

SUN PEAK FIRE SAFETY OPEN HOUSE AGENDA

Sun Peak Clubhouse 1950 Bear Hollow Drive, Park City, UT 84098
Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 AM to 12:00

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

(Moderator: Roger Sawyer, Fire Safety Committee and Board member)

2. WHY DO WE NEED TO TREAT THE FOREST?

- a. Video
- b. Presentation on need to treat the forest
- c. What obligation do we have to do fire mitigation on our open space
- d. Provisions in CCR

3. EXPERIENCE AT PINEBROOK AND ENCLAVE - WORK PLANS AND PROGRESS

4. PRIOR TO WORK IN 2023, MEETING (s) WITH HOMEOWNERS WILL BE HELD TO REVIEW PLANS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS

5. REVIEW OF HOMEOWNER QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS INCLUDING THOSE RAISED IN PETITION CIRCULATED TO SOME HOMEOWNERS

- a. Why did we select Alpine Forestry?
 - i. Some contractors treating homeowner's property say Alpine's work is useless
 - ii. Is Alpine's approach best practice?
 - iii. What studies support Alpines recommendations?

- b. Disposal of Piles
 - i. Pile Burning versus chipping
 - ii. CCR
 - iii. Report on Enclave number of piles, number burned and number of piles on Sun Peak - pile common land as well as number of total piles on private property as well as number piles burned

- c. Work done deviated from the proposal shared with the community
 - i. Inconsistencies in Alpine work plan to actual condition mountainside post treatment
 - ii. Areas are clear cut
 - iii. Large live trees cut down
 - iv. Treatment high up on the mountain
 - v. How many conifers will be removed
- d. Concerns about water runoff, avalanches, soil health and moisture retention
- e. Concerns about wildlife and biodiversity
- f. Budget
 - i. Question cost of project so far
 - ii. Ongoing costs for Open Space Maintenance
 - iii. Dues increase for fire mitigation
 - iv. Grants
- g. Impact of mitigation work on homeowner's insurance
 - i. Non-renewal of homeowner's insurance
 - ii. Potential side benefits of open space mitigation work
- h. Supervision of future work

6. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

7. INSUFFICIENT COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD

8. CLOSING COMMENTS BY SUN PEAK FIRE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Curriculum vitae of guests:

J. Bradley (Brad) Washa

After more than 33 years in federal wildland fire management service and over 400 wildland fires, Brad retired in 2021 as the State Fuels Specialist for the Bureau of Land Management in Utah. During his time in Utah, over one million acres of fuel treatments were completed on BLM Lands through over \$220 million in Fuels Management funding with much of the work supported through the partnership with Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative.

Brad has obtained some of the highest wildland fire qualifications including Type 1 Operations Section Chief, Type 1 Prescribed Fire Burn Boss, Prescribed Fire Manager, Fire Behavior Analyst, Strategic Operations Planner, and Incident Commander T3. He has participated in wildfire suppression throughout all of the western United States including Alaska and represented the United States contingent for the 2020 Australian Brushfires and continues to be a member of the Alaska Incident Management Team as a Strategic Operations Section Chief T1.

Brad holds a Master of Science in Wildland Fire Science from Colorado State University along with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management and Political Science from University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point.

Brad was the recipient of the BLM Director's Award. He has been an instructor at the National Interagency Fire Center for various National Wildfire Coordination Group courses and has been a subject matter expert in the development of several NWCG courses. He has been a guest lecturer at Utah State University, University of Utah, and UW-Stevens Point. Brad was one of the authors of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy.

Jessica (Jess) Kirby

Jess Kirby is the Summit County Public Lands Manager. She has 26 years of public service having worked in the natural resource and land management arena for the National Forest Service, the National Park Service, and within various levels of State and County government. She is the recipient of the National Wildfire Mitigation Award and the USDA Regional Foresters Award, recognizing her work to increase forest resilience and promote wildfire-adaptive landscapes within Summit County. She has also been recognized by two Utah Governors (Huntsman and Herbert) for her exceptional public service, and innovative and efficient project management. She holds a BS from Colorado State University in Natural Resource Management and is a certified Geographic Information Systems Professional (GISP).

ALPINE FORESTRY

Our Mission: Alpine Forestry management and leadership stems from a diverse and robust background in fire and emergency response, disaster management and planning, GIS mapping, and hazardous fuels reduction. Our combined 40 years of experience in the wildland urban interface makes us uniquely situated to address the threat facing the Northern Utah mountain communities. This relevant experience will assist you as homeowners and community members to achieve your goals of creating and maintaining a healthy forest, reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire, and realizing your land use and management objectives.

We have spent thousands of hours on the front lines of wildfires, serving in many roles from planning, directing, and executing fire operations. We have worked tirelessly to accomplish hazardous fuels objectives, including prescribed broadcast burning, pile burning, and performing many types of fuel break thinning. We have operated in and around communities both before and during wildland fire situations and have achieved great success in receiving support from home and property owners due to our ability to relate our experiences fighting fires in areas much like their own.

Our detailed, systematic approach to our work will provide communities and homeowners with relevant recommendations and quality results. With the heightened awareness of wildfire threat, prevention and mitigation are becoming increasingly important to ensure the safety of the public and emergency responders. We have seen first-hand the positive impact that pre-planning and hazardous fuels reduction work has when a fire does occur. We look forward to continuing to help you become a better-prepared, more fire resilient community.

David Telian // Co-Owner *Eighteen years of Wildland Fire, Emergency Response, and Resource Management experience in Federal, State, and Private sectors.* David Telian served for the past thirteen years as a federal career forestry technician wildland firefighter. Having recently spent time working as a Smokejumper, David has worked on Hotshot, Helitack, and Engine Crews, Fire Use Modules, and Fuels Management. Although David has been involved in operations that have taken him all over the country, he is most intimately familiar with the Great Basin and Rocky Mountain states' fuels, terrain, weather patterns, fire behavior, and species ecosystems. Developing experience and seeking knowledge has been a primary objective throughout his robust career. David has coordinated and supervised resources while conducting a wide variety of fuels management projects on public lands, which ranged from large-scale prescribed fire preparation and thinning to small-scale cleanup and hazardous tree removal. He has performed inspections, assessments, quality assurance, and field operation in addition to coordinating complex projects with various resources. Additional certifications include but are not limited to Type-3 Burn Boss, Type-4 Incident Commander, Crew Boss, Firing Boss, and Helicopter Crewmember. David retains certifications as being among the most skilled tree fallers in the industry. He earned C-Faller certification in 2012, C-Evaluator in 2015, C-Crosscut in 2018, and USDA Climber certification in 2019. Recognizing the need for experienced instructors, David actively participated on the Region 4 Chainsaw Cadre by directing training, policy, records, and coordinating with leadership and partners.

Matthew Castellon // Co-Owner *Twenty-three years of Structure and Wildland Fire, Emergency Response, and Resource Management in Federal, State, and Private Sectors.* Matt Castellon began his career with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, which provided a solid foundation for addressing all types of hazard incidents including structure, wildland, and vehicular fires, emergency medical, disaster response, hazardous materials events, high angle, and water rescue, etc. This provided opportunities to develop experience in

community planning, training and outreach fire prevention, defensible space inspections and recommendations, and suppression plans for WUI. Transitioning from Structure to Wildland Fire, Matt served for ten years as an Idaho Smokejumper for the USFS, in addition to working on Engine, Hand, Fuels, and Helitack Crews. With nationally recognized certifications such as Type-4 Incident Commander, Task Force Leader, Strike Team Leader, Safety Officer, Fire Effects Monitor, and Field Observer, Matt places heavy emphasis on fuels management, planning, and hazardous fuels reduction projects that include prescribed fire preparation and implementation. Substantial experience with collecting and maintaining various forms of data such as fuel loading, fuel moisture, mapping, and weather has equipped Matt with proficiency in developing safe and effective treatment plans. Matt's extensive expertise has benefited lands and populations beyond the U.S, having served neighboring Mexico. Along with a team of fellow United States Forest Service instructors, Matt provided and implemented Community Wildfire Risk Management and Incident Command Systems for prescribed and wildfire management across the country.

BRETT DENNEY | STEWARDSHIP MANAGER SUMMIT LAND

CONSERVANCY Brett is tasked with managing the GIS mapping and ecological data for the Conservancy. Brett holds a B.S. in Environmental Science with a minor in Business. After working for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Brett joined the Summit Land Conservancy team in December of 2017.

The Enclave at Cedar Draw HOA

I won't be able to attend your meeting, so I am writing a brief explanation of our history with thinning and burning. We have two HOA's: Sun Canyon with 23 condos and Cedar Draw with four homes. I am the President of the Enclave at Cedar Draw HOA. We are self-managed. We have no Management Company. I do it all with the help of our other three owners. I am the one who initiated the thinning and burning project here. Sun Canyon is managed by Asset Property Management.

I've been involved with open space preservation for many years. Part of open space preservation is land management and fire mitigation. In Maine I supported the Natural Resource Council of Maine in their efforts to save their wonderful forests from insect damage and development. We have lived in Alta for 25 years before moving to Park City 6 years ago. I also have been president of an HOA for most of the past 30 years. One in Alta UT. Another in Maui and here.

Two years ago, I was visiting the local fire house to donate some wild game for their freezer. We got into a conversation about fire mitigation because I was concerned about the excess amount of old timber on the ground and the crowding of the fir trees on the 65 acres owned jointly by the two HOA's at Enclave. They told me about the project in Summit Park on property owned by The Snyderville Basin Recreation District. They also told me about Alpine Forestry who was doing part of that job. It took no time for me to research the subject and the imprimatur of Basin Recreation made my job easy. They had done all the research and were thinning a large area of their own.

Since Basin Rec had hired Alpine Forestry, I decided to proceed to recommend them to thin and burn our 65 acres. Again, this was not complicated. Basin Rec has already done all the research and had a very good experience with Alpine. That's all our owners needed. Absolutely no-one here was concerned about the pile burning and we proceeded. Thinning, piling, and burning is not cheap. It is an extremely challenging job. Our first stage was 12 acres. These 12 acres was directly behind the condos at Enclave and was extremely dense with dead and fallen trees. The project cost was \$75,000 (\$50,000 for thinning and \$25,000 for burning). There were 700 burn piles and Alpine had estimated 385 burn piles.

This past season the homeowners at Sun Canyon decided to limit their participation to the area they could see from their windows. They did another 12 acres. I decided to try to take on the entire 65 acres since I can see most of it as I type this in my office. I worked with Summit Land Trust and raised money through them to do another 20 acres here. I am watching the pile burning right now. These 20 acres cost \$100,000. It was nowhere near as dense as the first 12 acres. These 20 acres resulted in 750 burn piles. I expect to complete the project by having the final 20 acres done next year.

I think the most gratifying part of these projects is watching the new growth in the cleared areas. Nine bark, Oregon Grape, and thimble berries and many more plants are exploding. The deer have much more browsing area as do the moose. I can see the surrounding area when I hike on the trails on our property. I can see moose from longer distances so no surprises. This has been an extremely successful project with zero complaints from our owners. We all feel this has made our properties safer and more valuable as a result.

Sincerely,
Tom Richardson