

Mitigation Meeting

September 18, 2023

There were six members of the Mitigation Committee in attendance. The following items were discussed:

1. We need to finish chipping the Gallagher's and Horton's properties utilizing "the CMR" chipper asap.
2. We reviewed the 2023 mitigation projects. An updated CWPP was finished by Bruce Short, and a presentation was made to the CMR Community. The CWPP is posted on the CMR website. Twenty-five property owners took advantage of the chipping program in May and August.
3. It was discussed and approved to initiate a fire pit promotion for property owners. If they desire, a member of the Mitigation Committee will meet with the property owner and help identify a site for a burn pit. Again, if desired, a member of the Mitigation Committee will help the homeowner dig the pit with a tractor. A detailed instruction guide stressing safe burning will be given and gone over with each property owner. Bruce, Tim, Roy, and Phil will oversee this project.
4. A discussion ensued on how the Committee can improve mitigation efforts. It was decided to combine a Community burn pit along with a separate chipping program as was done in 2022 and 2023. It was pointed out that the Mancos Conservation District has a chipper they will rent for \$175 per day, a considerable savings.

We will consider having a Community burn pit on Phil Mayor's property for safe burning. Two or so weekends will be advertised where CMR residents can drop off their slash at the site. This will allow us to make sure they are dropping off slash, dead trees, etc. and not construction debris or large stumps which cannot be burned safely. Cortez Fire Dept. and other State agencies can supervise the actual burn to ensure safety and air quality concerns. To offset any cost, a donation from property owners will be requested, possibly \$10 - \$20 per load.

5. It was pointed out that besides individual property owner grants, there is grant money available to the HOA. This will require extra paperwork like a SAM application, which should be managed and overseen by a Board Member(s).
6. With the influx of new property owners and simply to remind all property owners of fire safety, grants, tax benefits, etc., it is planned to have an information meeting covering these and other aspects of fire mitigation. There has been good progress made throughout the CMR Community towards continual fire mitigation. The Committee would like to keep the momentum going throughout the year.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact Steve Campbell, Chair at campbellsn49@gmail.com, or 602-376-0234.