

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Funding Resolution

BACKGROUND:

Elk Stream Ranch Property Owners Association adopted a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) on 8/1/2008 that included the following language:

“Owners and the Association shall cooperatively develop fuel breaks along the roadways over a ten year period with Association providing financial assistance through prioritized cost sharing. A 50% reimbursement at prevailing contractor rates, up to a maximum of \$4000 per lot will be made for fuel break work within 150 feet of the centerline of the road. To qualify for cost share, the work should be on the Property Management Committee’s current priority list and shall be constructed according to the guidelines of “Fuelbreak Guidelines for Forested Subdivisions & Communities By Frank C. Dennis – Colorado State Forest Service” (Attached as Appendix G.) “

This language was both an identification of a strategy, as well as a funding assistance method, which was acceptable for a startup plan that only involved Elk Stream Ranch, and it succeeded in its goal of developing a strategic fuel break down the center of the canyon, which played a significant role in containing the Weber Fire to the west side of East Canyon.

A new CWPP is under development to identify the strategic goals to improve the wildfire protection of our community. It is a larger scale document that involves adjacent landowners, Elk Springs Ranch and our surrounding federal neighbors. By involving more stakeholders in East Canyon, the result will be a stronger plan, and will increase the likelihood of getting more grant funding, and participation from BLM. Because of the additional stakeholders, making amendments to the CWPP when Elk Stream Ranch wants to change its funding language would be cumbersome. It is simpler for us to adopt a resolution that is outside of the CWPP that describes how we will help fund our portion of the CWPP. The resolution offered allows us to continue the policy set forth above, but leaves the specific fuel reduction strategy to the CWPP and the Property Management Committee’s prioritization thereof. This is not a new budget item; it is intended to carry forward the present policy in a way that works with the new CWPP, and the Board feels it is important to adopt this resolution.

Be it Resolved that:

The Elk Stream Lot Owners and the Elk Stream Ranch Property Owners Association shall cooperatively develop strategic community level fuel reduction work within Elk Stream Ranch as identified in the adopted Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) with Association providing financial assistance through prioritized cost sharing. A 50% reimbursement at prevailing contractor rates, up to a maximum of \$4000 per lot per ten year period will be made for fuel reduction work within Elk Stream Ranch that has been identified as priority by the Property Management Committee. To qualify for cost share, the work should be on the Property Management Committee’s current priority list and shall be constructed according to the appropriate guidelines cited in the CWPP.