

# CCME Wildfire Mitigation Newsletter July and August 2022

## CCME Free Chipping Days

CCME **Wildfire Mitigation Team** leaders Suzanne Adams and Loren Gollhardt organized the chipping schedule, arranged lunches and drinks, and recruited CCME volunteers. Fourteen CCME property owners participated in our second successful chipping program--43 slash piles chipped!

The chipping crew was led by Loren Gollhardt, who trained with Chief Teague and the Four Mile Fire Protection District during our CCME chipping days last year.



**Day 1 Chipping Crew Volunteers:** (left to right) Becky Harrison, Tom Britton, Gary Harrison, Richard Hochstetler, Peggy Hochstetler, Debbi Doucette, Nicki Jones, Victor Lewis, Loren Gollhardt (not pictured).



**Day 2 Chipping Crew Volunteers:** (left to right) Dave and Mary Keith, David Rabb, Peggy Hochstetler, Bill Martin, Richard Hochstetler, Loren Gollhardt (not pictured).

**Day 3 Chipping Crew Volunteers:** Loren Gollhardt, Bill Martin, Thomas Damon, Larry Rauh

Each chipping day began with a quick meeting at the home of Suzanne and Loren, where Loren gave a training on safety and chipping procedures. Then the volunteer crews set off for a busy morning of chipping. The hard-working volunteers came to the home of Suzanne Adams and Loren Gollhardt for lunch each day, and enjoyed sloppy joes, ham and cheese sandwiches, pulled pork, salads, fruit, chips, dessert, and drinks (food prepared by Suzanne Adams and Peggy Hochstetler.)

**Special thanks go out to:**

**CCME POA Board** for supporting our chipping days by paying for lunch food for the volunteers and gas for the chipper and the truck pulling it.

**Victor Lewis** and **Larry Rauh** who went with Loren to pick up the chipper.

**Peggy and Richard Hochstetler**—our “veteran volunteers” who helped so much this year and last year!

**Suzanne** for organizing (lots of emails), hosting lunches, and cleaning up the house after a bunch of dirty, chip-shavings-covered volunteers. 😊



**Loren** for organizing, supervising the volunteer crew, pulling the chipper with his truck, spending over an hour at the end of each long chipping day to clean the chipper, and returning the chipper.





**All the Chipping Crew Volunteers!** We couldn't have conducted these chipping days without you!

### **Last Chance to Participate in Wildfire Mitigation Grant for Summer 2023**

We plan to submit a grant application in mid-October for the next Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation (FRWRM) Grant. Through this grant, CCME property owners can benefit from professional fire mitigation (fuel reduction treatment—tree thinning, trimming, and slash removal) on their property.

The CCME Wildfire Mitigation Team encourages CCME owners to participate in this grant and take advantage of the cost-sharing benefits provided in this grant—saving 40% of the cost of fire mitigation done by a professional forest contractor according to the standards set by the Colorado State Forest.

If you are interested, please send your name, address, lot and filing numbers, acres of your property, and email address to [Suzanne.Adams@ucdenver.edu](mailto:Suzanne.Adams@ucdenver.edu) immediately. I need to provide number of CCME owners and the size of their lots to the grant manager by mid-September.