

Webinar: Residents' Perspective on the Cameron Peak Fire – Jan 19, 2022

Chat transcript

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10:33:13 From Gloria Edwards : <https://southernrockiesfirescience.org/>

10:33:37 From Gloria Edwards : <https://nocofiredshed.org/>

10:34:20 From Gloria Edwards : <https://poudrewatershed.org/>

10:37:40 From Gloria Edwards : I will be monitoring both chat and Q&A, but please use Q&A for most of your questions so we can keep them all in one place. Thank you!

10:58:36 From Gloria Edwards : Please visit the project website here:
<https://sites.warnercnr.colostate.edu/courtneyschultz/cameron-peak-fire/>

10:59:25 From Gloria Edwards : Researcher contact info: Chad Kooistra -
chadkooistra@gmail.com

Sarah McCaffrey - sarah.m.mccaffrey@usda.gov

11:00:33 From Becky Jensen : We also recognized that the terrain was rugged and difficult, if not impossible in many areas, for crews to battle.

11:05:49 From A L : it was tough to learn the pumps, hoses, sprinklers, etc never made it to installation after sitting for several days nearby,,,

11:07:39 From Martin Alexander : "Most", not all ?

11:14:21 From A L : "Full suppression fire" and "let it burn" message was confusing at first, but very clear within a week or so it was coming...regardless what was being said (fuel and wind)...

11:14:34 From Gloria Edwards : Just a reminder that this presentation is being recorded and will be posted to the Southern Rockies Fire Science and Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed YouTube channels, and a link for the slides will also be provided in a follow-up e-mail after the webinar.

11:15:34 From William McNeal : showing the tanker is sad. the only LETA drops were over the CSU campus.

11:15:52 From cynthia Decker : I assume cameras are off and speakers are muted, yes? I don't see any controls for them in this zoom.

11:16:25 From Polly Bennett : We had tanker drops in Glen Haven.

11:16:26 From Martin Alexander : Of the 42 structures that were destroyed, how many met Firewise guidelines?

11:18:28 From Lori Hodges : Clarification: Over 450 structures were destroyed.

11:19:30 From Martin Alexander : Thank you.

11:19:58 From Michael Remke : But only 42 primary residences.

11:20:38 From jim isaak : @Martin -- Glen Haven made a major Firewise investment prior to this fire ... so a good question is how that played out in the events.

11:21:31 From Janis Griffin : Does the healthy landscape include public lands? What is being done there?

11:23:32 From A L : well said quote!

11:23:47 From Janis Griffin : I agree completely!

11:23:56 From Charles Reynolds : Firewise mitigation in the Retreat saved many homes.

11:24:22 From jim isaak : ("The Retreat" being in Glen Haven as I recall)

11:25:27 From Polly Bennett : Yes. Glen Haven/the Retreat is a Firewise Community.

11:26:03 From Lori Hodges : One area of focus right now is trying to change state and fed laws and policies to be able to mitigate across land ownership. This would go a long way towards allowing better partnership with fed land managers.

11:26:16 From donald simmons : A review of fireteam mitigations/preperations that FAILED at Penock Pass to allow Buckhorn Canyon would be worthwhile improvement - from an onsite firefighter shortly at BairsLair road temporary firecamp.

11:26:21 From Polly Bennett : I know that one of the five homes lost in the Retreat was lost because of embers, not because of a lack of mitigation.

11:26:32 From Charles Reynolds : Yes, it is included in the Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Dept coverage.

11:28:28 From Martin Alexander : Did anyone see this coming?

11:29:13 From Rodolfo uribe : Does that include home hardening as mitigation or, strictly vegetation?

11:29:29 From A L : I think a lot of us saw this coming, especially after High Park... not if but when

11:30:18 From Martin Alexander : Fire susceptibility

11:30:42 From Megan Fitzgerald-McGowan : I appreciate Rodolfo asking about home hardening as part of mitigation. When it comes to embers, it really is the condition of the home that is important to focus on.

11:30:48 From jim isaak : Firewise info at: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>

11:31:36 From Andrew Josey : I thank you for this presentation. This research is helpful for those directly affected and those indirectly affected. Aids understanding across the gamut of communities in our county.

11:31:37 From Megan Fitzgerald-McGowan : Firewise USA and IBHS have many resources available to help guide residents on steps they can take to retrofit and harden.

11:31:38 From Bob Overbeck : Thank you for your work and presentation today. The Larimer County Assessor starting in 2019 worked on planning, preparedness and response with multiple partners to execute our state duties. The Assessors office partnering with Larimer's Emergency Operation Center and Building Department worked to perform Damage Assessment fieldwork hours after the fire impacted structures in the county. There is a CPF report from me with details on the broad collaboration and support during the CPF event. See links on Larimer Assessor's multiple press releases on jurisdictional collaboration to assist each other when a disaster impacts communities, 2020 CPF report, tax credits to impacted residents and the 2021 International Association of Assessing Officers' invitation and education to a global audience of professionals on best practices and lessons learned from CPF fire and recovery efforts.

https://www.larimer.org/spotlights?department=2&field_countywide_value=2

11:31:40 From A L : thank you Chad

11:32:05 From Taryn Contento : Great information Chad!

11:32:26 From Polly Bennett : Thank you Chad. I appreciated the time you spent with me.

11:33:01 From Chaska Huayhuaca : Great presentation, thank you Chad! Lots of takeaways for the NoCo Fireshed Community Engagement and Outreach committee.

11:33:07 From Michael Caggiano : Great presentation. Thanks Chad

11:33:27 From Becky Jensen : Thank you, Chad. Thanks for giving us a chance to be heard. Thank you for sharing the findings today! Awesome.

11:33:31 From Susan Schneider : Great information-thanks!

11:34:19 From Sandi Good : Excellent research and information presented. Thank you!

11:34:22 From Megan Fitzgerald-McGowan : Thank you for the presentation. It is really interesting to learn about the perspectives from a resident angle. I come at this issue from a former wildland firefighter and wildfire preparedness lens. Lots of nuggets to consider in how we engage and tell our story in the future.

11:34:41 From Daniel Beveridge : The Colorado State Forest Service provides an abundance of resources to address wildfire mitigation and forest health issues along with local field office points of contact throughout the state.

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/>

11:35:34 From Susan Schneider : Colorado State Forest Service even came to our property which was "in the black" and gave useful information and strategies for the future.

11:35:54 From Martin Alexander : Thank you Chad.

11:37:40 From Tony Craven : was there any discussion with the respondents about when they heard what the various goals that they all are true just different parts of the puzzle ie fire fighter safety and letting the fire burn for resource benefit go together sometimes

11:38:30 From Stephen Decatur : Larimer Connects also helps residents set up local hubs for information sharing.

11:42:35 From Becky Jensen : Great point about needing different (more robust and varied) communication/warning tools. For example, NOAA weather radios don't work in many areas of the Upper Poudre Canyon, which is a real concern for flooding events like the deadly Black Hollow Flood ... and future events for years to come.

11:44:15 From Beth Low : What additional research needs to be done to fully represent the community and professional perspectives to move the conversation about how to bring all entities to the table to work on policy changes?

11:46:38 From jim isaak : Big Thompson Watershed is coordinating in our areas ... already did a few visits in our area to help residents.

11:46:39 From A L : Any new plans for adding com towers for upper buck or upper poudre? Larimer county?

11:46:41 From Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed : Daniel@poudrewatershed.org - email Daniel if you are interested in having a forester visit your property

11:47:20 From Lori Hodges : There is a risk of too much inaccurate information. So knowing where to go for official info is important.

11:47:34 From Gloria Edwards : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Incident_Command_System

11:47:53 From donald simmons : Yes I would enjoy a forester visit to advise me on RE-Foresting my property at don simmons 1507 Crystal mtn. road, Buckhorn Can'on.

11:50:45 From Susan Schneider : Donald, I just gave CSFS a call and asked for assistance, and a representative came up to our property.

11:50:58 From Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed to donald simmons and all panelists : will.davis@bigthompson.co

11:52:16 From Susan Schneider : I've attended the Ember Alliance webinars and they're very interesting and promoting prescribed burns. I learned a lot about how safe the prescribed burns are and how much goes in to deciding when to burn.

11:54:03 From James Pilsmaker : Great question. I think a lot of work can and will be done to make team transitions smoother especially a few years into the pandemic

11:54:09 From A L : what's the best way to thin the tiny lodgepole! tweasers?

11:54:15 From Kevin Zagorda : No surprises. Our Community Wildfire Preparation Plan lays out our local strategy for fire risk mitigation.

11:54:26 From Lori Hodges : I was the one that called people with damages so I was surprised to hear that people did not get notifications quickly about impacts. We have created a system for the next fire to hopefully make this more efficient with a team instead of just one or two people.

11:55:30 From Tim Cochran : Concur: Daniel@poudrewatershed.org was/is informed and proactive. Good resource.

11:56:24 From Polly Bennett : I want to publicly thank Chief Zagorda, Glen Haven Area Volunteer Fire Department for the massive effort he conducted to prepare us all and teach us about mitigation prior to the Cameron Peak Fire attacking us. It is thanks to his expertise that Glen Haven achieved the designation of being a Firewise Community!

11:57:01 From Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed : Thank you, Tim. Yes, please reach out to Daniel Bowker if you would like your property that was burned to be assessed for post-fire restoration questions/opportunities. Daniel@poudrewatershed.org - www.poudrewatershed.org

11:57:17 From Lori Hodges : Sorry, I have to leave for another meeting. If there are any questions for Larimer OEM, please reach out: hedgeslr@co.larimer.co.us.

11:57:57 From Gloria Edwards : Thanks Lori!!

11:58:15 From A L : thanks Lori!

11:59:13 From Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed : If you live in Buckhorn and Big Thompson please reach out to Big Thompson Watershed Coalition for post-fire restoration info as well as wildfire mitigation - will.davis@bigthompson.co

12:00:34 From Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed : For information about CPRW's Post-Fire Mitigation & Restoration Program please email Shayna Jones, Program Manager, at Shayna@poudrewatershed.org

12:01:02 From jim isaak : one policy topic is how to provide viable fire insurance coverage in different at-risk areas of Colorado --- some companies have been backing away from insurance coverage, sure to be amplified by the Marshal fire

12:01:24 From Gloria Edwards : Links to project website and researchers:

12:01:35 From Rebecca L Douglas : Appreciation for helping me learn about the larger perspective of this fire event and the resources there are to help folks.

12:01:37 From Gloria Edwards : Project Website:

<https://sites.warnercnr.colostate.edu/courtneyschultz/cameron-peak-fire/>

Chad Kooistra - chadkooistra@gmail.com

Sarah McCaffrey - sarah.m.mccaffrey@usda.gov

12:01:55 From Jeanne Braun : Thank you for addressing my question about what is next for the regrowth of the lodge pole pines. Please pass my contact information on to an agency that would assess my property for what to do with the standing dead tress. The service group 6.8 already felled the trees that were dangerous to humans. My interest is in regrowth of the forest lodge pole pines and how to help the seeds that are already there as a consequence of the fire. Jeannembraun@gmail.com

12:02:31 From Chaska Huayhuaca : To learn more about mitigation projects happening on public and private lands across northern Colorado, visit the projects page on the NoCo Fireshed website: <https://nocofireshed.org/projects/>

12:03:57 From Bob Overbeck : I've shared Larimer Assessors duties and support during and after a disaster at community meetings and included Fire Wise education video in these presentations. in 2020 wrote to state and federal officials' to support efforts and funding fire management and recovery efforts.

12:05:58 From Eric Fried : There were approximately 450 total structures destroyed including about 220 homes, of which 42 were primary and the rest secondary.

12:07:34 From Janis Griffin : Does the structure count include sheds, vehicles, campers, etc...

12:09:29 From James Pilsmaker : Usually snow puts the fire out

12:09:42 From A L : some crews coming from the south to help us didn't have 4x4 trucks. They arrived just before snow... I bet they felt helpless too

12:09:48 From Bob Overbeck : Here is the assessor CPF report with breakdown of buildings on and off the official records. <https://www.larimer.org/spotlights/2021/01/13/larimer-county-cameron-peak-fire-property-damage-assessment-report-released>

12:09:58 From jim isaak : It seems like sharing "maps" that reflect various strategies ahead of time between agencies and property holders in the areas would facilitate better understanding when it is realtime.

12:10:52 From Meg Halford : Very important and interesting presentation. Thank You

12:10:57 From Eric Fried : The structure count does not include vehicles, RVs, campers, as well as small sheds that were too small to require building permits or county appraisals.

12:11:04 From Bob Overbeck : Thank you!

12:11:04 From A L to Hosts and panelists : thanks!!

12:11:17 From Katie Willi : Thank you, great discussion.

12:11:26 From Tim Cochran : Thanks for the work and engagement.