

FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SANGRE DE CRISTO September 11, 2007

ATTENDEES: Jim Schomaker Dennis Riley Val Philpott
 Gary Crandell Fred Balmos Skip Zopf
 John Hvizdos Mike Backsen Wayne Eisenbrandt

NEW MEMBERS

Fred Balmos and John Hvizdos are the Forestry Committee's newest members.

TIMBER SALE

Great gains have been made in the thinning project west of Aspen Turn. A 400 ft fuel break will be in place before the March 2008 contract expiration. It was decided that Val would make mention of the thinning project in the fall newsletter in hopes of getting more 'cutters' and meeting the March 2008 deadline.

GRANT 2008

The Forestry Committee will not apply for a 2008 grant. We will look to 2009 and give careful thought and discussion in upcoming meetings as to what our future project will encompass.

CWPP

The 4th draft of the CWPP, with map, was given to the members in attendance. Since we are not applying for a 2008 grant there is no urgency to submit the CWPP so we will wait till March 2008 to see where we are with the timber sale before putting this document on file. Mike Backsen will work on an emergency response by the residents of Game Trail in the event a wildfire threatens and an access agreement, which will give emergency equipment a point of entry to the forest west of GT. Also, mention of our fire foam will be added to the CWPP.

BARBED WIRE REMOVAL

The committee will be removing GT's barbed wire. Skip will head this project. Chris Krocesky will mail a letter with attached permission slip next week, and once we have approval to enter the lot owner's property, removal will begin. At this time we have not decided how to dispose of the wire, Val has several options to investigate.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Jim Schomaker brought the Canada Thistle infestation to our attention. It was decided this problem would be mentioned in the fall newsletter. Along with- feeding the deer, caging seedlings, and reminder to get permission before cutting any trees larger than 3" in diameter.

NEXT MEETING AT SANGRE, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007