

LARIMER COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CAMERON PEAK FIRE RECOVERY

Community Recovery
Newsletter
April 2021

This Newsletter provides information to community members regarding spring recovery efforts and timelines.

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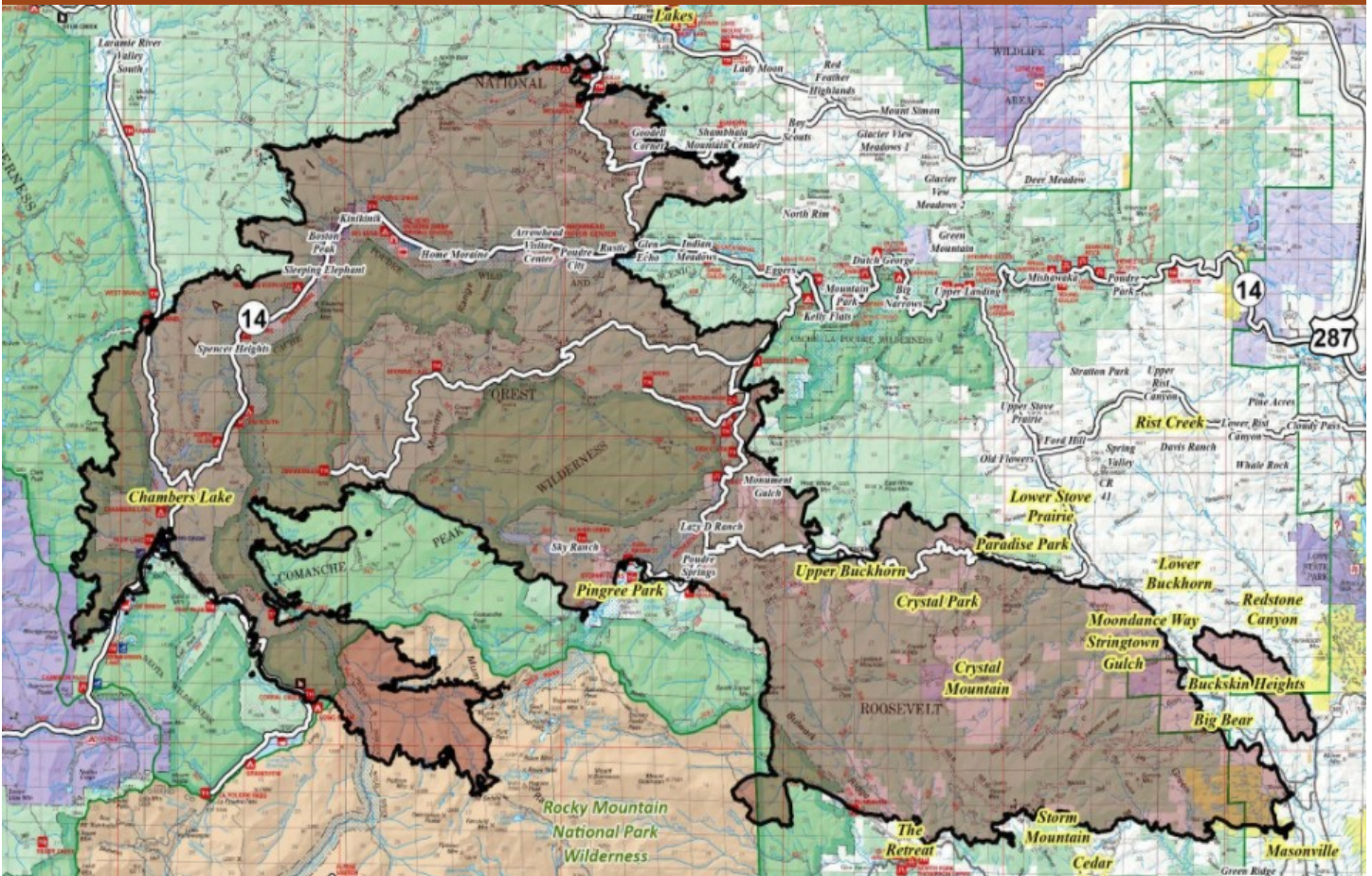
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Para obtener información en español sobre los esfuerzos de recuperación y los recursos para el incendio de Cameron Peak, comuníquese con Ricardo Perez al (970) 498-7142 o por correo electrónico a perezri@co.larimer.co.us.



Spring and Summer Activities

Multiple efforts will begin in the Fire Area starting at the end of April. In the next few pages, we will provide information about these activities, provide resources and discuss timelines.



Activities outlined in this newsletter include the following recovery/restoration actions:

- Suppression Repairs for handline and dozer lines. Property owners in these areas have already been notified and have provided consent for the work.
- Sandbagging Efforts—Serve 6.8 in partnership with Larimer County, will be pre-staging sandbags throughout the fire area and to downstream communities for flood risk.
- Seed, wattle and mulching opportunities for erosion control efforts
- Debris Removal and Community Clean-up Days—Dumpsters will be available throughout the fire area for community members to use for clean-up. Volunteers are being recruited now for community clean-up weekends.
- Vegetative Debris Removal—Staging location will be set for vegetative debris to be mulched and used in the fire area.

Timeline of Recovery / Restoration Activities



MAY 2021

May 1st: Dumpsters will be available for community member use (primary and secondary landowners)

May 1-30: Tree removal and mulching operations along roadways and streams

May 1-June 1: Sandbags will be pre-positioned throughout the fire area (see enclosed map)



JULY 2021

June – July: Community clean-up operations and erosion control efforts with volunteer groups

June – July: Emergency Watershed Protection measures implemented including private/public land erosion control, property protection, public road/culvert armoring.



SEPTEMBER 2021

APRIL 2021

April 19-30: Debris Contractor will be conducting site assessments in the fire area.

April 19-30: Arborist will be assessing and tagging trees along select private and public roads for hazardous tree removal.



JUNE 2021

June – July: Community clean-up operations and erosion control efforts with volunteer groups

June – July: Emergency Watershed Protection measures implemented including private/public land erosion control, property protection, public road armoring and public culvert repairs.



AUGUST 2021

August – September: Larimer County Road & Bridge and Engineering upsizing county-owned culverts in the fire area.

September and Beyond: Planning for 2022

Long-Term Recovery Group

We are working with several agencies to create large community volunteer projects to help with restoration and flood mitigation. Keep watching this newsletter for information

or visit <https://www.nocovolunteers.org/>

and sign up for fire recovery volunteer announcements.

<https://uwaylc.org/post/Larimer-County-Fire-Recovery-Fund>

LARIMER COUNTY FIRE RECOVERY FUND



Case Managers are working with fire survivors on unmet needs and rebuilding strategies.

To connect, call 970-232-1150 or

Email at: LarimerFires2020@lfsrm.org

Right-of-Entry Permissions

In order to do any work on private lands, permissions will need to be granted by property owners. Larimer County has partnered with the Watershed Coalitions, municipal partners and volunteer / Non-profit organizations to create one Right-of-Entry Form that can be signed by property owners for recovery and restoration projects. This is for both primary and secondary properties.

To sign the Right-of-Entry Form to allow recovery and restoration activities on private lands, please use the following link to sign electronically:

<https://forms.gle/haB1idjVxpPS4N9t9>

The paper version is provided in this newsletter for your reference as well.

Weed Management

To help residents affected by the Cameron Peak Fire, the Larimer County Weed District will be conducting free weed management site visits this summer.

Weeds are often invigorated by fire leading to a much slower recovery, if left unchecked. Staff can help assess the condition of the vegetation community and create a site-specific weed management plan that will benefit the environment, saving the resident time and money. To sign-up for a free site visit, call (970) 498-5768.



Seed / Mulch Resources

The Big Thompson Watershed Coalition and the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed are working collaboratively with volunteer groups and Larimer County to provide limited seed, mulch and wattles for community members and community projects as well as resources for how community members can purchase additional supplies.

Educational programs will be available through the watersheds regarding the proper placement of erosion control materials, proper seeding and mulching, and other actions that can be taken to minimize flood and debris impacts. More information will be provided soon on these supplies and programs.

The Larimer County Weed District is also partnering with the Colorado Water Conservation Board, AloTerra Restoration Services, and the Cameron Peak Recovery Collaborative to create native seed mixes that can restore ecosystem function, discourage weed invasion and stabilize soils with a diversity of grasses and wildflowers. These upland seed mix specifications will be broken out by elevation and are available for purchase from local seed distributors.

For more information on the Cameron Peak Fire Recovery Restoration Seed Mixes or best management practices when reseeding, call (970) 498 5768 or visit www.larimer.org/naturalresources/weeds.



Debris Removal Efforts

Debris Programs to Assist Community Members include: Streamway Debris Removal, Right of Way Debris Removal and Hazardous Tree Removal.

- Streamway Debris Removal—Removing loose vegetative debris from the streams and rivers to decrease the chances of debris causing dams along culverts and bridges.
- Right of Way Debris Removal—Removing debris from county roads and county right of ways. This includes hazardous trees and woody debris that can cause a hazard. The county is also setting up vegetative debris staging locations for private debris.
- Hazardous Tree Removal – Post-wildfire, many burned trees become a significant hazard for falling, creating a danger to people on trails or roads. Larimer County plans to conduct debris removal efforts to remove these tree hazards.



Property Clean-Up

Larimer County will be providing dumpsters throughout the fire area for household debris clean-up efforts. These dumpsters and scrap metal bins will be available from May 1st through July 31st for both primary and secondary homes. A map will be provided as soon as the locations have been finalized.

The Larimer County Long-Term Recovery Group, a volunteer organization, is recruiting volunteer teams now to be ready to assist community members with community clean-up efforts. These teams will be mobilized in June and July.

Emergency Alerts and Warnings

FLOOD WARNING

A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is **happening** or will happen soon. Some roads will be **flooded**.

Move to higher ground.

Never drive through flooded roads.

take action.

FLOOD WATCH

A Flood Watch is issued when flooding is possible.

Stay tuned to radio/TV, follow **weather.gov** and be ready to seek higher ground.

Learn more at **weather.gov/flood**.

be prepared.



National Weather Service

Flash Flood watches and warnings that you receive from the National Weather Service may be confusing. The message will simply say, "There is a flash flood warning in your area."

For more detailed information on message details and location, visit www.nocoalert.org.



EMERGENCY ALERTS

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Emergency Alert

NWS: FLASH FLOOD WARNING this area til 5:30 PM MST. Avoid flooded areas.

1 more notification



Emergency Alerts and Warnings



Emergency Flood Messaging

As emergency responders in Larimer County prepare for the high possibility of flooding this spring/summer, especially in the burn area of the Cameron Peak Fire, it is important that residents understand the types of messages they can and will receive.

Use the following images to learn more about the messages you may receive.

NOCO Alert

- Imminent threats only!
- Evacuation orders
- Requires registration (FREE)

National Weather Service

- Sign up at NOCO Alert
- Generic location impact
- Seek out more information

Wireless Emergency Alerts

- Location specific
- May reach outside impact area
- Not all phones will receive message

FLOOD2021

- Text message only
- No registration needed
- Emergency & Non-emergency updates

Online/Social Media

- NOCO Alert website for info
- Follow on Facebook & Twitter
- Share with others



Keyword: FLOOD2021

**Text the keyword FLOOD2021
to 888777**

- Emergency & non-emergency updates
- Via text message ONLY.
- Text and data rates apply
- Text updates related to flooding sent countywide

Emergency Alerts and Warnings

IF WE CAN'T REACH YOU, WE CAN'T
ALERT YOU!

WEATHER RADIOS

Weather alert radios with back up battery power or emergency crank operate without electricity. As long as you have extra batteries or can turn the crank, a weather radio will broadcast severe weather and emergency alerts sent to NWR from federal, local and state authorities.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CREATING A GO-KIT, VISIT
WWW.READY.GOV/KIT**

**ALL EMERGENCY ALERTS & A MAP OF EVACUATION AREAS CAN BE
FOUND AT WWW.NOCOALERT.ORG**

SBA Assistance Programs

The **Small Business Administration** has programs available to those needing assistance.

- SBA Disaster Loans for Physical Damages. Deadline April 26, 2021
- SBA Working Capital Loans Due to Drought—These low-interest loans are to offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought (could assist rafting companies, fishing, outdoors activities, etc.). Deadline to apply is May 11, 2021
- SBA Disaster Loans for Economic Impacts. No deadline has been set but it is expected that people may be able to apply through August.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

Rural Home Loans Program—USDA

What does this program do?

Also known as the Section 502 Direct Loan Program, this program assists low- and very-low-income applicants obtain decent, safe, and sanitary housing in eligible rural areas by providing payment assistance to increase an applicant's repayment ability. Payment assistance is a type of subsidy that reduces the mortgage payment for a short time. The amount of assistance is determined by the adjusted family income.

Who may apply for this program?

A number of factors are considered when determining an applicant's eligibility for Single Family Direct Home Loans. At a minimum, applicants interested in obtaining a direct loan must have an adjusted income that is at or below the applicable low-income limit for the area where they wish to buy a house and they must demonstrate a willingness and ability to repay debt. This is for primary residences only.

For information in Colorado contact:

Nicki Barks, nicki.barks@usda.gov, (970) 399-8198

or email codirinquiries@co.usda.gov

Upcoming Events and Webinars

Join the Northern Colorado Fireshed Collaborative (NCFC) for an informative and interactive webinar series introducing their work to make Front Range forests resilient, protect communities and keep our water supplies reliable. This webinar series is free and open to anyone interested in the health of their forested watersheds and communities.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NORTHERN COLORADO FIRESHED COLLABORATIVE - 2021 SPRING WEBINAR SERIES -

April 21 @5:30pm - Intro to the Fireshed

w/ Tony Cheng, Director - Colorado Forest Restoration Institute and Monte Williams, Forest Supervisor - USFS

May 19 @5:30pm - The Interaction of the 2020 Wildfires & Forest Treatments

w/ Tony Vorster & Brian Woodward - Natural Resource Ecology Lab, CSU and Katie Donahue, Dist. Ranger - USFS

June 16 @5:30pm - Prescribed Fire 101

w/ Daniel Godwin - The Ember Alliance & James White, Forest Prescribed Fire & Fuels Specialist, USFS

Register at: bit.ly/fireshed21

Learn more about the Fireshed at www.nocofireshed.org



NORTHERN COLORADO
FIRESHED
COLLABORATIVE

Upcoming Events and Webinars

United Policyholders continues to provide resources and webinars for a variety of topics related to wildfire recovery.

- **Colorado Wildfire-Impacted Households—Q&A Workshop for Wildfire Survivors**, Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. MT

Register Here: www.uphelp.org/Apr28

- **Survivor to Survivor Forum**

Trained UP volunteers with personal experience recovering from previous wildfires will share practical tips for loss recovery and coping with insurance claims.

Bring your questions to the forum.

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 8:00 p.m. MT

Register here: www.uphelp.org/apr20

The full list of their events can be found at: <https://uphelp.org/events/>

UNITED POLICYHOLDERS SURVEY

Please see the following link for a 6-month post-disaster United Policyholders survey which is a valuable tool for assessing and planning recovery of the community. The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MID2020CO>



LARIMER COUNTY RECOVERY WEBSITE

<https://www.larimer.org/emergency/recovery/wildfire-resources>

Upcoming Events and Webinars

Join experts from wildfire, flood, agriculture and insurance organizations for a series of upcoming webinars discussing important recovery and rebuilding aspects as well as increased flood risk after wildfire. Panelist will answer frequently asked questions and provide informative resources you can use today.

Flood After Fire Evening Session: (5:30 - 6:30 p.m. MST, Tuesday, April 20)

https://ogilvy.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WIICXvWnRlq7LGt4ImLO3Q

Wildfire Preparation & Recovery Evening Session: (5:30 - 6:30 p.m. MST, Wed, April 21)

https://ogilvy.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_evALyxW3SvqeoztHAXuA0Q

These presentations will be available in closed caption and ASL format. If you require an alternative format of available information, please submit your request to: Region8AccommodationRequest@fema.dhs.gov.

If you need assistance to access a program or service funded by FEMA, please contact FEMA at (833) 285-7448 [Press 1 for English, 2 for Spanish, 3 for the Language Line] or FEMA-CivilRightsOffice@fema.dhs.gov.



FEMA

For Up-to-date information on activities and ways to get involved or stay informed, please follow the Larimer Recovers sites on Social Media

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LarimerRecovers>

Twitter: Larimer Recovery Collaborative <https://twitter.com/LarimerRecovers>



For more information:

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(970) 498-7120

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www.larimer.org/wildfire-resources

