Disaster Mitigation Grant has met a snag, because the County-written grant application stipulated that all work would be done in the winter to comply with the provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The County is attempting to work that out; meanwhile, we are working on management plans for the parcels, with the County writing a scope of work for each. We anticipate accepting public comment at a PROSAB meeting in June or July and bringing the plans before this board the following month. We hope to be able to schedule one or more Saws and Slaws events on Town property by late summer or fall.

The wet spring we are experiencing suppressed fire danger during the usual spring danger period, between snow melt and green-up, but this could lead to elevated fire danger later in the season, as the grasses whose growth is fostered by this moisture dry out. Residents are encouraged to continue their efforts to create defensible space around their homes. The County has announced that it is accepting applications at www.wildfirepartners.org for participation into the Wildfire Partners program; this is a great way to get a personalized assessment of steps needed to protect one's property and get up to \$300 in rebates for mitigation work.

Through the joint efforts of the Town and Boulder County, a dumpster will be provided at the Nederland Sort Yard season-long for the collection of pine needles, noxious weeds, bark and grass clippings. Many thanks to Public Works Director Jason Morrison for successfully negotiating the Sort Yard location. This will provide a much-needed resource to help residents remove flammable

material from the *home ignition zone* around their structures in a sustainable manner (the material will be composted).

IMA: The IMA met on April 24th at the Glendale Fire Station in Left Hand Canyon, discussing progress and plans related to expansion of the Mountain Emergency Radio Network (MERN), and community preparedness updates. It was agreed to standardize meeting dates on the fourth Thursday of every month; the next meeting will be May 22nd at a location TBD, possibly at the Boulder Mountain Lodge.

Emergency Preparedness: The Red Cross Shelter Training held at the Nederland Community Center was well-attended. The recent snowstorm forced postponement of the Red Cross Community Preparedness Workshop that was to be held May 12th; this has been rescheduled for June 23rd. Community Center Coordinator Dawn Baumhover is to be commended for all of her invaluable work in the realm of emergency preparedness.

EDTF: The Economic Development Task Force will hold its first meeting on June 5th.