

GENESEE FPD RESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE



2020 update to our Community Wildfire Protection Plan

The Genesee Fire Protection District (GFPD) and Forest Stewards Guild are embarking on an update of the 2008 Genesee Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). We will use up-to-date information and fire modeling to assess local hazards and identify strategic investments to mitigate risk and promote preparedness. An updated CWPP will improve the ability of GFPD to respond to wildfires and direct emergency operations, including evacuations.

For an introduction to and overview of the CWPP project for your Genesee Fire Protection District, watch our video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rw3ec5ERgdE&t>.

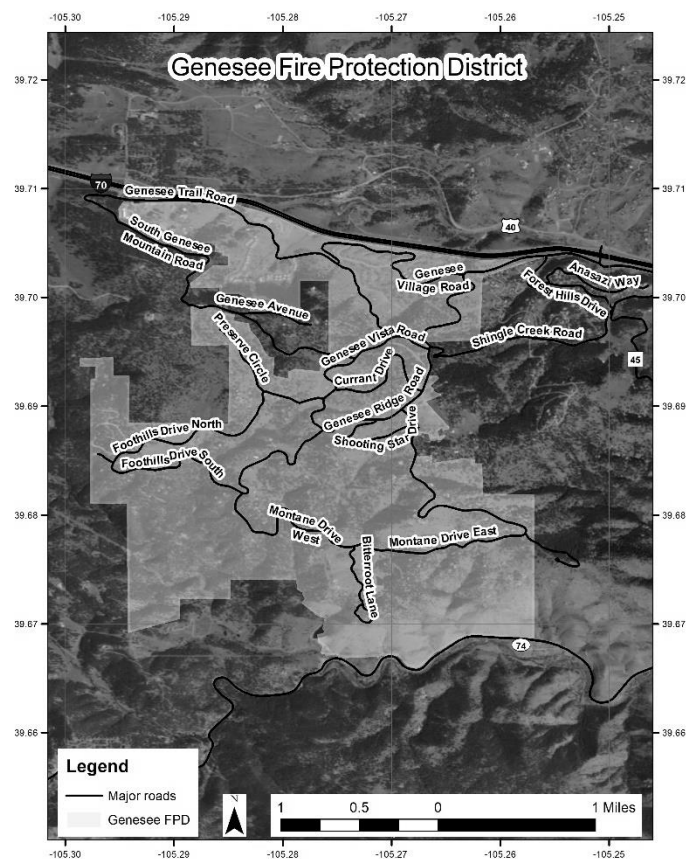
Community engagement in CWPP development

Community engagement is a vital aspect of CWPP development and implementation. Please take this online questionnaire to share your insights and help us learn about your values, needs, and concerns related to wildfire risk and community preparedness.

The questionnaire is only intended for residents within and immediately adjacent to the Genesee Fire Protection District and individuals who own businesses in the area. The map to the right shows the boundary of the Genesee Fire Protection District.

The questionnaire will take about 20 minutes to complete. Your answers will be kept confidential, and insights we gather from your responses will be aggregated and not identifiable to a single individual.

Please contact Megan Matonis, the CWPP project manager with the Forest Stewards Guild, with questions and concerns regarding this questionnaire (megan@forestguild.org).



Please scan and email your completed questionnaire to Megan or mail / drop off at Genesee Fire Rescue:

Genesee Fire Rescue
23455 Currant Drive
Golden, CO 80401

Thank you for your time! We value your feedback as a member of this community.

Section 1: About you and your home/property/business

1. In what part of the Genesee Fire Protection District do you live or own a business in? Check all that apply.

- 1st Ridge Townhomes
- 2nd Ridge Townhomes
- Chimney Creek 1 HOA
- Chimney Creek 2 HOA
- Genesee Estates
- Genesee Foundation
- Genesee Village HOA
- The Preserves HOA
- Pinwheels HOA
- Riva Chase HOA
- My home is in the Fire Protection District but not in an HOA
- Business district within the Genesee Fire Protection District
- Other: _____

2. Do you rent or own the place where you live / operate your business in the Genesee Fire Protection District?

- Rent
- Own

3. How would you describe your residence or business in Genesee Fire Protection District?

- Single-family home
- Multi-family dwelling (e.g., townhouse, condo)
- Standalone business structure
- Multi-business structure
- Other: _____

4. What is your residency status in the Genesee Fire Protection District? Check all that apply.

- Full time resident
- Seasonal resident
- Owner of undeveloped lots
- Business owner
- Other: _____

5. How long have you lived in or owned a business in the Genesee Fire Protection District?

- Less than 2 years
- More than 2 years to less than 5 years
- More than 5 years to less than 10 years
- More than 10 years

If you would like to receive email notifications from Genesee Fire Rescue regarding updates and events related to the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, please provide your email address:

Section 2: Wildfire knowledge and concerns

6. Please read each statement and select the degree to which you agree or disagree with that statement.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I understand the degree to which our community is at risk from wildfires.				
I understand how topography (steepness and direction of slope), vegetation, and weather affect fire risk and behavior.				
I know steps I can take to reduce wildfire hazards on and around my home / business / property.				
I would consider cutting trees for wildland fire protection on my own property.				
I would support HOAs or other groups cutting trees for wildland fire protection on open spaces across the community.				
I would support HOAs or other groups cutting trees along roads to enhance the safety of roads in case of an evacuation.				
I would support prescribed (controlled) burning and pile burning to reduce wildfire risk in open spaces around or adjacent to the community.				

7. How concerned are you about the following issues if a wildfire were to occur in this community?

	Not concerned	Only slightly concerned	Moderately concerned	Very concerned
Communication about the incident				
Evacuating safely and promptly				
Damage to my home / business / property				
Loss of life				
Impacts to my livelihood				
Damage to wildlife habitat				
Loss of recreational opportunities				
Decreased beauty of my property and open spaces across the community				
Loss of insurance coverage due to wildfire risk				
Reduced air quality due to smoke				
Post-fire erosion and flooding				

8. Do you have any additional concerns in the case that a wildfire were to occur in the Genesee Fire Protection District?

9. If a wildfire starts or spreads to your property in the next 12 months, what do you think is the chance that your home / business will be destroyed or severely damaged? Circle your selection.

0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
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10. Why did you make your selection in question 9 about the chance that your home / business will be destroyed or severely damaged from a wildfire?

11. If you have received information about wildfire issues facing this area, who has provided this information to you? Check all that apply.

- The Colorado State Forest Service
- Jefferson Conservation District
- Your HOA
- Genesee Fire Rescue
- Your insurance agency
- Your neighbors
- I have never received information about wildfire issues in this area
- Other: _____

12. Which of the following educational opportunities would you participate in if offered in Genesee Fire Protection District? Check all that apply.

- Presentations on wildfire behavior and risk
- Presentations about wildland fire fighting
- Presentations about prescribed fire and pile burning
- Trainings on evacuation planning
- Trainings on ways to reduce wildfire hazards on my property
- One-on-one consultations about wildfire hazards on my property
- Other: _____

13. Have you ever experienced a wildfire occurring in or near the Genesee Fire Protection District or in another community where you resided? What did you learn from this experience?

14. Have you ever participated in an evacuation in or near the Genesee Fire Protection District or in another community where you resided? What did you learn from this experience?

Section 3: Reducing wildfire hazards

15. Which of the following factors currently make your home/business/property vulnerable to wildfire? Check all that apply.

- Grass, shrubs, and trees immediately adjacent to your home/business
- Grass, shrubs, and trees within 100 feet of your home/business (you can envision 100 feet as the length of one and half bowling lanes)
- Steep slopes
- South-facing aspects
- Vegetation on your neighbor's property
- Wooden balcony, deck, or patio
- Debris in my gutters and on my roof
- Wooden shingle roofing materials
- Narrow driveways that are inaccessible to fire engines
- Other: _____

16. I have completed the following work to my home/business/property to lessen the risk of wildfire: Check all that apply.

- Cutting trees or removing low limbs on trees near my home/business
- Annually removing debris (e.g., dead vegetation, pine needles) from my gutter and roof
- Annually removing debris (e.g., dead vegetation, pine needles, mulch) from under my balcony, deck, or porch
- Annually clearing debris (e.g., dead vegetation, pine needles, mulch) from around my home
- Moving firewood away from my home/business and not storing it under my balcony, deck, or porch
- Repairing or installing screens to block embers from entering vents, eaves, gutters, below deck, or other location
- Replacing my roof with less flammable materials
- Widening my driveway so fire engines could access my property
- Other: _____

17. Which of the following factors keep you from undertaking actions to reduce the wildfire risk on your property? Check all that apply.

- Lack of knowledge about effective methods to reduce hazards
- Lack of financial resources
- Lack of resources other than money, such as lack of tools
- Physical inability to complete the work
- Limited means to dispose of downed trees, limbs, and other slash material
- Low concern about wildfire hazards
- Desire to keep trees near homes/businesses for aesthetic reasons or for shading
- Desire to keep trees near homes/businesses for privacy or to screen from roadways
- Local ordinances and regulations that prohibit certain modifications to homes/ businesses and surrounding property
- Other: _____

18. Which of the following would encourage and enable you to reduce the wildfire risk on your property? Check all that apply.

- Financial assistance
- Specific information about what needs to be done
- Information on the effectiveness of different strategies to reduce the wildfire risk
- Help doing the work (e.g., someone to thin trees and vegetation and/or remove debris)
- A list of recommended contractors that could be hired to do the work
- None of the above--I am not interested in these actions
- Other: _____

19. In what ways are you willing to contribute to wildfire mitigation in Genesee Fire Protection District? Check all that apply.

- Reducing hazards on and around my home/business/property
- Encouraging my neighbors to reduce hazards on and around their home/business/property
- Participating in meetings to provide feedback for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan in the Genesee Fire Protection District
- Influencing HOA or other neighborhood guidance on wildfire mitigation
- Other: _____

Section 4: Evacuation preparedness

20. Does your family have an evacuation plan for if a wildfire were to occur in the community?

- Yes, for people in my household
- Yes, for people and pets in my household
- Yes, for people, pets, and livestock in my household and on my property
- No

21. Does your family have a “go-bag” packed and ready to go if you are asked to evacuate?

- Yes
- No
- No, I do not know what a “go-bag” is

22. Have you opted into CodeRed / the reverse 911 system for the Genesee Fire Protection District?

- Yes
- No
- I have never heard of this program

23. If there were an evacuation in the community because of wildfire, how concerned are you about the following issues?

	Not concerned	Only slightly concerned	Moderately concerned	Very concerned
I or my family members have physical limitations that would make it difficult for us to evacuate promptly				
My neighbors have physical limitations that would make it difficult for them to evacuate promptly				
I have children that might be home alone when an evacuation occurs				
My neighbors have children that might be home alone when an evacuation occurs				
My community does not have enough roads to handle evacuation traffic				
I do not know where to go if asked to evacuate				
I might not receive timely information about the need to evacuate				
It would take me over 20 minutes to gather my personal belongings and pets to evacuate				

24. If you have physical- or medical-related concerns about your or your family’s ability to evacuate, what could the Fire Protection District do to support you and accommodate your needs in the case of an emergency?

25. Which of the following would help you feel more comfortable and confident in your ability to evacuate in the case of a wildfire? Check all that apply.

- Removal of vegetation along roadways to reduce the risk of flames crossing roadways
- Construction of new roads for use during evacuations
- Designated and maintained areas where people could survive a wildfire if they were unable to evacuate the community (also known as a safe zone or shelter-in-place location)
- District-wide evacuation drills
- Signs along roadways to indicate evacuation routes
- Community sirens to provide auditory warnings about evacuations
- Digital technology to provide warnings and information about evacuations (for example, Code-Red, reverse 911, active 911, or phone apps)
- Other: _____

26. Do you have any other thoughts or concerns relating to wildfire hazards and community preparedness?