

Files\\Berthoud Fire Protection District_2007_CWPP - § 1 reference coded [0.17% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.17% Coverage

In order to reduce conflicts between evacuating citizens and incoming responders, it is desirable to have nearby evacuation centers for citizens and staging areas for fire resources. Evacuation centers should include heated buildings with facilities large enough to handle the population. Schools and churches are usually ideal for this purpose. Fire staging areas should contain large safety zones, a good view in the direction of the fire, easy access and turnarounds for large apparatus, a significant fuel break between the fire and the escape route, topography conducive to radio communications, and access to water. Local responders are encouraged to preplan the use of potential staging areas with property owners.

Files\\Buckskin Heights_2014_CWPP - § 1 reference coded [0.89% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.89% Coverage

- #1. Evacuation Plan Initiative a. Alternative evacuation route to Redstone Canyon – see Evacuation Plan above.
- b. Develop phone tree (by Otter Road and Raccoon/Woodchuck Drive)
- c. Create email contact list An email contact list was established using Big Tent, a group online communication tool. The site has many communication features and tools, and it is free to join. BH property owners, with email addresses of record with BHRA, have all been invited to join BT as of February 26, 2014. Any subsequent new property owners will be added to BT, once they provide their email address(es). The owners are responsible for creating their own profile, and for providing (and maintaining) their own contact data. This contact data is the input into the “BH Fire Committee Emergency Phone Tree.”
- d. Off-mountain meeting location – Masonville Presbyterian Church)
- e. Identify daytime residents and individuals with special needs
- f. Care for school-aged children g. Pasture arrangements for large animals h. List properties with hazardous materials i. Use community website to post information

Files\\Cherokee Meadows_2007_CWPP - § 1 reference coded [1.98% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.98% Coverage

Install an underground water holding tank and research other sources of water that could be used in an emergency

Develop a community evacuation plan. Components would include: emergency alert method such as a siren; developing community instructions to deal with the emergency alert system; educate community about the emergency alert system; develop a communication plan; investigate the use of hand held two-way radios as a communication tool

Files\\Crystal Lakes_2008_CWPP - § 1 reference coded [0.71% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.71% Coverage

- B. Assess Emergency Response Needs (1st Priority)
1. Assess Evacuation Routes
 2. Assess Escape Routes and Safety Zones
 3. Assess emergency response needs—Access
 4. Assess communication
 5. Assess water sources
 6. Assess Department capabilities

Files\\Denver Post_2011_04_High winds to return to fire area - § 3 references coded [7.71% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.88% Coverage

A critical "red flag" fire-danger warning is in effect for the region until 8 p.m. today with wind gusts up to 40

mph expected, according to the National Weather Service.

Reference 2 - 2.98% Coverage

Gov. John Hickenlooper on Monday signed an executive order designating the region a state disaster area and authorizing \$1.7 million in state aid to pay firefighting costs.

Reference 3 - 1.86% Coverage

The Federal Emergency Management Agency also will chip in on the costs, according to the governor's office.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_05_Blazes environmental damage being assessed - § 1 reference coded [3.14% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.14% Coverage

Weber, a 56-year-old Fort Collins resident, was cited for causing timber to burn without a permit, but there were no restrictions on the type of camping stove he was using, authorities said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_05_Evacuations eased for blaze near Fort Collins - § 1 reference coded [3.09% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.09% Coverage

An evacuation center was set up at Cache la Poudre Middle School, 3515 W. County Road 54G in LaPorte. Large animals were evacuated to The Ranch at the Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_05_Ticket issued over stove - § 1 reference coded [3.85% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.85% Coverage

Gov. John Hickenlooper on Friday declared a disaster emergency for the fire, according to a news release. The declaration makes \$3 million in state funds available to pay for efforts to control the Hewlett fire.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_After the flames - § 1 reference coded [3.75% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.75% Coverage

At 9:30 a.m. every day, Brown logs on to the Larimer County emergency-information update website. Then he drives to Masonville, binoculars on the passenger seat. He greets the sheriff's deputies and National Guard officers whose presence discourages homeowners from sneaking past closed roads. He picks up his mail and then peers through his binoculars, studying the mountain ridge near his home.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Air quality in Fort Collins reaches unhealthy level - § 2 references coded [12.17% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 9.07% Coverage

Time to start paying attention, even if you were feeling healthy before and were shrugging off the smoke warnings, according to local respiratory experts.

People already suffering from a pre-existing respiratory condition might now want to "get out of town" for a while as Fort Collins levels build up, said Dr. David Beuther of National Jewish Health. Healthy Fort Collins residents now need to heed the higher alerts and limit their physical activity outdoors, Beuther added.

Reference 2 - 3.09% Coverage

The state's air quality index hit 159 Wednesday night in Fort Collins, compared to a "good" level of 42 in Denver. By Thursday noon, it was back to 106 in Fort Collins.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Alerting residents in the line of fire - § 3 references coded [23.18% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.15% Coverage

Alerting residents about raging wildfires like those we've seen in the last few months is a basic function of government.

Reference 2 - 9.82% Coverage

A story by Post reporters Eric Gorski and Jennifer Brown explained how the Arapahoe County E911 Authority has instructed a vendor to match phone numbers to mapping data. If there are issues, the company is instructed to check records from the assessor's office.

That's good practice. Ensuring telephone numbers are geo-coded is an important issue. County commissioners and taxpayers ought to demand more precision. In this day and age, it's unrealistic to expect a perfect database, but there's a lot of room between perfect and what we see now in Colorado.

Reference 3 - 11.21% Coverage

This is where personal responsibility comes in. Given privacy issues and the proliferation of cellphones, a sound emergency notification system is dependent upon individuals making an effort to ensure their data is accurate.

Go to your county's website for emergency management, opt in and provide an accurate phone number and address. If your county isn't soliciting updated information or doesn't have a reverse 911 system, you should ask why.

With the threat of a difficult wildfire season ahead of us, both government and individuals should make a greater effort to ensure the safety of those who may find themselves in harms way.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Attack plan leans on 1910 technique new technologies - § 1 reference coded [2.04% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.04% Coverage

Hickenlooper later declared the High Park fire a disaster and authorized up to \$20 million to fight it. As of Tuesday afternoon, about \$3 million had been spent.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Colorado Wildfire More homes burn in High Park Fire - § 1 reference coded [2.40% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.40% Coverage

County Road 74E, also known as Red Feather Lakes Road, was closed just west of U.S. 287 to the Boy Scout Ranch Road. The new evacuations prompted the American Red Cross to set up a shelter at the Cache La Poudre Middle School in Laporte, where residents streamed in Friday evening.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_County help us reach you - § 4 references coded [26.11% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.97% Coverage

Residents in the potential path of the High Park fire were urged Monday to provide as much contact information as possible in case land-line and cellphone service in the area is crippled.

Reference 2 - 7.63% Coverage

Larimer County's emergency telephone-alert system -- considered one of the state's best -- has been deployed 21 times for various evacuation calls since the lightning-sparked fire began, said Kimberly Culp, executive director of the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority.

But notifying residents in emergencies is an inexact science, and Larimer County officials are using the latest threat to get more people registered to receive alerts by cellphone, text and e-mail.

Reference 3 - 5.27% Coverage

If the High Park fire knocks out cellphone towers or telephone wires, Culp said, text messages still could get through.

"If we lose infrastructure, it is critical to have another path to reach our citizens," she said. "Our priority right now is to make sure everyone that wants or needs to get registered in our system is able to do so."

Reference 4 - 10.24% Coverage

Culp said the Larimer County Emergency Telephone Authority, or LETA, is staffing its office to manually enter new people into the system hourly in case residents are unable to register online. LETA takes several steps to improve accuracy in its system, including using its own mapping system to match numbers and addresses instead of leaving it to an outside firm or using commercial maps. The system is deployed 12 times a month on average, and everyone authorized to use it must run a test at least once a month.

More than 40,000 people in Larimer County -- an unusually high number -- have signed up to receive alerts by cell, text, e-mail and fax.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Disaster cash comes from emergency fund - § 1 reference coded [3.89% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.89% Coverage

When Gov. John Hickenlooper on Tuesday declared the High Park fire a disaster, he dipped into an emergency reserve fund to free \$20 million to fight the blaze.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Dry heat fuels blaze residents evacuated - § 3 references coded [7.10% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.26% Coverage

The High Park fire, first reported as a 2-acre blaze Saturday morning in the Paradise Park area, exploded Saturday afternoon. Hundreds of emergency notices were sent urging residents to flee, but officials fear that some people never got the warning.

Reference 2 - 2.97% Coverage

Key and his wife said they planned to stay with friends Saturday night, but they checked in at the Red Cross evacuation shelter in LaPorte on Saturday hoping to learn more about the fire. As of late Saturday afternoon, no update had arrived. Key said he wished he had more information but understood that emergency officials were busy.

Reference 3 - 1.87% Coverage

In early evening, about 30 families had checked in at the Red Cross shelter, which was prepared to house 50 families if necessary, said American Red Cross of Northern Colorado executive director Erin Mounsey.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Fire blasts over hills Fort Collins-area fire rages out of control expanding in size as mountain residents flee - § 3 references coded [6.41% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.08% Coverage

The fire is slated to receive a Type 1 designation today that will make it eligible for national resources, Christensen said.

Reference 2 - 3.25% Coverage

f the towers were lost, it would cut off radio communication except for line-of-sight communications. The site includes the transmitter for KUNC-FM 91.5, off the air since Saturday.

The towers relay "all of the public-safety communications in Larimer County," sheriff's spokesman John Schulz said. "We don't want to be left high and dry if that gets taken out," Schulz said.

Reference 3 - 2.08% Coverage

An evacuation center set up at Cache La Poudre Middle School in Laporte was moved late Sunday to the Ranch at Interstate 25 and Crossroads Boulevard because of smoke near LaPorte. About 20 evacuees stayed at the middle school Saturday night.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Fires burning across the state - § 2 references coded [8.42% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 4.35% Coverage

Numerous Colorado communities, towns and counties have issued fire bans, and last week Gov. John Hickenlooper imposed statewide restrictions, including barring private use of fireworks.

Reference 2 - 4.08% Coverage

Thursday, the U.S. Forest Service amped up fire restrictions on its public lands along the Front Range, as well as the Pawnee National Grasslands in Weld County, effective Friday.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Flames jump river race toward homes - § 1 reference coded [2.30% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.30% Coverage

Gov. John Hickenlooper signed a ban on open burning and private use of fireworks. The ban does not apply to campfires in constructed, permanent fire pits in campground and recreation sites.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Fresh fire crews sought as new arrival ship out fast - § 1 reference coded [2.02% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.02% Coverage

Campfire ban possibleGov. John Hickenlooper was exploring a possible statewide ban on campfires. County-level bans are another possibility.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Grief with some relief death destruction - § 1 reference coded [1.76% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.76% Coverage

"To me, it's very frustrating. We have the technology to see if a man is living in a cave in Afghanistan, but you can't tell me if my home is intact," he said. "It's difficult to know what to do now. They need to give people accurate information. I just want a simple answer."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High Park fire Barriers established on two front - § 1 reference coded [1.43% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.43% Coverage

Evacuees can find out whether their homes were burned or spared at a 3 p.m. meeting today at the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High winds stymie efforts - § 1 reference coded [2.49% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.49% Coverage

Fire evacuees may pick up "disaster cleanup recovery kits" -- that include sifters, shovels, rakes, work gloves, masks and trash bags -- at the Johnson Hall on the Colorado State University campus, where the Red Cross has set up a resource and distribution center.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Highpark Fire Homesick about Homes - § 1 reference coded [4.99% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 4.99% Coverage

He left for the evacuation center Saturday evening with his dog and said it's the longest he's ever been evacuated.

"It's a bit like waiting to see if you've got cancer," he said of waiting to hear the fate of his home.

He was also evacuated during the Crystal fire in 2011 and the Bobcat fire in 2000. He recalls ashes falling on his home during the Bobcat fire before a freak summer snowstorm hit. "If you don't have a sense of humor for these things," Babcock said, "you're not going to make it."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Larimer County blaze 45 percent contained - § 1 reference coded [11.77% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 11.77% Coverage

More than 50 homes north and south of CR82E between CR80C and CR67J are still on alert, and the Larimer County Sheriff's Office told residents they should be prepared to evacuate if needed. The evacuation center is at the Livermore Community Hall, 1985 W. CR74E.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_More homes burn - § 1 reference coded [5.73% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 5.73% Coverage

Rocky Mountain National Park, south of the High Park fire, issued a burning ban Monday, tightening restrictions and banning campfires and charcoal fires within the 415-square-mile park. Fireworks are always prohibited inside the park, and campfires are typically restricted to designated fire grates. Previous "total" fire bans in the park were ordered in September 2010 and the summer of 2002, park officials said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_My guys dont start before I do and they dont finish after I do - § 2 references coded [4.70% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.21% Coverage

A 5:15 a.m. phone call Sunday asked amateur radio operator Randy Long to find more volunteers to aid communication in the High Park fire zone -- and warned him to evacuate his home.

Reference 2 - 2.48% Coverage

Long, an Amateur Radio Emergency Service coordinator for Larimer and Weld counties, fled his house southeast of Buckhorn Mountain and started rallying more licensed ham operators to work the fire.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Public library helps evacuees cope with stress of fire - § 1 reference coded [6.42% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 6.42% Coverage

The Poudre River Public Library District has set up a table in a corner of the Thomas M. McKee Community Center in Larimer County, where evacuees are taking shelter, where kids can play with toys, read, watch cartoons and put puzzles together. There also are Internet-connected laptops available for contacting family.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Smell smoke Dont push it - § 3 references coded [16.14% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.59% Coverage

A state air-quality "alert" for smoke rolled up and down the Front Range as a result of the High Park fire west of Fort Collins, and officials warned that heavier billows could extend to the plains overnight Monday.

Reference 2 - 8.31% Coverage

Air-quality and medical officials agree on an easy 5-mile standard for the public to follow. Pick a landmark that you know is about 5 miles away; if it is extremely hazy or obscured altogether, then it's a good day to stay indoors and look for other ways to minimize particles in your lungs.

"If it gets so bad in your house that you're feeling uncomfortable, then you've got to move," said Dick Hahn, respiratory- services manager at Poudre Valley Hospital, the primary facility in the plume area.

Reference 3 - 4.24% Coverage

State air officials urged people to not be complacent even though the monitoring map on their website Monday showed only the Fort Collins area with an orange warning dot, indicating air quality had moved to the "unhealthy for sensitive groups" level.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Wildfire evacuees take it day by day - § 1 reference coded [2.41% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.41% Coverage

For the last two days the couple has been staying at the Red Cross evacuation center at The Ranch.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Wildfire sparking event cancellations Ride the Rockies tour could be affected too - § 1 reference coded [2.43% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.43% Coverage

And it isn't only Fort Collins. The Colorado Department of Health on Monday afternoon issued an "action day alert" advising that people from Colorado Springs to Fort Collins consider staying indoors because of poor air quality.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_09_Disastrous wildfire era set to continue - § 1 reference coded [0.88% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.88% Coverage

And, in Colorado, Gov. John Hickenlooper halted all controlled burns in state forests after one blew out of control in March, flaring into a wildfire that killed three homeowners.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_11_Dry warm weather prompts fire restrictions - § 1 reference coded [14.42% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 14.42% Coverage

Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Chief Art Morales Tuesday implemented fire restrictions that include a ban on outdoor burning and fireworks, though fireplaces are still allowed. Violators could be fined as much as \$1,000 and spend up to 180 days in jail

Files\\Denver Post_2012_12_Size blowing up 583 homes evacuated - § 1 reference coded [1.27% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.27% Coverage

An evacuation center has been set up at Estes Park High School. The Salvation Army and Red Cross are

providing meals for the evacuees.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_12_Wind fuels worry Strong gusts could create explosive mix in Marys Lake area - § 1 reference coded [2.25% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.25% Coverage

The overnight fire-danger warning included areas above 6,000 feet in elevation in central and southeast Park County, Boulder and Jefferson counties, and west Douglas County.

Files\\Denver Post_2013_03_Winds feed blaze - § 3 references coded [8.01% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 4.77% Coverage

Officials said they sent out 860 evacuation phone calls. The evacuations to the north of the fire, where the first 281 calls were made, have been lifted. A second round of 579 calls, for homes to the south of the fire, went out at about 3:30 p.m. The Poudre Fire Authority said those evacuations would remain in effect through the night. The fire was 5 percent contained at 8:30 p.m.

Reference 2 - 1.22% Coverage

An evacuation center has been set up at Cache la Poudre Elementary School gymnasium in LaPorte.

Reference 3 - 2.02% Coverage

On Friday, the Larimer County health department issued a news release warning that air quality in Larimer County could change frequently throughout the day.

Files\\Denver Post_2016_09_Larimer fire grows to 350 acres - § 1 reference coded [6.39% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 6.39% Coverage

Larimer County authorities banned campfires, smoking along trails and in open spaces, shooting off fireworks and using incendiary devices including sky lanterns, exploding ammunition, exploding targets and tracer ammunition.

Files\\Estes Park_2009_CWPP - § 1 reference coded [0.31% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.31% Coverage

Community notification would be made via reverse 911 and the local media. This would be followed up by law enforcement and/or fire personnel going door to door. The local CERT responders may be requested to assist with the evacuation.

Files\\Pinewood Springs_2010_CWPP - § 1 reference coded [0.29% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.29% Coverage

Priority Six: Public Information System

PSPOA will organize an information distribution system for dissemination of critical information, i.e. a phone tree or Web site improvements.

Files\\Pole Hill_2009_CWPP - § 1 reference coded [0.86% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.86% Coverage

Concerns Relating to Protection of Values: 1. Condition of forest 2. Safety in case of fire: escape routes, safe zones, access for fire equipment and emergency help
3. Communication system (phone tree, email, etc.) 4. Assessment of area's current fire-risk 5. Identification of properties 6. Education to help all understand the needs and actions: i.e. defensible space, burn permits,

access options, forest health needs, etc.

Files\\Poudre Park_2008_CWPP - § 1 reference coded [0.10% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.10% Coverage

Improve the communication systems – recommendation for non-

Files\\Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department_2010_CWPP - § 2 references coded [2.30% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.78% Coverage

Stove Prairie School is located in the RCVFD response area. The school represents a valuable historic and community resource and is well situated from a wildland fire perspective. The school has good defensible space and can serve both as an evacuation/support location and a command center in major events. Stove Prairie School has stand-alone backup generation and can be served by high speed internet. RCVFD has emergency access to Stove Prairie School.

- ☐ Special Actions for Stove Prairie School include:
 - o Early establishment of structure protection
 - o Potential command center
- ☐ Buckhorn Church Camp. The Buckhorn Church camp is both a special risk and a potential command site. The site has multiple cabins as well as a meeting hall and dormitory. During the summer months, the church camp frequently hosts summer programs for children including disabled and special needs children. From this regard the church camp is a high priority for protection and evacuation. The location is defensible, but is reachable only by a single road (there are potential emergency egress routes, but they are long and rough).
- ☐ Special Actions for Buckhorn Church Camp
 - o Early Evacuation notice and establishment of structure/evacuation protection

Reference 2 - 0.52% Coverage

Evacuation related priorities ☐ Maintain and update RCVFD Evacuation pre-plan ☐ Extend the emergency evacuation marking program started in Whale Rock ☐ Identify and/or establish emergency evacuation routes for all areas. ☐ Identify and/or establish and mark safe zones for cases where evacuation is not possible ☐ Educate community on evacuation procedures.

Files\\Spencer Heights_2008_CWPP - § 1 reference coded [0.37% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.37% Coverage

Through advertisements in River Bank Reporter and the fire department web site, increase local awareness of:

- Fire department private gate access locks
- Slash burning and chipper check-out programs
- Grant availability for mitigation work