

2017 UPDATE Community Wildfire Protection Plan
Cherokee Meadows
March 28, 2017

Introduction: The Cherokee Meadows Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) was originally created in 2007, was updated in 2009, 2010, 2011 with a full Revision in 2012. This CWPP with all updates and revisions has been developed by involved community members of the Cherokee Meadows Road Association, (CMRA), with guidance and support from the Livermore Fire Protection District (LFPD), Colorado State Forest Service; Fort Collins District, The Colorado Division of Wildlife, and the U.S. Forest Service. This CWPP was created according to the guidelines of *Preparing a CWPP, a Handbook for WUI Communities, March 2004*, and supplements several Larimer County documents. Please see the attached signature page of the CMRA CWPP update committee, CMRA President, LFPD Fire Chief, and agency reps.

This UPDATE document outlines our community CWPP Action Item accomplishments. The numbering system used coincides with the Action Items in our 2012 CWPP Revision document. In addition, see the Action Plan for 2017-2018 with many new objectives and action items. We have also updated the Firefighting capabilities of LFPD..

LOCAL PREPAREDNESS AND FIREFIGHTING CAPABILITIES: Initial response to all fire and medical emergencies within CMRA is the responsibility of Livermore Fire Protection District, (LFPD), with assistance from 8 mutual aid agencies.

1. Current LFPD capabilities include:

a. 23 active members

- NWCG FF2'S = 2
- MWCG Engine Boss = 2
- Wildland Trained Firefighters = 19
- NR Emergency Medical Technicians = 15
- NR Paramedic = 1

b. LFPD STATION 1 Capabilities: Minimum Response time of 15 minutes

- 1 TYPE 1 Engine
- 1 TYPE 4 Tender, 1500 gallons
- 1 TYPE 6 Engine
- 1 Ambulance

c. LFPD STATION 2 capabilities: Minimum Response time of 10 minutes

- 1 TYPE 1 Engine
- 1 TYPE 4 Tender, 2000 gallons
- 1 TYPE 6 Engine
- 1 Rescue/Medical Support Vehicle
- 1 Private TYPE 6 Vehicle

d. Additional Apparatus:

- 1 MVA Response/Squad Vehicle
- 1 TYPE 6 CAFS Truck
- 1 Support Command Vehicle

This **CMRA 2017 CWPP UPDATE** is respectfully submitted by the Cherokee Meadows community. 4-17-2017.
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| # | Accomplishments from 2013 Action Plan | Action Plan for 2017, 2018 |
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| 1. | <p>Defensible Space Around Homes/Outbuildings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Many presentations have been made to CMRA landowners about creating and maintaining defensible space. Educational material given. b. LFPD Wildland certified personnel surveyed 6 properties and advised residents of how to lessen their wildfire risk. (Residents complied!) c. CMRA achieved FIREWISE COMMUNITY USA recognition in 2015. We continue to maintain with public outreach, education and communication. | <p>Defensible Space Around Homes/Outbuildings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continue to educate residents about defensible space b. Continue LFPD survey visits to properties as requested by owners to help identify any problem areas and to promote Defensible space compliance. c. Continue FIREWISE COMMUNITY USA activities. In 2017, CMRA has purchased and will distribute to every landowner, a copy of the insightful book <u>Surviving Wildfire</u>, and accompanying <u>Pocket Guide</u> by Linda Masterson. The CMRA Annual meeting will have a speaker about wildfire mitigation as a Firewise activity. More RSG evacuation bags will be distributed. |
| 2. | <p>Improve Options for Emergency Egress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Community Evacuation plan has been discussed. b. LFPD identified trees along CMRA roadways for removal or trimming. This work was performed by a timber professional, and it enhanced egress. c. Considering secondary evacuation routes through private property d. Educate residents to create easy access onto property for firefighting vehicles (Re: 1.b surveys). Residents should provide sufficient space for easy access & turn around for firefighting vehicles. Specifically, firefighting apparatus is difficult to back up in tight locations, so provide pull-through where possible | <p>Improve Options for Emergency Egress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Communicating with LFPD to create a viable Community Evacuation Plan to post on website b. Additional Brush & trees along the CMRA roadway easements will be removed to further benefit egress. Edge of roads will be mowed if possible. Plan is to create potential firebreak areas with our roads. c. Potential alternate (secondary) Emergency Evacuation routes recognized will be shared with residents at the annual meeting . Info also shared with LFPD and Larimer County Emergency Services. d. Continue to make residents aware of access around residences to assure space for fire fighting vehicles. e. During an emergency evacuation, place reflectors to locate the path of the alternate evacuation routes. |
| 3. | <p>Fuel Break activities on CMRA borders with public lands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Significant progress has been made, especially on property bordering USFS land. b. CMRA used 2014 WUI grant funds for this project. | <p>Fuel Break Activities Where CMRA Borders Public Lands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continue to work on these targeted vulnerable areas. b. Continue to pursue grant opportunities to help fund fuel breaks, and wildfire mitigation activities. |
| 4. | <p>Encourage Private Landowners to Reduce Hazard Fuels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Owners have lessened fuels by removing dead/dying trees themselves or with Timber Professionals. Slash was chipped or safely burned with burn permit b. One CMRA resident , (who is a wildland trained firefighter), has agreed to allow a community slash-burn pile on his property. He safely burns the pile when the weather conditions allow. | <p>Encourage Private Landowners to Reduce Hazard Fuels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Owners will continue to lessen fuels by removing dead/dying trees, brush and by mowing tall grasses in yards and around buildings. b. Continue community slash-burn pile. Also, encourage the chipping of slash if possible. c. Emphasize SAFE open burning practices to all, but especially new residents. Include obtaining a permit, safe practices, optimal days, proper extinguishing. |
| 5. | <p>Assist LFPD in their Efforts to Protect our Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A much closer working relationship was created between CMRA and LFPD. Many CMRA residents now volunteer for LFPD and are wildland trained. b. Numerous residents now have reflective address numbers posted at the entrance to their property. c. CMRA map was modified to include address information for residences, and the location of water sources for firefighting. (Cisterns & ponds). 4 water cisterns have been installed now in CMRA. d. Emergency air-landing sites available already. e. CMRA makes annual donations to LFPD. | <p>Assist LFPD in their Efforts to Protect Our Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continue to enhance the partnership with LFPD. Recruit more CMRA volunteers for LFPD. b. Continue to provide information to residents about the importance of reflective address numbers, and provide order forms to purchase such metal signs. c. Continue to keep the CMRA map updated. Provide GPS location information for water sources within CMRA, and provide that info to Livermore Fire dept. d. Develop a written agreement for the emergency use of water from ponds on Burk and Rash property. e. CMRA will continue to make annual donations to LFPD |

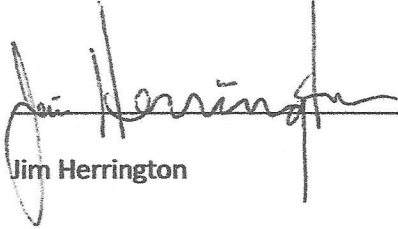
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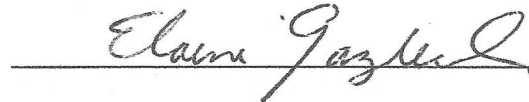
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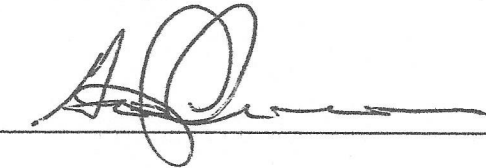
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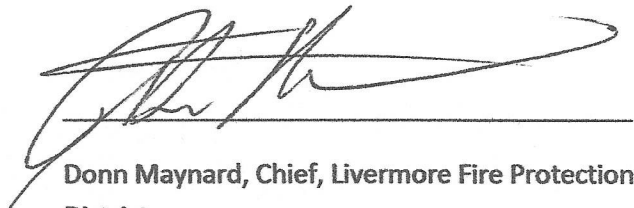


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