

# JOINT SESSION

- Routt County Commissioners
- Steamboat Springs City Council

*January 30, 2023*



ROUTT COUNTY  
WILDFIRE MITIGATION  
COUNCIL

# Introduction

- Josh Hankes, Executive Director
  - Education & Outreach
  - Plans & Policies
  - Values at Risk & Mitigation
- Board of Directors / Focus 2023



HIZ Assessment  
& Firewise  
Program

*Council  
Infrastructure*

*Wildfire  
Mitigation  
Conference*

**HIRE?**

Social Media  
Presence



**2023**

*Promotional  
Materials*

*Public  
Awareness  
Campaign*

Annual  
Report

*Strategic  
Framework*

*Community  
Wildfire  
Protection Plan*

# Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Update

- Received Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant in 2022 for \$60K (\$15K local (County) share)
- Received additional commitments from City of Steamboat Springs (\$15K) and State (\$25K)
- Total expected cost \$130K
- Applied for additional grant for \$30K – awaiting decision
- Wildfire Council will cover remaining \$30K if second grant is not received



# CWPP Update

- Steering Committee formed with all jurisdictional participants represented to prepare RFP, select vendor, and monitor progress
  - Jensen-Hughes is selected vendor
- Completed four public outreach events
  - Hayden, North Routt, South Routt, and Steamboat Springs
  - Collected surveys (~100 received)
- Steering Committee meeting monthly with Jensen-Hughes
- 50% draft report received Jan 20; Steering Committee will review (Feb 6) and provide feedback to Jensen-Hughes (Feb 7)
- Final draft expected in July 2023



# Opportunity Knocks



## BROWN RANCH

- Asset protection
- Safety of residents
- Safety of First Responders
- Favorable insurance
- Protection of waterways
- Raise awareness
- Demonstrate leadership
- Easy to do now

*Lean forward...*

# How can *you* help?

(great question)



## Promote Resilience

- Landscape Zoning
- International WUI Code
- Public Awareness
- Funding
- Facilitate Planning

And how can **we** help you?

# Discussion.



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