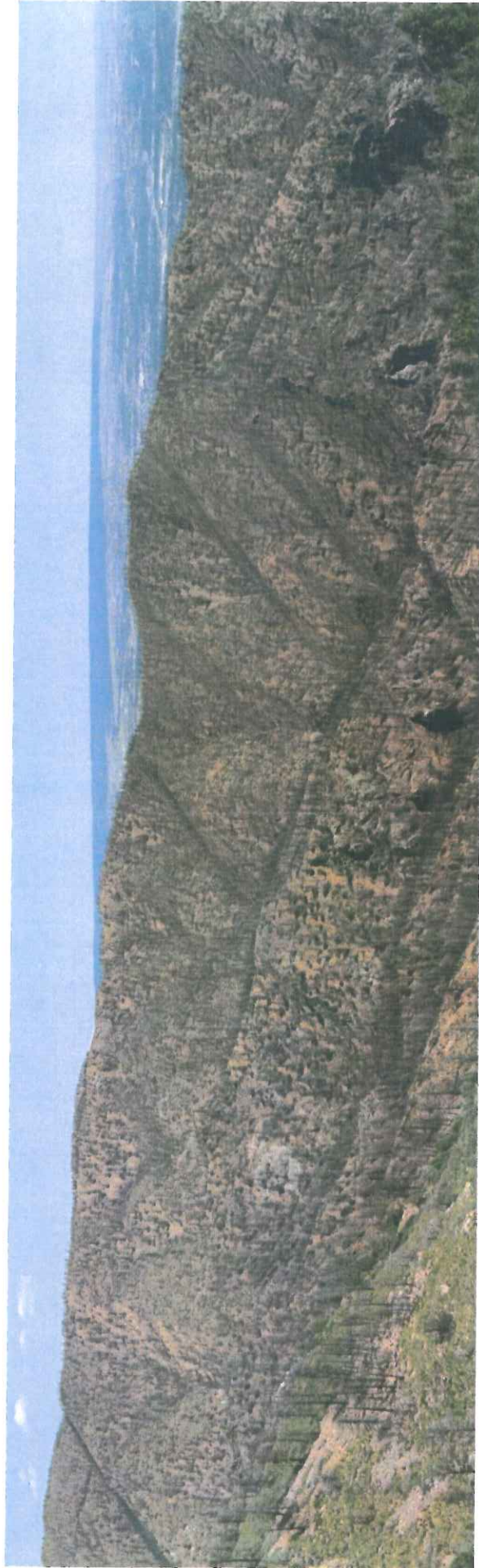


Wildfire & Flash Flood Recovery

August 2014



Presentation OVERVIEW

Declared Disasters:

- June 2012 - Waldo Canyon Fire
- June 2013 - Black Forest Fire
- September 11, 2013 - Flooding Event

Undeclared Disasters:

- July 2013, August 2013 Flooding

Response by El Paso County:

- 64 grant funded projects

Waldo Canyon Fire

- June 23, 2012:
near Colorado Springs in
western El Paso County
- Two people killed
- 18,247 acres burned,
mostly mountainous,
steep terrain
- 347 homes destroyed
- More than \$40 million
spent on fire recovery
and flood mitigation to
date



Black Forest Fire

- June 11, 2013:
north of Colorado
Springs in
unincorporated
El Paso County
- Two people killed
- 14,000 acres
burned, heavily
forested area
- 488 homes
destroyed



September 11, 2013 flood event



- Catastrophic flooding occurred along Colorado's front range from Colorado Springs north to Fort Collins.

- The Governor declared a disaster emergency on September 12, 2013



- FEMA Declaration approved Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA)
- The State agreed to pay half of the County match reducing the County match on Federal dollars from 25% to 12.5%

Funding and In-kind Resources

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Public Assistance Categories:

A- Debris Removal, B-Emergency Protective Measures, C- Roads and Bridges, D- Water Control Facilities, E-Buildings and Equipment, F- Utilities, G – Parks.

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Acquisition and demolition of damaged homes / buildings that pose ongoing threat.
- Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAG)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – Emergency Watershed Protection (NRCS – EWP) – Primary funding source for flood mitigation projects.
- Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)
- Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) – State
- Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) – funded by lottery proceeds
- Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) – Funded by Sales Tax
- Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) – provides project planning, monitoring, and in kind volunteers.

Grant Funding Summary

Event	Federal	State	County (Soft Costs)	County (Hard Costs - Absorbed)	County (Hard Costs - CASH)	PPRTA	CUSP	CDBG-DR	Donations / Other	GOCO	Insurance	Total
Waldo Canyon Fire	\$13,703,900	\$3,227,000	\$1,067,419	\$30,250	\$0	\$0	\$535,075	\$327,500	\$982,974	\$0	\$0	\$19,874,118
Black Forest Fire	\$9,983,780	\$2,945,000	\$980,244	\$31,529	\$345,502	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$649,683	\$0	\$90,000	\$16,225,738
<u>Sept. 11, 2013 Flood</u>	<u>\$3,229,443</u>	<u>\$538,237</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$367,455</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$156,625</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$138,750</u>	<u>\$137,197</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,567,707</u>
IMPACTS OF ALL DISASTERS	<u>\$26,917,123</u>	<u>\$6,710,237</u>	<u>\$2,047,663</u>	<u>\$61,779</u>	<u>\$712,957</u>	<u>\$1,200,000</u>	<u>\$691,700</u>	<u>\$327,500</u>	<u>\$1,771,407</u>	<u>\$137,197</u>	<u>\$90,000</u>	<u>\$40,667,563</u>

Recovery Specific to Incident

Recovery Efforts Depend on:

- Population Impacted
- Topography of Area
- Size and Extent of Disaster
- Homes Damaged/Destroyed
- Businesses Damaged/Destroyed
- Infrastructure Damaged/Destroyed
- Utilities Damaged/Destroyed
- Jurisdictions
- Public Health Concerns
- Citizen & Volunteer Response
- Funding Resources



Recovery:

Public Communication Efforts

Public Meetings in impacted areas to address

- Post fire public safety risks: restoration of Utilities, Flash Flooding, Dead Trees, Infrastructure damage/repair
- Insurance Advocacy – Consider Non-Profit like United Policyholders
- Recovery projects updates and timelines
- Communicate clearly funding requirements and efforts
- Interagency responsibilities and cooperation
- Non-profit resources
- Non-stop press releases, email blasts, social media, recovery information web page, etc – use all avenues

Recovery Collaboration

Identify Partners and Responsibilities now...



Government Agencies

- County
- Cities & Towns
- Utilities
- State Department of Local Affairs
- Office of Emergency Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- U.S. Congressional representation
- State Department of Transportation
- Army Corps of Engineering
- Water Quality: State and County Health Dept.
- U.S. Weather Service
- Other Jurisdictional Agencies