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Community Wildfire Protection Planning Kick-Offs on August 7 *Residents, business owners and other community members urged to participate*

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Residents and business owners are invited to attend the kick-off meeting for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) on Tuesday, August 7 at 6p. The meeting will be held at the Peaks Hotel located at 2121 Park Avenue in Park City.

A CWPP is based on the unique needs of each community. Plans typically address topics such as wildfire response, hazard mitigation, community preparedness, and/or structure protection. The planning process also includes valuable discussions regarding management options and implications for the surrounding watershed. It is a collaborative effort among government agencies, local residents, businesses and other stakeholders.

Fire danger in Park City and Summit County remains high. The Park City Fire District serves an area of 110 square miles consisting of residential, commercial and wildland zones. *“Wildland fire suppression and prevention is a major concern and focus of the Park City Fire District because of its significant and growing wildland urban interfaces,”* explained Park City Fire Chief Paul Hewitt. *“We are asking the community to help us create and implement an effective CWPP for the Park City Fire District service area.”* Hewitt added that development of this plan can also open the door to federal and state funding opportunities for fire prevention and protection

The CWPP is a joint initiative of local agencies including the Park City Fire District, Park City Municipal, Summit County, Basin Recreation and the State of Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands. The process will be led by Tyre Holtz, Wildland Urban Interface Coordinator for the State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. A CWPP generally requires four, two-hour meetings, occurring over three to four months.

For more information, or to RSVP for the meeting, contact Phyllis Robinson, Park City Public Affairs Manager at 435-615-5189 or by email to probinson@parkcity.org.

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