

TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 19 SERIES 2012

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE EAGLE COUNTY PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION
PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Minturn may be at risk natural or human caused hazards , such as wildfires, flooding and others with the potential for the loss of life and significant property damage; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Minturn recognizes the importance of reducing or eliminating the vulnerability of such hazards for the overall good and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires jurisdictions to prepare and adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan every five (5) years, to be eligible for future pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, this All Hazards Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan was revised by the Eagle County Emergency Management Department with the cooperation of incorporated municipalities and many special districts to identify potential hazards and to develop strategies to mitigate these hazards.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COUNTY OF EAGLE, STATE OF COLORADO:

THAT, the revised Eagle County Pre-Disaster Plan be approved and adopted in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

THAT, the Eagle County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, set forth herein shall be effective upon final approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency after adoption by all of the participating entities.

THAT, should any section, clause, provision, sentence or word in this Resolution be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole or any parts thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid. For this purpose, this Resolution is declared to be severable.

THAT, the Minturn Town Council hereby finds, determines and declares that this Resolution is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Minturn and Eagle County.

MOVED, READ AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Minturn, County of Eagle, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held the 17th day of October 2012.

TOWN OF MINTURN

ATTEST:


Town Clerk



Hukeye Flaherty
Mayor

Eagle County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Project

Jurisdiction: Town of Minturn

Action Title: Floodplain Management

Priority: Low

Issue/Background:

The Town of Minturn participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. This project reinforces the commitment to continue to adhere to the Flood Damage Prevention regulations which provide for the mitigation of flood hazards for all new construction.

Implementation:

Methods of reducing flood losses include;

- Adoption of a flood damage prevention ordinance that prevents any new construction in a designated floodway and substantial improvements to existing structures that are located in a designated floodway;
- Prohibiting all development within 30' of the ordinary high water mark of any live stream;
- Restricting or prohibiting uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water or erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood heights or velocities;
- Requiring that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- Controlling the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels and natural protective barriers, which help accommodate or channel floodwaters;
- Controlling filling, grading, dredging and other development which may increase flood damage;
- Preventing or regulating the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert floodwaters or which may increase flood hazards in other areas.

Responsible Agency: Town of Minturn

Partners: None

Potential Funding: Funding provided in existing Town budget

Cost Estimate: Minimal

Benefits: Continued availability of flood insurance for residents at lower rates;
Reduced property loss due to flooding; Reduced need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public

Timeline: Ongoing

Eagle County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Project

Jurisdiction: Minturn

Action Title: *Pine Street Fuel Break*

Priority: (High)

Issue/Background: The town of Minturn is located in the valley bottom along Highway 24. The population of the town is approximately 1,100. The valley sides surrounding the town are steep, and are covered primarily with grass and sage on the northern side; and grass, sage, aspen, and lodgepole pine on the southern side. Most lodgepole pine trees within the vicinity of town are dead, and will eventually blow down if not removed. Rapid rates of fire spread can be expected in these steep areas, especially those containing grass and sage. Flame lengths could easily exceed 11 feet in areas of standing dead lodgepole pine.

Implementation: The project area is located on public/private lands above Pine Street in Minturn. Remove all dead trees associated with MPB infestation and thin further to create a fuel break behind the community. This will limit fire-branding by embers into the community as well as the potential spread of fire into the forest surrounding the neighborhood as the result of structure fires. Adjacent home owners should also meet with appropriate fire mitigation experts at the fire district and county/state level to complete home wildfire hazard assessments, and make necessary recommendations to minimize wildfire hazards in the home ignition zone. Agency oversight will be needed to create linked treatment areas across the intermix of private and public property in the area.

Responsible Agency: Minturn

Partners: Eagle County, Colorado State Forest Service, Eagle River FPD, White River National Forest (USDA Forest Service)

Potential Funding: Grant funding from Colorado State Forest Service and USFS

Cost Estimate: \$2500/acre

Benefits: This will limit fire-branding by embers into the community as well as the potential spread of fire into the forest surrounding the neighborhood as the result of structure fires.

Timeline: TBD