

MITIGATION COMMITTEE
Organizational Meeting
November 2, 2021

Meeting Opened	The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. at the home of Steve Campbell.
Those Present	Steve Campbell, Phil Mayor, Tim Pargee, Bruce Short, and Roy Wilkinson.
Mitigation Committee	Steve handed out the Mitigation Committee guidelines. He asked that each person go over this and if they have any suggestions/additions/deletions to let him know and these will be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.
Mitigation Efforts in 2021	Steve thanked those present for their efforts in the volunteer fire mitigation program. A report was handed out showing the number of volunteer hours worked and the approximate volume of firewood removed by the Navajos for those in need of firewood. This report will be available at the next Board meeting and on the website.
2021-2022 Mitigation Focus	
a. Information/Education	<p>Currently there are mitigation brochures and fire safety brochures from the Colorado Forestry Service on the website. Other brochures for CMR specifically will be introduced in 2022 (Pinon and Juniper forest).</p> <p>There was discussion on how these brochures could be distributed with more effectiveness. It was decided, that beside the website, the brochures could be included in the New Member packets and included in the letters to vacant lot homeowners that go out twice a year. Bruce has access to some of these brochures.</p> <p>Flyers, like the one announcing the Community Slash Collection and Burn Site, will continue to be produced and distributed on the Nextdoor Site and Community Bulletin Board, when mitigation events are scheduled.</p>
b. Continue Mitigation Efforts Already Begun	<p><u>Work with Native Americans</u> – Working with the Native Americans to cut down dead trees and trees needed for zone mitigation and then hauling the wood off the property has worked well for CMR property owners and the Native communities. Continuation of this volunteer program into 2022 (and hopefully beyond) is anticipated.</p> <p><u>CMR Community Building</u> – It is hoped that more CMR residents will participate in the Mitigation Workdays that will be scheduled. It has been noted that as residents are helped (or see that others are helped), they want to become involved in this Community effort. As more residents request volunteer mitigation help for their properties, workdays will continue to be scheduled throughout 2021.</p> <p><u>Slash Collection and Burning</u> – Slash collection has been a huge success in the last month. While volunteer workdays have been suspended, property owners are still encouraged to bring their slash to this collection area. A burn will be scheduled when there is snow on the ground (at least 3 inches). The burn will be conducted under the watchful eye of the Mancos Fire Department, Bruce Short and CMR volunteers. It will also be an education opportunity for CMR residents. Another burn opportunity will occur in early spring 2022. It is hoped that these burns will be a recurring event in late fall and early spring.</p>

- c. WAP and Fire Ambassadors The Committee will continue to work with the WAP and Neighborhood Fire Ambassadors. Roy has taken the course and will be applying to become an ambassador.
- d. Grants The Committee will be looking for a person or persons who are familiar with grants and grant writing in order to access those that may be available for CMR and its residents.
- e. Private Mitigation Contractors The Committee will be compiling a list of private mitigation contractors for residents who desire these services.
- f. Emergency Evacuation Routes, etc. There have been numerous meetings in the last 7 months with Montezuma County Officials, BLM, and Montezuma County Emergency Personnel concerning possible evacuation routes for CMR. The Committee will be looking at ways to improve existing evacuation routes and safety measures.

Evacuation Routes – Currently, the main evacuation route is Road 35. The Committee will inspect other established routes. Evacuation maps will be made available after the inspection.

Safe Zone – Thanks to the generous donation of property by Bob and Darla Sanders, as well as considerable work by CMR volunteers, a safe zone has been established on Road K.3. This will be inspected by County Officials within the next two weeks.

Road 35 Improvements – The Committee will be looking into making improvements along Road 35 with the objective of making it as safe as possible, especially on the “Hill.”

Evacuation Drill – Previously an evacuation drill was planned for CMR, but because of Covid-19, it had to be cancelled. The Committee will be looking into rescheduling an evacuation drill.

Committee Members The Committee could use help with various areas in its purview. These areas include WAP, Grants, Information/Education and I.T. help. Be thinking of those who may be interested and able to help the Committee.

Budget The following will be requested for the 2022 budget:

\$1,500	Two supervised burns
800	Professional help for Road 35 improvements
400	Printing
200	Grant and Other Fees

Other Business Firewise Renewal Application and Renewal of Community Wildfire Protection Plan
Bruce Short is working on the Firewise Renewal Application and the renewal of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Other Mitigation Considerations – In the current CWPP there was a recommended fuel treatment/firebreak area along the perimeter of the entire subdivision. This should be discussed in greater depth.

Next Meeting No meeting has been scheduled at this time. When it is scheduled, possibly in January, the community will be invited.

Adjourned The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Nan Campbell