

Public Notice
Forest Reserve Title III Proposed Project

The Saguache County Board of Commissioners is soliciting public comment on a proposal to spend Forest Service Title III funds for the following project:

E3 KFM Kundalini Fire Management, is requesting funding to enhance and expand the Crestone Mountain Firewise Community and update the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Written comments may be addressed to the Board of County Commissioners and submitted to the Saguache County Administration office located at 505 3rd Street, Saguache, CO, mailed to PO Box 100, Saguache, CO 81149 or may be emailed to wmaez@saguachecounty-co.gov.

The deadline for comments is Friday, October 2, 2020 at 3PM. The Board of County Commissioners will review comments and make a decision on this request at their regular meeting on Tuesday, 6, 2020 at 2:00pm.

Saguache Crescent please publish in your next issue and provide proof of publication.

Thank you,
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County Administrator

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PROPOSAL FOR THE SAGUACHE COUNTY TITLE III PROGRAM - 2020

E3 KFM is requesting Title III funds to be used to enhance and expand the Crestone Mountain Firewise Community (CMFC), as it is a recognized Firewise Community, and updating of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Proposal: E3 KFM 2020

Since 2003, E3 KFM has worked almost exclusively with the nonprofit groups within E3 KFM's assigned jurisdiction. During this time, KFM has trained numerous fire fighters, offered Firewise based education, reduced hazardous fuel accumulations, restored many acres of forest, responded to wild and structure fires, and offered a stable fire management presence. During this time period, E3 KFM hired numerous firefighters, worked with as many as 150 Colorado College students a year performing hazardous fuel reduction projects, and in-kind volunteer labor from the various Centers. In 2015, KFM concentrated on the 200' "ignition zone" around buildings. In 1996, Peter May, as the BGVFD Fire Chief, initiated Firewise Community Assessments in the Crestone-Baca area, and the process aimed at Community recognition finished in 2008.

In 2020, E3 KFM proposes to:

- I. Expand the Crestone Mountain Fire Coalition Firewise Community.

In 2016, the Crestone Mountain Fire Coalition created the Crestone Mountain Firewise Community. As presently constituted, the Community includes:

- Shumei International Institute
- Crestone Mountain Zen Center
- Chamma Ling Retreat Center
- Dharma Ocean Blazing Mountain Center
- Haidakhandi Universal Ashram

In 2020, E3KFM would like to support the expansion of this Firewise Community to potentially include:

- KTTG, Stupa and its retreat cabins
- Vajra Vidya Retreat Center
- Colorado College Baca Campus
- Mangala Shri Bhuti Retreat Center
- Yeshe Khorlo Retreat Center

- II. Create and meet with the Crestone Mountain Fire Coalition Firewise Board to:

- Train and instruct new CMFC members: 40 hrs. @ \$30.00/hr. \$ 1200.00
- Engage the CSFS to update the CWPP and Review the Plan: \$ 2000.00
- Perform individual building ignition zone assessments on existing and new structures:
 - Crestone Mountain Zen Center – 12 Buildings
 - Shumei – 9 Buildings
 - Ashram - 6 Buildings
 - Dharma Ocean – 3 Buildings
 - Vajara Vidya – 1 Building
 - KTTG – 4 Buildings
 - Mangala Shri Bhuti – 6 Buildings
 - Chamma Ling – 5 Buildings
 - Colorado College – 4 Buildings