

# Legislative Coalition Consultant Update

June 12, 2018



## For the Latest Wildfire Updates and Additional Resources:

- Register with CodeRED at [www.co.laplata.com.us/emergency](http://www.co.laplata.com.us/emergency)
- FireWise of Southwest Colorado offers free site visits to assess your home's risk for wildfire. Contact Charlie Landsman at [laplatafirewise@gmail.com](mailto:laplatafirewise@gmail.com)
- The Colorado State Forest Service, <http://www.csfs.colostate.edu>
- Community Wildfire Protection Planning <http://csfs.colostate.edu/pages/community-wf-protection-planning.html>
- La Plata County Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LaPlataCounty/>
- 416 Fire Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/416Fire/>
- Mountain Studies Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mountainstudies/>

## Protecting Your Home From Wildfire:

- Create defensible space around your home. Remove weeds, brush and other vegetation. Use hard surfaces such as concrete, rock or gravel 0-5 feet around the home.
- Store firewood and other combustible materials at least 30 feet away from your home.
- Trim over hanging branches from the roof to a distance of at least 10 feet.
- Create vegetation groups or islands to break up continuous fuels around your home.
- Remove leaf and needle debris from the yard.
- Keep grass and wildflowers under 8 inches in height.
- Create and maintain a minimum of 10 feet between the tops of trees.
- Remove dead trees and shrubs.
- Construct your balconies or decks with noncombustible materials and do not store combustible items underneath.
- Use corrosion resistant metal mesh to screen all vents and check them regularly to remove debris that collects.
- Install weather proofing around your garage door, and if your garage is attached to your home make sure the interior door is solid and on self-closing hinges.
- Use dual-paned windows with tempered glass, as they are less likely to shatter from radiant heat.

## Pre-Evacuation To Do List:

- Arrange for transport of large livestock, they can be boarded at LPC Fairgrounds. Small animals can be taken to the LPC Humane Society if needed.
- Pack a bag with clothing, medications and essentials.
- Gather all paperwork and photographs that cannot be replaced
  - Personal and sentimental value.
  - Proof of ownership, personal identification, important accounts and insurance papers.
- Gather any family heirlooms and valuables that cannot be replaced.
- Shut off air conditioning and fans.
- Shut all windows and doors before leaving.
- Gather flammable items and bring them inside (patio furniture, door mats, trash cans)
- Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
- Connect garden hoses to outside water valves for use by firefighters.
  - Do not leave sprinklers or water running; this can affect critical water pressure.
- Fill water buckets and place them around the house.
- Leave exterior lights on so your home is visible to firefighters in the smoke or darkness.

## Keeping Air Quality in your Home, courtesy of Garrh's Heating and Air Conditioning:

- Close all outside air ducts that may be connected to your forced air system.
  - that may include a heat recovery ventilator, or an energy recovery ventilator.
- If you have an electronic air cleaner or hepa filtration, it helps to run your fan continuously.
- Install carbon filters to help remove smoke and smoke odor.
- Do not operate your evaporative cooler when it is smokey outside.

## County Land Use Planning:

- Permits processed to date this year is 284 building permits and 152 planning permits. If we continue on this projectory, we will have 340 planning permits by year end which is a 12% increase.
- Planning Commission has decided to certify the Land Use Code after the District Plans have been certified. This will allow the Districts to share with each other and get their templates to match.
  - District Plans work in concert with the Comprehensive Plan and identifies unique characteristics of the district or area; it articulates more specific goals and aspirations for the defined area of the County. There are 12 Districts in LPC, and each one is getting together to share the vision for their district.
  - Comprehensive Plan is a broad policy document which articulates community goals and aspirations for addressing growth which includes, but isn't limited to: transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing for the purposes of guiding land development decisions.
  - Land Use Code is the regulating document for the Comp Plan and District Plans.

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### Meetings Attended May 8 – June 12, 2018 (27 meetings)

5/8 10:00am-12:00, BOCC Business Meeting  
5/8 4:00-6:00pm, City Council Study Session  
5/9 8:30am-12:00pm, BOCC BDT Meeting  
5/10 6:00-8:00pm, County Planning Commission  
5/15 10:00am-11:00am, BOCC Planning Meeting  
5/15 11:00am-12:00pm, BOCC Business Meeting  
5/15 6:30-9:30pm, City Council Meeting  
5/16 8:30-12:00pm, BOCC BDT Meeting  
5/17 6:00-8:00pm, County Planning Commission  
5/22 11:00am-12:00pm, BOCC Business Meeting  
5/22 3:00-7:00pm, City Council Study Session  
5/23 8:30-12:00pm, BOCC BDT Meeting  
5/24 6:00-8:00pm, County Planning Commission  
5/29 10:00am-12:00pm, BOCC Planning Meeting  
5/30 8:30-12:00pm, BOCC BDT Meeting  
5/31 6:00-8:00pm, County Planning Commission  
6/5 10:00-11:00am, BOCC Business Meeting  
6/5 11:00am-12:00pm, BOCC Planning Meeting  
6/5 7:00-8:00pm, County Fire Update  
6/6 8:30-11:00am, BOCC BDT Meeting  
6/7 7:30-9:30am, BOCC & City Council Joint Session – CANCELLED LAST MINUTE  
6/7 6:00-8:00pm, County Planning Commission  
6/11 8:00-11:00am, County Wicked Problems – CANCELLED  
6/12 9:15-10:00am, Legislative Coalition Meeting  
6/12 10:00am-12:00pm, BOCC Business Meeting  
6/12 1:30-4:30pm, BOCC Work Session with Planning Staff  
6/12 4:00-6:00pm, City Council Study Session