

# MINUTES

COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF SKI TOWNS  
JANUARY 26, 2007

8:10 Call to order, President John Pryor  
Introductions

## Breckenridge Youth Report Panel Presentation and Discussion

Rick Holmon	Breckenridge Police Chief	<a href="mailto:rickh@breckenridge.co.us">rickh@breckenridge.co.us</a> 450-2941
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Naomi Allen	Eagle River Youth Coalition	<a href="mailto:youthservices@hotmail.com">youthservices@hotmail.com</a> 970-926-3250

Breckenridge Mayor Ernie Blake requested an outside evaluation of the state of the community's youth. Lynn Johnson (Katy Atkins and Associates: [lg5johnson@aol.com](mailto:lg5johnson@aol.com) 303-861-4828) was commissioned to do the research and report. The goal was to quantify the costs to the communities and measure the improvement of the youth.

The report outlines the reasons for youth drinking and drugging and also suggests actions that the community can take to control the problem. The report is available from Rick Holmon.

Gary Severson-NWCCOG: New Forests, New Forest Economies & New Forest Communities  
Gary's presentation outline and contact info: 970-468-0295 [GJS@nwc.cog.co.us](mailto:GJS@nwc.cog.co.us)

- I. The State of the Forests
  - A. The high altitude forests of pine, fir and spruce that are part of the Colorado rural resort region.
  - B. The Lodgepole Pine and Pine Bark Beetles cycles.
  - C. The current situation –650,000 acres of infested forest in Routt, Jackson, Grand, Summit and Eagle Counties. Clear Creek, Park, Lake, Garfield and Pitkin Counties next.
  - D. Fact - The Lodgepole Pine forests are going to die, burn and regenerate. That is what Lodgepole Pine forests do.
  - E. Other lethal forest insects and diseases: Spruce Bark Beetles, Ips Bark Beetles, Spruce Budworm, Sub-alpine Fir Decline & Aspen Decline.
- II. The Dilemma
  - A. Although the Pine Bark Beetle is part of a natural cycle in the Lodgepole Pine forests, communities, public infrastructure and private investments have been made in the forests.
  - B. The social and economic environments are tied inextricably to the physical environment.

- C. Mega-fire occurrence and public expectations for protection.
- D. Fuels reduction is key component of preparing for the inevitable fire, but not enough public funding exists.
- E. Private sector is necessary to address problem.

III. Current Efforts to Address

- A. Colorado Bark Beetle Cooperative and Front Range Fuels Roundtable. Collaborative multi-stakeholder efforts.
- B. Areas of focus:
  - 1. Administrative barriers.
  - 2. Public information and education.
  - 3. Federal and state legislation.
  - 4. Involvement of private sector.

IV. New Forests and New Forest Economies

- A. Getting past the immediate threats and seizing future opportunities.
- B. Pre-disaster mitigation planning. Human life, public infrastructure, watersheds.
- C. Forest planning – What is the desired condition?
- D. Locally sustainable forest products industries in our communities.

Dan Richardson-Canary Alliance in Aspen: Climate Change, Carbon Footprint and Resolution

Dan discussed actions taken by Aspen and other communities to reduce carbon footprint. He then asked members what things they are doing towards that end.

Aspen—departments and the city are challenged to reduce departmental and municipal government footprint by 1% for \$100

Telluride—Telluride Unplugged program challenges entire community to reduce footprint—the town changed xmas decorations, introduced hydro component of water treatment, give away light bulbs, use electric vehicles

Other: try to touch visitors with the message; state programs; green team in Steamboat

The Climate Action Resolution was discussed, edited and adopted by the membership. (see attachment)

UPDATES

Flo Raitano, Director I-70 Coalition discussed the work of the I-70 coalition and handed out the coalition's alternative. There was discussion, a motion and unanimous approval to the support the chain law bill (except for Myles Rademan from Park City, who doesn't really have a vote). Information is available on [www.i-70coalition.org](http://www.i-70coalition.org) or by calling Flo at 303-831-6411 or 303-885-2121.

Stan Zemler, CAST representative to Rocky Mountain Climate Organization

Stan advised the group that RMCO is working on a statewide inventory of emissions and also is working closely with the Governor's office. All meeting are posted on the web site and anyone can participate. The director is Stephen Saunders at [saunders@rockymountainclimate.org](mailto:saunders@rockymountainclimate.org) The main web site is [www.coloradoclimate.org](http://www.coloradoclimate.org)

The late Jacque Whitsitt presented the draft info on the new CAST web site and logo. The Executive Board will select the final design and JRW will complete the project.

OTHER

Gary Hill from Park City announced that the Benchmarking report is continuing and would like to return to a future CAST meeting with further information.

Erin Goff, CML attorney/lobbyist on immigration legislation [303-831-6411](tel:303-831-6411)/[egoff@cml.org](mailto:egoff@cml.org)

Erin handed out the October 2006 minutes of the CML Immigration Implementation Forum and spoke briefly about the status of the situation saying that the legislature is not motivated to make changes. Although the laws are passed, it is difficult to determine who has standing to sue the local governments for non-compliance.

Melanie Mills, Ski Country USA, is working with the House Speaker to clarify identification requirements that are currently vague.

Bills that may affect the resorts are HB1073, 1023, 1110.

When Erin was asked about Amendment 41 and the \$50 limit on "gifts", she directed the members to the web site memo.

Adjourn

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SIGN-IN SHEET

Nick Teverbaugh	Winter Park
Fran Cook	Fraser
Judy Burke	Grand Lake
Jim Peterson	Grand Lake
Glenn Harrington	Grand Lake
Ben Raitano	Dillon
Jim Stevens	Nederland
Frank Bell	Telluride
Myles Rademan	Park City
Teresa Coons	Grand Junction
Gary Hill	Park City
Bret Howser	Park City
Doug Mercatoris	Snowmass Village
Hunt Walker	Snowmass Village
Sally Sparhawk	Snowmass Village
Tim Gagen	Breckenridge
Bernie Zurbriggen	Frisco
Bob McLaurin	Jackson, WY
Melissa Turley	Jackson, WY
John Mackey	Dillon
Alan Lanning	Steamboat
Paul Strong	Steamboat
Kevin Batchelder	Silverthorne
Tom Looby	Frisco
Ryan Hyland	Silverthorne
Dave Ferrill	Denver
John Younger	Dillon
Joe Fitzpatrick	Mt. Crested Butte
William Buck	Mt. Crested Butte
Bill Pinkham	Estes Park
Randy Repola	Estes Park
Gary Severson	NWCCOG
Michael Penny	Frisco
Stan Zemler	Vail
David Huseman	Granby
Jennifer McAteuz	Breckenridge
Jacque Whitsitt	Out-CAST