

# Fire Adapted Bailey

First Quarter Meeting

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 7:00 pm** at Crow Hill Firehouse

**Attendees:** In person: Robin Davis, Steve Wesoloski, Lucy Bauer, Luke Bagwell, Trice Hufnagel, Shelby Edwards, Devin MacDonald, Ben Mulligan  
By phone: Doug Compton, Monte Poague

Call to order :7.05am

## Old Business:

**Minutes** 11/11/2022 - approved

**Treasurer's Report** (see separate report from Robin) - approved

## ROW Evacuation Route Mitigation

Platte Canyon Fire Department has secured \$300K in grants from DNR. This is in addition to the \$4.5K already received. This excellent funding will be used by PCFD and selected private contractors to complete the ROW evacuation route mitigation already underway. PCFD will apply for an extension if the work cannot be completed by the end of 2023

- Road and Bridge (Greg Kasperek) will be invited to use the funds to help with the mitigation.
- Shelby and the Wildland FireModule will facilitate and manage the work.
- More road flaggers (and help with homeowner contacts) may be needed from FAB. Additional training classes can be set up with R&B (Current trainees good until 4/30/24)

## T-Shirts with FAB Logo

- A dozen large white T-shirts with logo on back and "Fire Adapted Bailey" on front and back were handed out. \$250 for 12 shirts. Thanks to Robin.

## Prescribed 50-Acre Burn in Harris Park

James Pilsmaker of USFS is overseeing this, and has done good community outreach in advance at Harris Park Community Center.

- It will possibly take place in a couple of weeks (weather-dependent)
- Another 400 acres is slated for burning later in the spring (in several units).
- PCFD has a good relationship with USFS ("their land, our district"), and will be present with an engine

## New Business:

### New Members

Trice Hufnagel - is the new coordinator for getting Mill Iron D established as a Firewise USA Site

Bill Beggs - is taking over as coordinator for Burland Firewise (from Jack Roberts)

### Board Elections

Trice Hufnagel was approved as a new board member (and potential vice president)

- It was agreed that **FAB board** investigate having a rotational leadership system, but not term limits
- Existing bylaws can be found on the FAB website

**2023 Budget** - reviewed and approved (see separate report from Robin)

- Doug C has secured a very affordable insurance plan for FAB at \$380 annually
- Funds have been set aside for board education - eg NFPA or FACO events
- See events section for other budgeted items

## 2023 Events

### Community Projects/Educational Events

- **Bailey Days** - **Robin** will request a booth in last year's spot once applications are open
- **Moore Lumber Fundraiser** for non-profits that FAB may be able to join
- **Evacuation Planning Class** ( 15 and 22 April) with PCFD - **Devin** will be guest instructor
- **First Aid Class** - Marianne W is looking into this
- **Chainsaw classes** (spring)- headed up by **Shelby** at PCFD. Need 20-25 people signed up. Food will be provided by PCFD.
- **Pile-burning Class** (summer) - **Devin/Shelby** will explore this option. CDFPC has a curriculum that might be helpful. FAB could help with outreach, locating property-owners with more than 5 acres etc

### FACO Membership/Participation

- **FAB Board** members are encouraged to join the bi-monthly meetings
- **Robin** will see if all board members can get on Podio feed

### Team Rubicon

They would like to do a Bailey area event this summer, possibly HIZ work for 10 homeowners.

- **FAB board** members will locate a couple of suitable homeowner candidates in each of their neighborhoods
- Home/Defensible Space assessment standards from NFPA and/or CSFS can be used
- Work would be done by 30-50 rubicon members over two week period
- A site for camping/staying in area is needed, as well as provided meals
- **Robin** will check further on how Team Rubicon wants to do things

### Goals for FAB

Proposed senate bill SB23-166- Establishment of a wildfire resiliency code board.

- General agreement that better building wildfire resilience is needed, but Park County does not have the resources for enforcement of such codes, and a "one-size-fits-all" approach is not practical.

### Firewise Community Updates

#### Elk Creek Highlands (Luke)

- Successfully re-certified as Firewise Site. Meeting planned

#### Friendship Ranch (John) -No report

#### Woodside (Monte)

- Successfully re-certified as Firewise Site
- Have an active "community ambassador" with Elk Creek FD

#### KZ Ranch (Steve)

- Need to re-certify this year
- Have a community slash site that has been chipped by PCFD in past. Maybe consider a pile burn this year in a more suitable location

#### DCVR (Robin)

- Submitted Firewise recertification (from last meeting)

#### Burland (Bill) - No report

#### Bailey Estates (Lucy)

- Monthly work days on evacuation routes and driveways planned

#### Mill Iron D (Trice)

- Will start contacting property owners (some of 90) about engagement
- Get help from other Firewise communities about applying for certification

### 2nd Quarterly Meeting 2023

**Luke** - suggest a timeframe so **Lucy** can send out a doodle poll

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm