

Boulder Junction Community Wildfire Protection Plan

CWPP UPDATE

"We care for our neighbors"
**FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPEN HOUSE**
Sat., October 8, 2016

The Boulder Junction Fire Department along with the town board, DNR and community stakeholders collaborated to initiate a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This 5-year plan was adopted by the town in April with the goal to provide for public safety from wildfires while protecting critical infrastructure and reducing the potential economic impacts that a wildfire can have on a community. One of the first objectives is educating homeowners on the importance of wildfire preparedness, both in logistical planning and property protection.

Fire department members began initial awareness training by attending a 2-day training in late August. The purpose was to provide the department with a better platform to provide education to property owners about the wildfire risks on their own properties. This **home ignition zone assessment program** is voluntary and provided free of charge to Boulder Junction residents and this one-on-one education is a very valuable resource. **Any steps we can take together to help reduce the risk or spread of wildfire is a benefit to all.**

Another result of the CWPP is the **widening of the fire lane** on the east side of CTH M south of town to winter park, as well as widening and maintaining the **"flats" firebreak** on the southwest side. We also have a new **dedicated helicopter landing site**. The purpose of this is to provide a safe place for medevac operations as well a staging area for airborne fire operations. Permanent markers and signage will be placed this fall and the site will be maintained year round.

Other wildfire risk reduction projects include installation of **informational kiosks around town, annual mailers, and chipping and maintenance of the town's brush collection site**. **Education is key...**for more information visit **townofboulderjunction.org** and attend the **Fire Department Open House**.



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