Fremont County, CO

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Community Engagement Survey

Executive Summary and Full Data Appendix

437 total responses | Survey window: August 10–28, 2026

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Executive Summary

Between August 10 and August 28, 2026, Fremont County emergency management and local fire protection districts conducted an online Community Engagement Survey to inform the update of the Fremont County

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The survey, administered by nonprofit facilitator Envision, Inc., received 437 responses and covered residence type, wildfire concern and experience, forest health, evacuation and alert readiness, and support for specific mitigation approaches. Questions were based on similar surveys conducted by Envision, Inc. in Lake and Fremont counties.

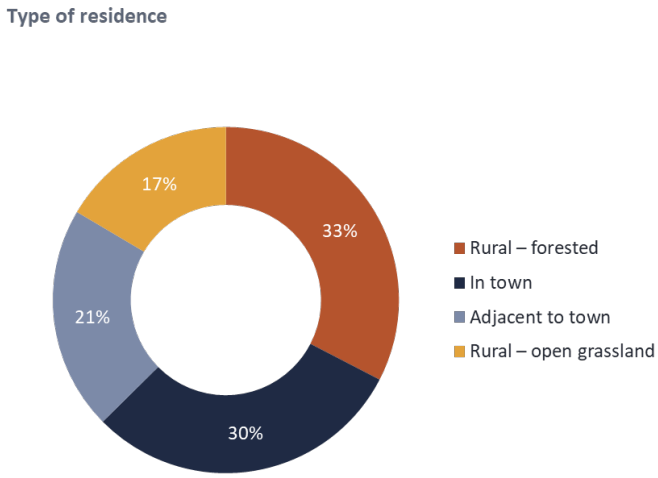
A public survey is the first step to involve the community to inform the county's CWPP. Community input is important in wildfire planning because the 2003 Healthy Forests Restoration Act incentivized land management agencies to include public perspectives in their decision-making. The CWPP also brings together diverse local interests to discuss mutual concerns for public safety, community sustainability and natural resources. It offers a positive, solution-oriented environment in which to address challenges, including the need for defensible space around homes and subdivisions.

Using sophisticated spatial mapping and modeling, Fremont County's updated CWPP will help shape and prioritize management to enhance forest health on both federal and non-federal lands. The plan update is facilitated by Envision under the Upper Arkansas Forest Health Pros, a group of regional forestry and firefighting professionals working to build wildfire resilience and reduce wildfire risk in the Upper Arkansas River Basin. The Fremont CWPP update will kick off in 2027 and will include additional opportunity for public input.

This report has three parts. The executive summary synthesizes findings across all 20 survey questions into themes. Appendix A that follows presents the complete question-by-question results — response counts, percentages, ranking tables, and open-ended thematic coding — in the order the questions appeared in the survey, for readers who want the full underlying data. Appendix B provides individual free-text responses to open-ended questions (anonymously).

Who responded to the survey

Fremont County Wildfire Survey respondents were concentrated in the Cañon City area (zip code 81212 accounted for 62% of geocoded responses), with meaningful representation from surrounding communities including Florence/Coal Creek (81226), Wetmore/Wellsville-area zips (81223), and Penrose (81240). By residence type, close to half of respondents (49%) live in rural settings — 33% "rural – forested" and 17% "rural – open grasslands" — while the remainder are in town (30%) or adjacent to town (21%). This mix means the wildfire plan is hearing from both wildland-urban interface residents with direct exposure and town-based residents.



Not surprisingly, the survey population shows some bias, where residents who are more interested and/or engaged in wildfire readiness were more likely to participate. For example, 81% of respondents indicate they are signed up for the Everbridge emergency alert system, while Office of Emergency Management (OEM) data indicate that roughly 69% of all adult residents are signed up.

Key Findings

1. Concern is high, and support for action is nearly universal

85% of respondents are at least moderately concerned about a future wildfire near their residence, including 36% who are extremely concerned — the single largest response group. That concern translates directly into appetite for action: 99% of respondents agree or strongly agree that action should be taken to mitigate wildfire risk, with zero respondents disagreeing. This is about as close to unanimous public mandate as a survey result gets, and it gives the CWPP a strong foundation for proposing concrete mitigation investment.

2. Human life and first-responder safety dominate every values-ranking question

Whether ranking what to protect from wildfire directly (Q8) or from post-fire flooding and debris flow (Q19), respondents consistently placed human life and the lives of firefighters and first responders first. Private homes, drinking water, critical infrastructure and wildlife followed. Protecting wildlife species and recreation (trails, river recreation) ranked lowest among the survey choices. A modest but consistent secondary theme, raised in the "others" question (Q9), is a desire to explicitly recognize agricultural operations, livestock and pets as protected values — raised by roughly a fifth of the 49 respondents who added an item, and echoed by requests to protect agricultural infrastructure (head gates, ditches) in Q19.

3. Residents don't feel the community is ready — even though many have personally taken steps

A preparedness confidence gap is a clear finding in the survey. 45% of respondents disagree or strongly disagree that their county and local community/subdivision are prepared for a wildfire, versus only 22% who agree or strongly agree (34% are neutral).

The confidence gap is centered on 5 themes. The strongest concern (24% of responses) is that highly flammable material, such as standing dead trees or woody debris, is present in many places and action is not being taken to remove or mitigate material. A majority (60%) of such comments were focused on the need for more action on private lands, such as "residents do not do enough mitigation to protect their homes." Interestingly, on the companion question about personal defensible-space work, most respondents report having taken some meaningful steps — 77% cleared debris from decks, roofs, and gutters; 68% mowed grass within 30 feet of the home; and 50% have thinned or felled trees – but may feel that appropriate work has not been done by neighbors.

The second most common theme (9% of responses) is concern about or desire for more direct county or other leadership involvement in wildfire readiness planning and coordination, with comments such as "not enough cooperation between all levels of government" and "there are no widespread fire mitigation measures." This may be related to the fourth most common theme (5%), which is a desire for more work by officials to help the community understand and be prepared for evacuations. Responses split on how the Aspen Acres fire response itself is viewed: 15 respondents cited it critically, while 12 cited it as evidence of strong local response. 3% of respondents also flagged single-road-in/out subdivisions as a specific, actionable risk.

The third most common theme (8%) is concern that local fire departments are volunteer, understaffed and/or underfunded, and may therefore have limited capacity to respond to a major wildfire. However, these resources are recognized as a critical asset, with 3% of all comments citing local fire departments as a strong positive in response capacity.

4. Drought, beetle kill, and dead/downed fuel are the community's diagnosis of forest health

Asked what most threatens the health of Fremont County's forests, respondents converged on three closely related and frequently co-occurring causes: drought or lack of moisture (23%), dead or downed trees and general fuel buildup (21%), and beetle kill or insect damage (21%). Overcrowded stands needing thinning (8%) and funding constraints to treat (8%) were the next most common themes. Respondents largely see these as linked — drought and beetle kill are frequently named together as the underlying cause of the standing and

downed dead timber that respondents identify as the primary fuel-load concern. This gives the CWPP a clear, resident-validated narrative for prioritizing fuels-reduction and forest health treatments.

5. Fuels-reduction approaches enjoy broad public buy-in; prescribed fire and pile burning are accepted by a majority but draw more mixed reactions

When asked how acceptable specific mitigation approaches are, respondents were most supportive of land managers thinning trees on public land (92% rated extremely/very acceptable, combined top-2), property owners thinning on their own land (90%), and shaded fuel breaks or "patch" cutting (85%). Controlled/ prescribed burns (76%), managed natural fire (70%) and pile burning (68%) were still accepted by clear majorities. This ordering suggests the CWPP can pursue a thinning and fuel-break program, while any expansion of prescribed or managed fire could benefit from public education to the roughly one-quarter to one-third of residents who are not comfortable with it.

6. Direct, hands-on assistance moves people more than information or encouragement alone

Residents were asked what would most encourage them to reduce wildfire risk on their own property. The top motivators were tangible, logistical forms of help: assistance removing cut vegetation or debris such as with county-provided dumpsters or chippers (83% top-2), understanding the wildfire risk level on their own property (80%), general information about what needs to be done (78%), and financial assistance (74%). In related comments on community preparedness questions, residents suggested that a place to dispose of slash would move the needle. Indirect encouragement — a list of recommended contractors (51.3%) or a community cleanup day (57.5%) — ranked lower, though still majority-positive. This is a strong signal for the CWPP's implementation strategy to include programs built around debris removal logistics, individualized risk assessments, and potential cost-sharing if available, because these are likely to convert concern into action more effectively than outreach and messaging campaigns alone.

7. Alerting and evacuation readiness are good but not universal

81% of survey respondents report being signed up for the Fremont County Everbridge emergency alert system, and 79% report having a household evacuation plan — both encouraging majorities, but each still leaves roughly one in five respondents outside the safety net. As noted above, results indicate an "interest bias," meaning that people interested in the topic of wildfire are more likely to take a survey on the subject and sign up for emergency notifications. According to the Fremont County Office of Emergency Management, just over 32,000 have signed up for Everbridge in Fremont and Custer counties as of August 2026 – roughly 69% of the adult population.

The survey found that 74% of respondents feel confident they can easily receive timely, reliable information during a local wildfire, meaning 26% do not. The desire for more communication about county evacuation planning and how to prepare were also a recurring theme in the open-ended questions (12% of closing comments, 5% of preparedness explanations), making outreach to the unregistered and clearer real-time communication about plans and protocols a relatively low-cost, high-visibility opportunity for the plan.

8. Wildfire has already touched most of the community, primarily through smoke

Only 45% of respondents said they were not directly affected by the Aspen Acres fire or another recent wildfire; the remainder described some form of impact, most commonly smoke or air-quality effects (32%), followed by a family member, friend, or neighbor being affected or evacuated (10%), and direct evacuation of the respondent's own household (6%). 5% specifically described anxiety, stress, or fear related to the fire, and 4% described a physical health impact such as breathing difficulty. This underscores that even residents outside the immediate

burn area experienced the fire season as a disruptive or distressing event — relevant context for both the plan's public-health framing and its communications strategy.

Priority Themes for the CWPP

Drawing across the findings above, several priorities stand out for the coming Community Wildfire Protection Plan to address:

- Scale up fuels reduction and forest-health treatments to increase wildfire resilience and community confidence. Thinning and fuel breaks on both public and private land have the strongest public mandate of any intervention tested, directly targeting the drought/beetle-kill/dead-fuel dynamic residents identify as the core forest-health problem.
- Help private landowners prepare with direct-assistance programs over messaging campaigns — debris removal logistics such as mechanisms to dispose of slash, property-level risk assessments, and financial assistance were rated as far more motivating than information or encouragement alone. Roadside thinning on one way in/out roads may provide early wins.
- Help residents prepare for evacuation. About 1 in 3 (according to OEM data) lack alert sign-up or an evacuation plan; and survey responses to questions on community readiness indicate a desire for added communication about county evacuation plans.
- Collaboratively develop resources. Limited funding to support fuels mitigation and response are a real underlying challenge. The CWPP should include plans to collaboratively and systematically build capacity.

These themes point toward a CWPP that pairs a well-supported fuels-treatment program with equally deliberate investment in household-level action — the two areas where resident sentiment shows both the clearest need and the widest public support.

Appendix A: Full Question-by-Question Data

This appendix presents results for each of the 20 questions in the Fremont County CWPP Community Engagement Survey, in the order they appeared. The survey was administered online (SurveyMonkey) and promoted by Fremont County emergency management and local fire protection districts. For each question, this appendix reports raw counts and percentages and a brief interpretive note. Open-ended questions are summarized by response count and the most frequently used terms, without reproducing individual respondents' text. Percentages for single-select questions are of respondents who answered that question; percentages for multi-select questions are of all respondents and will not sum to 100%.

Question 1. Your Name (optional)

Optional field. 278 of 437 respondents (63.6%) provided a name. Not analyzed further to protect respondent privacy.

Question 2. Your zip code (mandatory)

Zip code	Responses	% of geocoded
81212	268	61.5%
81226	53	12.2%
81223	39	8.9%
81240	30	6.9%
81233	18	4.1%
81244	10	2.3%
81222	6	1.4%
81221	6	1.4%
Other (each <5 responses)	6	1.4%

All 437 respondents answered this mandatory question. 436 entries parsed to a valid 5-digit zip code (some were formatted as ZIP+4, e.g. “81212-9468”, and are counted under their base 5-digit zip); 1 entry could not be parsed as a zip code. Responses are heavily concentrated in 81212 (Canon City), which accounts for 61.5% of geocoded responses.

Question 3. Your email address if you are interested in receiving more information (optional)

Optional field. 241 of 437 respondents (55.1%) provided an email address requesting more information. Not analyzed further; addresses withheld from this report to protect respondent privacy.

Question 4. How would you describe your Fremont County residence?

Response option	Count	%
Rural - forested	142	32.6%
In town	131	30%
Adjacent to town	91	20.9%
Rural - open grass lands	72	16.5%

436 respondents answered. The largest group described their residence as "Rural - forested" (32.6%), followed by "In town" (30.0%). Rural (forested and open grassland) residences together account for 49.1% of respondents.

Question 5. Were you affected by the Aspen Acres or any other wildfire in the past year? Please briefly explain.

422 of 437 respondents (96.6%) left a substantive response to this open-ended question.

Thematic breakdown (themes are not mutually exclusive)

Theme	# of responses	% of responses
Not directly affected	188	44.5%
Smoke / air quality impact	136	32.2%
Family, friends, or neighbors affected/evacuated	41	9.7%
Evacuated (self or household)	26	6.2%
Anxiety, stress, or fear	21	5%
References a different/earlier wildfire	19	4.5%
Health impact (breathing, allergies, etc.)	17	4%
Property threatened, damaged, or lost	9	2.1%
Hosted evacuees or helped others directly	4	0.9%

Most frequent individual terms: smoke (129), fire (126), affected (57), evacuated (45), only (44), evacuation (42), aspen (41), acres (38), directly (32), evacuate (26), days (26), just (24)

SurveyMonkey recorded 423 of 437 respondents (14 skipped) as having answered this question; 422 left a substantive text response (one entry was blank). Themes below are coded from the response text and are not mutually exclusive — a single response can, and often does, touch more than one theme (e.g., "not directly affected, but smoke was heavy" codes as both "not directly affected" and "smoke/air quality"). The clearest split in the data: 44.5% said they were not directly affected, while the remainder described some form of impact — most commonly smoke or air-quality effects, followed by a friend, family member, or neighbor being affected or evacuated.

Question 6. Colorado's forests are generally characterized as in poor condition. What do you think is the greatest challenge to the health of Fremont County forests?

407 of 437 respondents (93.1%) left a substantive response to this open-ended question.

Thematic breakdown (themes are not mutually exclusive)

Theme	# of responses	% of responses
Drought / lack of moisture	95	23.3%
Dead or downed trees / fuel buildup	85	20.9%
Beetle kill / insect damage	84	20.6%
Overcrowded forest / needs thinning	33	8.1%
Funding / financial constraints	32	7.9%
Regulatory/agency barriers (BLM, USFS, policy, wilderness rules)	20	4.9%

Theme	# of responses	% of responses
Lack of active forest management/maintenance	17	4.2%
Lack of controlled/prescribed burns	14	3.4%
Climate change	14	3.4%
Uncertain / don't know	9	2.2%
Human-caused ignition risk / careless behavior	9	2.2%
Forest considered in good condition (contrarian view)	1	0.2%

Most frequent individual terms: trees (107), dead (97), lack (81), beetle (68), drought (67), fire (66), forest (62), kill (54), mitigation (52), forests (34), management (28), people (26)

SurveyMonkey recorded 407 of 437 respondents (30 skipped) as having answered this question; all 407 entries contained substantive text. Themes below are coded from the response text and are not mutually exclusive — many respondents named more than one factor (e.g., "drought and beetle kill" codes as both themes). Drought, dead/downed fuel buildup, and beetle kill are the three most commonly cited challenges and are closely related in respondents' own framing — drought and insect kill are frequently named as the cause of the standing/downed dead timber that in turn is described as the primary fuel-load concern. Overcrowded stands needing thinning and funding constraints are the next most common themes, each cited by roughly 1 in 12 respondents.

Question 7. How concerned are you about a future wildfire near your residence?

Response option	Count	%
Extremely concerned	155	35.5%
Very concerned	114	26.1%
Moderately concerned	101	23.1%
Slightly concerned	46	10.5%
Not at all concerned	18	4.1%
Don't Know/NA	3	0.7%

All 437 respondents answered (0 skipped), per SurveyMonkey. 84.7% report being at least moderately concerned about a future wildfire near their residence, and 35.5% report being extremely concerned — the largest single group. 3 respondents (0.7%) selected Don't Know/NA; a few of those also added optional elaboration text.

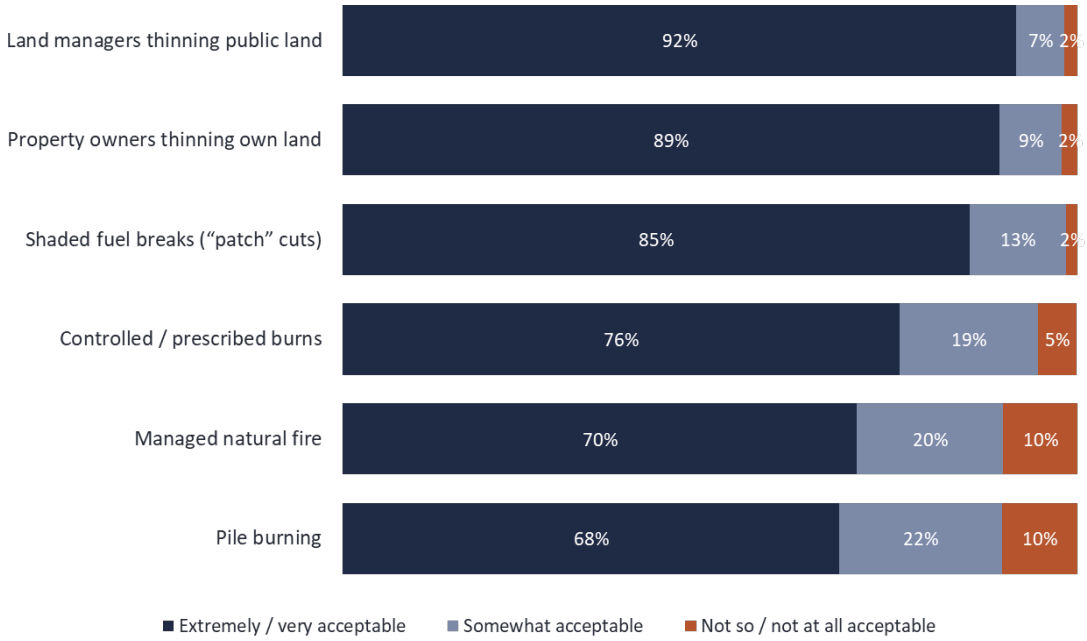
Question 8. How important do you think it is to protect the following from wildfire? Rank from most important to least.

436 of 437 respondents answered this question.

Item	Avg. rank (1=highest)	# ranked #1	Total ranked
Human life	1.27	356	436
The lives of fire fighters and first responders	2.42	63	436
Private homes	3.89	7	436
Drinking water	4	7	436

Item	Avg. rank (1=highest)	# ranked #1	Total ranked
Infrastructure (cell phone towers, power lines, roads)	5.23	1	436
Wildlife	5.8	2	436
Animal species (ex. lynx, boreal toad)	7.26	0	436
Forest recreation (Trails)	7.44	0	436
Arkansas river recreation (boating, fishing, Gold Metal trout waters)	7.69	0	436

How acceptable are the following approaches to address wildfire threat? (sorted by % extremely/very acceptable)



436 of 437 respondents ranked this item set (1 skipped). Human life ranks as the top priority to protect from wildfire (average rank 1.27 of 9, selected as the #1 priority by 356 of 436 respondents), followed by The lives of fire fighters and first responders and Private homes. Recreation- and wildlife-related values were consistently ranked lowest.

Question 9. Others (please list).

49 of 437 respondents (11.2%) left a substantive response to this open-ended question.

Thematic breakdown (themes are not mutually exclusive)

Theme	# of responses	% of responses
Pets, livestock, and domestic animals	10	20.4%
Survey-format feedback (not a new value)	8	16.3%
Agriculture, ranching, and farmland	7	14.3%
Critical infrastructure (schools, hospitals, roads, utilities)	6	12.2%
Historical, cultural, and heritage sites	5	10.2%

Theme	# of responses	% of responses
Forest health or forest recreation value	5	10.2%
Wildlife specifically named	4	8.2%
Local economy or community cohesion	4	8.2%
Water quality or water sources	3	6.1%
Air quality / public and mental health	3	6.1%
Cotter Superfund site / contamination risk	2	4.1%
Firefighting / emergency response capacity	2	4.1%

Most frequent individual terms: livestock (8), pets (6), important (5), animals (4), life (4), quality (4), fire (4), wildlife (4), forest (4), risk (4), historical (3), water (3)

SurveyMonkey recorded 49 of 437 respondents (388 skipped) as adding another value to protect from wildfire beyond the Q8 list. Themes are coded from the response text and are not mutually exclusive. Pets/livestock and agriculture/ranching are the most common additions, together suggested by roughly a third of the 49 respondents. A notable secondary pattern (8 responses, 16.3%) is not a new value at all, but feedback on the ranking question's format — several respondents found the drag-to-rank format hard to use or said all nine items felt equally important. Historic/cultural sites, broader critical infrastructure (schools, hospitals, roads), forest health, and the Cotter Superfund site in Canon City each came up as more specific concerns.

Question 10. I believe my county and local community/subdivision are prepared for a wildfire.

Response option	Count	%
Neutral	148	33.9%
Disagree	115	26.4%
Agree	85	19.5%
Strongly disagree	79	18.1%
Strongly agree	9	2.1%

436 respondents answered. 44.5% disagree or strongly disagree that their county/community is prepared for a wildfire, compared to 21.6% who agree or strongly agree; the largest single group (33.9%) is neutral. This signals a preparedness confidence gap worth addressing in the CWPP.

Question 11. Please explain why or why not.

328 of 437 respondents (75.1%) left a substantive response to this open-ended question.

Thematic breakdown (themes are not mutually exclusive)

Theme	# of responses	% of responses
Lack of action to mitigate flammable materials/fuels, especially on private lands	80	24%
Desire for more Centralized Wildfire Resilience Planning and Coordination	29	9%
Volunteer/understaffed/underfunded fire departments	26	8%
Desire for more evacuation planning, evacuation readiness	15	5%
Concerns about Aspen Acres Fire evacuation communications	15	5%
Positive comments on Aspen Acres Fire response	12	4%
Concern about one way in-out roads and evacuation	11	3%
Positive feedback on local FDs and some HOA preparedness	11	3%
No water source / limited water supply	6	2%

Most frequent individual terms: fire (148), county (77), mitigation (53), people (44), think (38), wildfire (33), prepared (33), community (32), plan (32), local (32), trees (30), evacuation (30)

SurveyMonkey recorded 328 of 437 respondents (109 skipped) as having answered this follow-up to Q10. Themes are coded from the response text and are not mutually exclusive. Unlike Q5/Q6, Q11, some responses are highly localized - many cite a specific subdivision, road, or volunteer fire district by name. The most common theme is concern that highly flammable material, such as standing dead trees or woody debris, are present in many places and are not being treated -especially on private lands (24% of responses). 8% of responses indicated a desire for a more centralized approach to wildfire readiness planning and coordination. Concern that local fire departments are volunteer, understaffed and/or underfunded, and therefore have limited capacity to respond to a major wildfire is the third most common them (8%)., The fourth most common theme (55) is a desire for more work by officials to help the community understand and be prepared for evacuations. Responses split on how the Aspen Acres fire response itself is viewed: 15 respondents cited it critically, while 12 cited it as evidence of strong local response. Some respondents also flagged single-road-in/out subdivisions and water supply as a specific, actionable risk. Finally, local fire departments and the preparedness of a few specific HOAs was cited as a positive.

Question 12. Do you feel confident that you can easily receive timely and reliable information in the event of a local wildfire?

Response option	Count	%
Yes	322	74%
No	113	26%

435 respondents answered. 74.0% feel confident they can easily receive timely, reliable wildfire information, while 26.0% do not.

Question 13. Have you signed up for the Fremont County Everbridge system that contacts you with a reverse 911 call to your phone number provides information to your phone number in case of an emergency situation?

Response option	Count	%
Yes	349	80.6%
No	84	19.4%

433 respondents answered. 80.6% report being signed up for Everbridge emergency alerts; 19.4% are not, representing an outreach opportunity. If not and you want to register to receive emergency alerts for Fremont and Custer counties please do so at crca911.colorado.gov.

Question 14. I believe actions should be taken to mitigate wildfire risk.

Response option	Count	%
Strongly agree	343	78.7%
Agree	87	20%
Neutral	6	1.4%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly disagree	0	0%

436 respondents answered, and support is near-unanimous: 98.6% agree or strongly agree that action should be taken to mitigate wildfire risk, with no respondents disagreeing. 251 respondents added an open-ended explanation, most commonly citing the Aspen Acres fire as validation and calling for funding, forest thinning, and faster mitigation.

Question 15. How acceptable to you are the following approaches to address wildfire threat in Fremont County.

436 of 437 respondents answered this question.

Item	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not so	Not at all	Top-2 %
Land managers thinning trees on public land	310	88	28	6	2	91.7%
Property owners thinning trees on their own property	289	99	37	6	3	89.4%
Creating shaded fuel breaks, also known as “patch” cutting trees	240	125	56	5	2	85.3%
Controlled or prescribed burns	210	116	81	16	7	75.8%
Managed natural fire	198	101	85	34	9	70%
Pile burning	181	107	94	29	15	67.6%

436 of 437 respondents answered this question (per SurveyMonkey's question-level count); row totals vary slightly (426-434) because not every respondent rated every approach. Respondents find land-management approaches broadly acceptable. Thinning by property owners and land managers, and shaded fuel breaks, all draw “extremely” or “very acceptable” ratings from roughly 90% of respondents. Managed natural fire and pile burning draw somewhat more mixed responses, though a majority still finds them acceptable.

Question 16. Which of the following wildfire-preparedness activities have you completed at your primary Fremont County residence?

Response option	Count	%
Cleared leaves, needles, and debris from deck, roof, and gutters within 5 ft of the home	331	76.6%
Mowed grasses to 4 in. or less within 30 ft of the home	292	67.6%
Cleared brush and shrubs within 10 ft of propane tanks and gas meters	217	50.2%
Thinned/felled trees	216	50%
Moved items out from under the deck or porch	208	48.1%
Stored firewood 30+ ft from the home, not on or under the deck	168	38.9%
Cleaned the chimney and stove pipes (at least annually)	132	30.6%
Installed an NFPA-approved spark arrestor on the chimney/flue	91	21.1%
Replaced wooden fencing within 8 ft of the home with non-combustible metal	81	18.8%
My HOA or POA has taken action to reduce wildfire risk	51	11.8%
None of the above	36	8.3%

432 of 437 respondents answered this question (5 skipped); percentages are of those 432, matching SurveyMonkey's own reporting. This was a multi-select question, so percentages will not sum to 100% — respondents selected 1823 items in total, an average of 4.2 per respondent. The most common completed activity is clearing leaves/needles/debris near the home (76.6%), followed by mowing grass to 4in or less within 30ft (67.6%). 8.3% report having completed none of the listed activities.

Question 17. How much would any of the following encourage you to take action to reduce wildfire risk on your residence?

421 of 437 respondents answered this question.

Item	Extremely	Very	Moderately	Slightly	Not	Top-2 %
Assistance in removing cut vegetation or debris (ex. with county provided dumpsters/chippers)	273	77	41	11	11	83.1%
Understanding the wildfire risk level on my property	229	107	50	16	9	79.8%
Information about what needs to be done	218	112	56	15	11	78.4%
Financial assistance	230	81	59	14	26	73.9%
Help doing the physical work (thinning trees)	223	85	54	17	25	73.2%
Assistance in hardening the home (to address roof, porch, chimney, gutters, etc.)	160	94	87	22	30	60.3%
Encouragement to do the work (ex. a community wildfire cleanup day)	151	91	102	35	31	57.5%
A list of recommended contractors that could be hired to do the work	123	93	88	49	49	51.3%

Row totals (393-413) are lower than 421 because some respondents skipped individual rows without skipping the whole question; Top-2 % uses 421 as the denominator throughout, matching SurveyMonkey's own reporting. "Assistance in removing cut vegetation or debris (ex. with county provided dumpsters/chippers)" is the most motivating incentive, rated 'extremely' or 'very encouraging' by 83.1% of the 421 respondents. Direct assistance (debris removal, financial assistance, understanding property-level risk) consistently outranks indirect encouragement such as a contractor list or a community cleanup day.

Question 18. Do you have an Evacuation Plan?

Response option	Count	%
Yes	342	79%
No	92	21.2%

433 respondents answered. 79.0% report having an evacuation plan; 21.2% do not.

Question 19. Flooding and debris flow events may occur following wildfire. How important is it to you to protect the following assets from such events?

357 of 437 respondents answered this question.

Item	Avg. rank (1=highest)	# ranked #1	Total ranked
Human life	1.26	292	357
First responder lives	1.95	51	357
Private homes	3.72	5	357
Drinking water	3.85	8	357
Infrastructure (roads, bridges, power lines)	5.05	0	357
Wildlife	6.45	1	357
Forest recreation such as trails	7.43	0	357
Agricultural Infrastructure (head gates, ditches etc.)	7.54	0	357
Arkansas River recreation such as gold medal fisheries, boating	7.76	0	357

357 of 437 respondents ranked this item set (80 skipped this question). As with Q8, human life and first responder lives rank as the top priorities to protect from post-fire flooding and debris flow, selected as the #1 priority by 292 of 357 respondents, followed by private homes and drinking water. Recreation and agricultural infrastructure rank lowest.

Question 20. Thank you for your time. Is there anything else you would like to add?

167 of 437 respondents (38.2%) left a substantive response to this open-ended question.

Thematic breakdown (themes are not mutually exclusive)

Theme	# of responses	% of responses
Gratitude / thanks to first responders, officials, or the survey itself	46	27.5%
Communication / notification gaps (Everbridge, info during response)	21	12.6%

Theme	# of responses	% of responses
Funding / financial assistance requests (for mitigation, fire depts, county programs)	19	11.4%
Suggestions for community engagement / volunteer programs / education	15	9%
Standing/dead trees, slash removal, or fuel mitigation on land	13	7.8%
No further comment / declined (No, none, N/A, nothing to add)	12	7.2%
Criticism of sheriff, county leadership, or emergency management response	8	4.8%
Concerns about elderly/vulnerable residents	7	4.2%
Praise for how the Aspen Acres / recent fire response was handled	6	3.6%
Requests for dedicated/expanded fire protection in specific areas	5	3%
Personal circumstances / question doesn't apply to me	5	3%
Insurance-related concerns	5	3%
Feedback on the survey itself (format, question issues)	5	3%
Volunteer fire department support/recognition	4	2.4%
References climate change or broader political/policy concerns	4	2.4%
Suggestions for technology (satellite, drones, detection systems)	3	1.8%

Most frequent individual terms: fire (78), county (46), help (33), thank (31), Fremont (25), people (24), community (22), fires (22), information (20), very (19), just (19), like (18)

SurveyMonkey recorded 167 of 437 respondents (270 skipped) as leaving a closing comment. Themes are coded from the response text and are not mutually exclusive. Gratitude to first responders, officials, or for the survey itself is the single largest theme at 27.5% — notably, several of these pair thanks with a substantive ask in the same response (e.g., funding, communication fixes), so gratitude should be read as tone rather than an absence of feedback. The next most common substantive themes are communication/notification gaps (echoing Q11 and Q13) and requests for funding or financial assistance. 12 respondents (7.2%) used the space to explicitly decline ("No", "N/A", "Nothing to add"), and 8 respondents (4.8%) used it to criticize the sheriff's office or county emergency leadership specifically — a sharper, more personal version of the Q11 leadership-criticism theme.

Appendix B: Open-ended written responses

Verbatim written responses to Questions 5, 6, 11 and 20 are provided in the following pages.

Q5 Were you affected by the Aspen Acres or any other wildfire in the past year? Please briefly explain.

Answered: 423 Skipped: 14

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Only by the smoke. It's a migraine trigger for me, so I spent a lot of time this summer with my air filters and portable AC units running. It probably doesn't need saying, but my electric bills have been higher than usual this past summer.	8/28/2026 1:07 PM
2	No	8/28/2026 9:48 AM
3	No. Was not within tha Aspen Acres evac zone.	8/28/2026 9:33 AM
4	No	8/28/2026 9:18 AM
5	Not directly. We had some smoky days when the wind changed.	8/27/2026 9:21 PM
6	Smoke only	8/27/2026 4:51 PM
7	Only in that we had periodic smoke and ash from the Aspen Acres fire.	8/27/2026 2:08 PM
8	no	8/27/2026 9:40 AM
9	We were not directly affected but did have evacuees staying with us until they could return home.	8/26/2026 9:29 PM
10	No, not within the last year.	8/26/2026 5:53 PM
11	I wasn't directly affected but friends and family were. One lost their home a d others had to evacuate.	8/25/2026 10:05 PM
12	No	8/25/2026 8:51 PM
13	I was on self appointed standby. As the "crow flys" I feel we were relatively close. If it continues west over Locke Mountain we would be in trouble.	8/25/2026 6:19 PM
14	No	8/25/2026 4:06 PM
15	Did not barbecue all summer. Had trouble breathing and it continues.	8/25/2026 1:37 PM
16	no	8/25/2026 8:40 AM
17	No	8/25/2026 7:59 AM
18	No	8/25/2026 7:28 AM
19	No	8/25/2026 7:25 AM
20	No	8/25/2026 7:07 AM
21	No	8/25/2026 6:48 AM
22	Only smoke and health	8/25/2026 3:24 AM
23	Luckily I really wasn’t affected directly, however my co-workers and pet clients were affected. I had to cover at work so my co-workers could take care of their homes and family’s which I was more than happy to do.	8/24/2026 9:32 PM
24	no just the smoke	8/24/2026 5:35 PM
25	NO TO ASPEN ACRES. NEXT DOOR TO DAWSON SO TODAY IS A BIT UNERVING.	8/24/2026 5:01 PM
26	No	8/24/2026 4:41 PM
27	I was extremely worried about the folks in Beulah and surrounding areas. We have friends from our church that live in Wetmore, Rockvale area that were on evacuation status! That was	8/24/2026 12:39 PM

	difficult. Other fires in Penrose were concerning as I do know people who live in that area although we were not in any danger here in Canon City.	
28	Yes, I live in Williamsburg and had to evacuate without pre-evacuation notice. This was extremely stressful for me as I am 78 years old and living alone. I would rather that Williamsburg had been included in the Rockvale and Coal Creek pre-evacuation notice so I could have been better prepared rather than try to get things together at night when I am usually in bed. I had planned to organize things and load my vehicle when we got a pre-evacuation notice. This event was not handled well by our local authorities.	8/24/2026 10:31 AM
29	During the AA fire, we opened our house to relatives who were displaced due to evacuations. We had also offered space to other family members with large and small animals, but they found other relatives to stay with.	8/24/2026 9:30 AM
30	I had friends who had to evacuate but that is the extent of it affecting me	8/23/2026 9:30 PM
31	Yes we had to evacuate	8/23/2026 8:56 PM
32	No, my home and property were not effected	8/23/2026 4:05 PM
33	Yes I was directly affected due to having to evacuate suddenly on sunday night. Went from not being on the list to evacuate immediately	8/23/2026 3:42 PM
34	No	8/23/2026 3:37 PM
35	We were on pre evacuation	8/23/2026 12:37 PM
36	Mostly smoke	8/23/2026 12:11 PM
37	24 fire, KO fire, smoke from Aspen acres	8/23/2026 11:54 AM
38	No	8/23/2026 11:45 AM
39	No	8/23/2026 11:38 AM
40	I was affected by the extremely thick smoke in which affected my breathing and overall health! Then I was mandatory evacuated where my health was under high stress for days. I could not sleep and had nowhere to go with my dog except to the Red Cross Shelter at Pathfinder Park. There were no available showers so I had to do without. without one for 4 days. I also am 66 yrs old and have medical issues and medications to take.	8/23/2026 11:30 AM
41	No	8/23/2026 11:24 AM
42	No	8/23/2026 11:15 AM
43	Yes, three. Two were right off of highway 115.	8/23/2026 11:15 AM
44	No, except for smoke and being aware it could come my way.	8/23/2026 11:08 AM
45	Yes, I have COPD and smoke has made it harder to breath.	8/23/2026 7:29 AM
46	no	8/22/2026 10:33 PM
47	No Not in the past year, but I have been involved in three forest fires in the past, fortunately not involving my home but homes of friends. I have assisted in evacuating animals and two of those fires, and have literally had fire on both sides of the road as we left for the last time getting animals out. The first force fire we actually saw start. It was less than a 10th of a mile of where we were. Someone got out of their car smoked a cigarette and in 10 minutes we had a forest fire. I know how fast they can grow. I have experienced the 8.9 earthquake in Santa Cruz, California and a major flood in our local town that killed more than 20 people in our area. The fire by far is the most frightening of them all, I believe it is also the one that we can prepare for more easily by doing such simple things as clearing around your house, thinning trees around your house,, and keeping grass around your house cut down.	8/22/2026 2:51 PM
48	They has us evactuate for several days. Which was a strain on is. Luckily the fire didn't cross this far.	8/21/2026 4:56 PM
49	Yes mandatory evac for 5 days	8/21/2026 8:28 AM
50	We started packing for possible evacuation	8/20/2026 3:45 PM
51	No	8/20/2026 3:18 PM

52	No	8/20/2026 3:04 PM
53	Decreased air quality	8/20/2026 12:06 PM
54	Only by smoke- no fire threat to my residence.	8/20/2026 11:17 AM
55	NO	8/20/2026 10:40 AM
56	just that I helped at the animal evacuation center at Pathfinder for the Aspen Acres and the fire in March north of Penrose	8/20/2026 8:28 AM
57	No, although the CR11 fire was within approximately 5 miles from our home.	8/20/2026 8:13 AM
58	No	8/20/2026 7:46 AM
59	A few days of smoke, and some anxiety about how close it would come. A friend lost her house on the Aspen Acres fire.	8/19/2026 6:17 PM
60	They were both close to us (within 20 miles). We watched the 24 fire activity from our front porch. We could see the fire overtake trees as the smoke would sent plumes of black smoke, one then another…. I am on oxygen 24/7 so many days I had to stay inside due to smoke. This is our first experience with fires, as we moved here from MO in 2021.	8/19/2026 4:36 PM
61	no thank God	8/19/2026 4:33 PM
62	Towns within 5 miles were evacuated which led to increased anxiety about the need for our area to evacuate.	8/19/2026 3:51 PM
63	No. But the Aspen Acres fire has put our area on high alert and some neighbors have lost their home insurance due to the nature of our forested area that's not really within district of the nearest fire department. (Deer Mountain Fire Protection District.) This really makes us all on edge.	8/19/2026 2:25 PM
64	NO	8/19/2026 2:23 PM
65	our son in colorado city was evacuated but due to fantastic work by fire control psnl they were saved.	8/19/2026 1:47 PM
66	Smoke only	8/19/2026 1:40 PM
67	Not affected.	8/19/2026 1:26 PM
68	No	8/19/2026 12:52 PM
69	NO	8/19/2026 10:20 AM
70	Not directly,	8/19/2026 10:00 AM
71	Air quality, stress, sadness for others	8/19/2026 6:59 AM
72	I've grown accustomed to breathing. When that gets difficult we all suffer. Sharing assistance with those impacted directly by fires is my responsibility.	8/18/2026 4:51 PM
73	No	8/18/2026 12:39 PM
74	no	8/18/2026 12:03 PM
75	A cabin built by a family member in the Aspen Acres area withstood the fire, but nearby structures did not. We had spent much time in the area so followed the reporting on the fire closely.	8/18/2026 11:00 AM
76	The air quality is the only thing that I was really affected by. The emergency responders and volunteers did an amazing job with keeping the community "going, (business as usual)".	8/18/2026 10:51 AM
77	Yes, evacuated 3 days	8/18/2026 10:20 AM
78	Only by smoke	8/18/2026 9:57 AM
79	No	8/18/2026 9:31 AM
80	No	8/18/2026 8:42 AM
81	No	8/18/2026 7:47 AM

82	No	8/18/2026 7:22 AM
83	No	8/18/2026 7:18 AM
84	Just smoke	8/18/2026 7:03 AM
85	NO	8/18/2026 6:39 AM
86	No	8/17/2026 8:51 PM
87	No	8/17/2026 7:47 PM
88	The smoke from the fire affected us.	8/17/2026 5:37 PM
89	Saddened for those affected and the animals, worried about what was happening, the major effect I had was lung issues from smoke. I have COPD.	8/17/2026 5:23 PM
90	The smoke was bothersome though it did not physically effect me. I did limit my time outdoors as a result.	8/17/2026 4:54 PM
91	No	8/17/2026 4:40 PM
92	Yes - Evacuated during Aspen Acres fire	8/17/2026 4:38 PM
93	Yes, I was affected. Our town was evacuated with no time to prepare. Everybody else had been on pre-evacuation. It was a shit show in our community people were driving erratically. Everbridge was given out the wrong message to people and some didn't even get the message. emergency management was not even in the picture until there was complaints made that nobody was contacting us, and nobody wants to take accountability for it from the sheriff to emergency management.	8/17/2026 4:28 PM
94	No :)	8/17/2026 4:12 PM
95	No, the recent fire was on County Road 11. About 15 miles from our property.	8/17/2026 4:12 PM
96	My mother suffers from multiple pulmonary diseases and the smoke from the Aspen Acres fire directly impacted her breathing. I have allergies to wildfire smoke. We also know several people who were evacuated from the fire.	8/17/2026 3:41 PM
97	No, but friends and acquaintances were.	8/17/2026 2:27 PM
98	Yes. I live in Wetmore, roughly 3/4 of a mile or so from the Custer County line. We were evacuated for 5-6 days during the Aspen Acres Fire.	8/17/2026 1:38 PM
99	Not Aspen acres but we had a lightning strike tree fire last week.	8/17/2026 1:38 PM
100	Indirectly affected by smoke and a nearby evacuation zone that came within a few miles of my home area.	8/17/2026 1:16 PM
101	11 Fire(Teller County) was very visible from our property and we were on high alert. Aspen Acres started the following morning. Several family/friends were evacuated for several weeks. Our property was not directly impacted. We had quite a bit of smoke for a week or two from the Willows fire near Leadville.	8/17/2026 1:13 PM
102	No	8/17/2026 12:59 PM
103	No	8/16/2026 8:02 PM
104	Pre-evacuation. Have done brush clearing.	8/16/2026 9:14 AM
105	No.	8/15/2026 6:14 PM
106	Close to the evacuated area. Heavy smoke.	8/15/2026 11:42 AM
107	Just from the smoke and possible evacuation had the fire spread northwest.	8/15/2026 9:11 AM
108	No	8/15/2026 7:43 AM
109	No	8/14/2026 2:27 PM
110	I was affected by breathing smoke	8/14/2026 9:00 AM
111	11 Fire	8/14/2026 7:24 AM

112	Yes, we had to evacuate for 12 days. And find housung for our horses, dogs and cats. And ourselves. We have been on preevacuation status a couple of other times in the last 35 years of living there.	8/13/2026 6:42 PM
113	only smoke	8/13/2026 5:22 PM
114	The smoke was pretty bad some days! I also have family members that were evacuated for quite awhile. Thank god my aunts place is still standing, but it was definitely very stressful!	8/13/2026 12:02 PM
115	No	8/13/2026 6:42 AM
116	Not directly. The worst we've had to deal with was the smoke, which does impact us some, since my mom and I both have lung issues, so we had to be careful about opening the windows and couldn't stay outside long.	8/12/2026 9:36 PM
117	No. Other than taking in the animals at the shelter.	8/12/2026 6:02 PM
118	no	8/12/2026 4:00 PM
119	The 11 fire was located very close to my property. Fantastic fire management put it out FAST.	8/12/2026 3:48 PM
120	Only smoke	8/12/2026 3:27 PM
121	no	8/12/2026 2:57 PM
122	No but pre-evac for the 24 fire was only a couple blocks from us.	8/12/2026 2:39 PM
123	Of course thae anxiety of a nearby fire that spread quickly, especially after having lived through the Hayman fire in Guffey. Physically by the smoke from the Aspen Acres fire. I don't do well with wildfire smoke.	8/12/2026 10:30 AM
124	No.	8/12/2026 10:18 AM
125	No	8/12/2026 6:05 AM
126	Just smoke and concern	8/11/2026 9:43 PM
127	Not directly but know people who were and of course affected by the smoke in the air.	8/11/2026 9:21 PM
128	No	8/11/2026 9:12 PM
129	Smoke in the valley.	8/11/2026 8:47 PM
130	Yes. The smoke was bad. We're in Florence.	8/11/2026 6:45 PM
131	An unnecessary evacuation order when the actual fire was more than 15 miles from my house.	8/11/2026 6:29 PM
132	no	8/11/2026 6:22 PM
133	no	8/11/2026 5:35 PM
134	Was not affected by fires.	8/11/2026 5:07 PM
135	No, except for the smoke.	8/11/2026 5:06 PM
136	No	8/11/2026 3:45 PM
137	No	8/11/2026 3:42 PM
138	Yes . We were only a mile away from the high park fire that occurred in the high park ranches community.	8/11/2026 3:42 PM
139	No	8/11/2026 3:03 PM
140	No	8/11/2026 2:49 PM
141	Only effect was air quality.	8/11/2026 2:43 PM
142	N/A	8/11/2026 2:41 PM
143	No	8/11/2026 2:11 PM
144	No, upwind	8/11/2026 1:57 PM

145	Only by smoke and concern that it could spread even further.	8/11/2026 1:46 PM
146	No	8/11/2026 12:52 PM
147	I was near the fire, as I live in the Sumo Golf complex, but I was not evacuated. In 2013 I was affected and evacuated temporarily.	8/11/2026 12:07 PM
148	Was evacuated during aspen acres	8/11/2026 11:46 AM
149	Right next to the evacuation area. I have a home daycare.	8/11/2026 10:44 AM
150	Not so much the Aspen Acres fire, but less than a mile from the 11 fire. We were evacuated the day it started and stayed with friends in Pueblo.	8/11/2026 9:50 AM
151	Not affected by the Aspen Acres fire but I was really close to the 11 fire.	8/11/2026 9:36 AM
152	No	8/11/2026 8:34 AM
153	no - I am out close to Brookside so we were definitely monitoring it	8/11/2026 8:33 AM
154	No	8/11/2026 8:26 AM
155	Pre evac for 24 fire	8/11/2026 7:39 AM
156	Not directly.	8/11/2026 7:37 AM
157	Yes I live in Williamsburg and I was evacuated on July 5th, 2026 for 3 days.	8/11/2026 7:37 AM
158	The Crampton fire started burning 2 miles from our house, thankfully was contained quickly.	8/11/2026 7:34 AM
159	Not directly, but we’re on high alert.	8/11/2026 7:26 AM
160	No	8/11/2026 6:23 AM
161	No	8/10/2026 9:58 PM
162	I was in a pre-evacuation zone and bordered a zone that was evacuated.	8/10/2026 9:30 PM
163	No	8/10/2026 8:37 PM
164	Not directly affected, other than smoke.	8/10/2026 7:57 PM
165	Only by smokey conditions.	8/10/2026 6:58 PM
166	Indirectly, as was the area, with smoke	8/10/2026 6:48 PM
167	No	8/10/2026 6:06 PM
168	we did not experience any burning but were affected by the smoke that traveled to our area for many days.	8/10/2026 5:53 PM
169	No	8/10/2026 5:29 PM
170	No	8/10/2026 4:53 PM
171	Yes, evacuated temporarily.	8/10/2026 4:40 PM
172	We were not directly affected by the Aspen Acres fire, but were watching closely in case we needed to evacuate. The 66 fire was about a mile away but thankfully our local volunteers got it out quick.	8/10/2026 4:35 PM
173	No	8/10/2026 4:19 PM
174	No,	8/10/2026 4:06 PM
175	Yes. We were affected by smoke.	8/10/2026 3:59 PM
176	Not directly affected, only in air quality. There have been a couple of wildfires that have been approx. 10-15 miles away, which have been contained relatively quickly but have been enough to start us strengthening our fire mitigation measures.	8/10/2026 3:54 PM
177	Just smokey	8/10/2026 3:53 PM

178	Yes. The 66 fire was within a few miles of my home and Aspen Acres fire within 10-15 miles on NW border	8/10/2026 3:44 PM
179	No	8/10/2026 3:43 PM
180	no	8/10/2026 3:41 PM
181	No	8/10/2026 3:25 PM
182	Almost affected by the potential spread of a car fire at mm6 on highway 9 earlier this year.	8/10/2026 3:20 PM
183	NO	8/10/2026 3:18 PM
184	No	8/10/2026 2:49 PM
185	Aspen Acres - smoke only	8/10/2026 2:39 PM
186	No.	8/10/2026 2:29 PM
187	Just the smoke, No fire danger. The "11 Fire" was the closest to me.	8/10/2026 2:24 PM
188	No.	8/10/2026 2:08 PM
189	Yes. We were evacuated in Fremont county.	8/10/2026 1:59 PM
190	Yes we were evacuated	8/10/2026 1:31 PM
191	Only by smoke directly. My parents both have mobility impairments so when Aspen Acres grew so quickly in the early days, we made our go bags and made evacuation plans.	8/10/2026 1:22 PM
192	No	8/10/2026 1:18 PM
193	I was evacuated as I live in Williamsburg. I was able to return after a few days.	8/10/2026 12:48 PM
194	Not the fire itself, but certainly the smoke was everywhere for many days.	8/10/2026 12:47 PM
195	Yes. Smoke and anxiety when the wind was blowing the fire in our direction.	8/10/2026 12:38 PM
196	The fire was within 15 miles of us. We had smoke but no embers.	8/10/2026 12:22 PM
197	No	8/10/2026 12:18 PM
198	No	8/10/2026 12:01 PM
199	No	8/10/2026 11:37 AM
200	Only smoke, not directly from any fires.	8/10/2026 11:18 AM
201	We were affected with smoke and because of high easterly winds we had great concern that it would push the fire even closer to us	8/10/2026 10:59 AM
202	Not personally, but my mom was evacuated from Greenwood	8/10/2026 10:59 AM
203	Heavy smoke & poor air quality were the worst of the direct impacts for us. Reminders of our own vulnerability however were a biggie. As a taxpayer in a community that gets NO support from Fremont County for fire response it is quite frustrating. Because we are surrounded by public lands Fremont County has not even included us in its CWPP. If Wet Mtn Valley is available they will respond as a courtesy but both they & USFS take over an hour to get here.	8/10/2026 10:23 AM
204	No	8/10/2026 10:13 AM
205	no	8/10/2026 9:51 AM
206	No, other than atmosphere smoke	8/10/2026 9:40 AM
207	Yes. Air quality issues, water availability issues, evacuations of friends and colleagues, unfair pricing of goods and services.	8/10/2026 9:03 AM
208	As an asthma sufferer, the smoke in the air was difficult. I had friends & co-workers who were temporarily evacuated from their homes	8/10/2026 8:56 AM
209	No	8/10/2026 8:52 AM
210	No.	8/10/2026 7:50 AM

211	No, but had friends that were evacuated.	8/10/2026 7:18 AM
212	Smoke. Displaced friends.	8/10/2026 6:59 AM
213	No	8/10/2026 6:18 AM
214	Just from smoke	8/10/2026 6:16 AM
215	We were in pre-evacuation, and only 1 street North of the mandatory evacuation zone. Just South of Florence.	8/9/2026 9:54 PM
216	No	8/9/2026 8:54 PM
217	Just concern about the 11 fire just up CR 11 from my residence off of CR 5.	8/9/2026 6:24 PM
218	No	8/9/2026 5:10 PM
219	I was very concerned that the fire could reach the contaminated Cotter Superfund site, and spread radioactive contaminants through smoke and embers. The fact that the mandatory evacuation zone, for several days, came within about 1 1/2 to 2 miles of the center of the Superfund site restricted area raised other issues about how evacuation in a future fire might impact the contaminated site.	8/9/2026 3:47 PM
220	yes, smoke, ash, poor air quality	8/9/2026 3:11 PM
221	Emotionally - yes; from an anxious standpoint - yes. From actual fire - no. I am amazed that no official in Fremont County seems concerned that a Superfund Site (Lincoln Park/Cotter), adjacent to the Canon City city limits (and which part of City property is located in), is of no concern should a wildfire spread that far. As is, the pre-evac. area for this fire was within 2 miles of the center of the SF Site. The site has two large impoundments, open to the environment, which hold millions of gallons of radioactive waste. Though not covered in vegetation, there are numerous trees and bushes within the site - mostly along and into/over a perimeter fence around the "restricted area" the area where the former Uranium Mill was operational - and enough grasses that should not be discounted in the event of a wildfire. There appears to be no protocol for emergency personnel to access the site. Firefighters were not aware of the site's existence until told by a local resident. Vegetation can accumulate radioactive wastes. When it does, it acts as heavy fuel loads, raising the intensity of potential wildfires. When plants absorb radioactive wastes, the toxins store in their leaves and stems. A fire burns this organic matter and lofts radioactive particles into smoke. This Superfund Site is a disaster waiting to happen. And yet, despite some knowledgeable board members from a non-profit that has been fighting for a cleanup of this site for decades speaking with Mykel Kroll, Emergency Manager for Fremont County a year or two ago, as of this fire (Aspen Acres), there is no emergency plan regarding this dangerous site. The new Canon City Fire Chief has expressed his lack of concern for the site; the City Council members do not care; the County Commissioners don't care. This is a dangerous thing to ignore, for local residents' safety, for all of Canon City, and especially for anyone trying to fight a fire there.	8/9/2026 2:31 PM
222	No	8/9/2026 1:34 PM
223	Yes. The mandatory evacuation from the Aspen Acres Fire was irresponsible and resulted in completely unnecessary panic and the injury of some residents of Rockvale. The town’s mayor and residents were all put in a completely unfair position due to the overall lack of communication and coordination between entities. For myself, the implementation of the mandatory evacuation was massively problematic, to the point of negatively impacting my health. I needed to go to a doctor appointment, but was told if I left, I would not be allowed to return. By Wednesday, I had to go to the hospital and was not allowed to go home, having to stay alone at a hotel during a medical emergency. That is absurd to tell residents that if they leave for a medical emergency, they cannot return to their home, children, pets, spouse, caregiver, work, etc. Giving residents some sort of option of “pre-registering” for a proof of residence card to allow them to go to work, school, or the doctor during a mandatory evacuation could streamline the situation in the future.	8/9/2026 1:29 PM
224	Not directly as a resident, but directly as an employee of the Forest Service.	8/9/2026 1:05 PM
225	Severe smoke Iam allergic to smoke	8/9/2026 11:54 AM
226	With smoke only.	8/9/2026 11:40 AM

227	Yes, we had to evacuate because of the 11 fire in Fremont county along Fremont County Rd 11, High Park Rd. At he closest point the the fire was approximately 500 yards from our house.	8/9/2026 10:37 AM
228	Aspen acres evacuation order Rockvale	8/9/2026 10:18 AM
229	No, just smoke.	8/9/2026 9:48 AM
230	No	8/9/2026 9:28 AM
231	Yes, we were affected by the evacuation orders for Rockvale, despite being laughably far from any actual risk. We did not evacuate, the risk was non existent, and ensuring our property was safe from some meth-addled citizens of Williamsburg was our top priority. Unsurprisingly, we did have trespassers on our property and were forced to confront them and call the Sheriff. We are constantly affected by the smoke from other fires, and the county's continuing refusal to require the coal towns to enforce their ordinances concerning people living in RVs who burn their trash, use spark generating tools without protection, and generally pose a major fire risk by living out of these health hazards.	8/9/2026 9:24 AM
232	We could see the large smoke plumes, but not directly affected.	8/9/2026 8:52 AM
233	Yes, We were evacuated for almost a week.	8/9/2026 8:24 AM
234	We were close, but overall unaffected. We had our "Go" bags packed and were making plans, but did not have to evacuate.	8/9/2026 7:11 AM
235	No direct affects. To date, the wildland fires have been over a mile from our property but there have been several fires close enough to cause us to prepare to evacuate.	8/9/2026 6:37 AM
236	We had to evacuate, but our property was not in danger.	8/9/2026 6:11 AM
237	Smoke	8/9/2026 5:19 AM
238	Things that concerned me about Aspen Acres fire. 1.Poor initial response.No info. On what caused the fire.Not enough air support.Took 5 days to get fire fighters to the scene from far away Alaska.Fremont county's media response was little effort. I want to know wood value in dollars that went up in smoke... The cost of building materials is already extreme.	8/8/2026 10:02 PM
239	Yes. Worked on the Type 3 team from the first day til transition to the AK team.	8/8/2026 9:49 PM
240	Were on pre evac and then evacuated.	8/8/2026 9:13 PM
241	Just smoke	8/8/2026 8:22 PM
242	Just smoke.	8/8/2026 8:03 PM
243	Too many near neighbors affected.	8/8/2026 7:01 PM
244	No	8/8/2026 6:15 PM
245	No	8/8/2026 6:09 PM
246	Air quality, ash presence, and pre evacuation status.	8/8/2026 5:24 PM
247	No	8/8/2026 5:06 PM
248	No. I am west of Canon City	8/8/2026 5:05 PM
249	Yes, the fire on Fort Carson this Spring was very near us. We were put on pre-evacuation status for a while.	8/8/2026 4:55 PM
250	No, other than smoke.	8/8/2026 4:22 PM
251	Had an evacuation plan in place due to initial concern about the fire spreading. Affected by smoke on many days.	8/8/2026 4:17 PM
252	Yes, by the smoke. It caused asthma	8/8/2026 3:10 PM
253	Not directly.	8/8/2026 2:59 PM
254	11 fire was 5 miles from our house but it was quickly contained. Aspen Acres biggest effect is bad air and how it affected so many of our friends.	8/8/2026 1:29 PM
255	No	8/8/2026 1:22 PM

256	No	8/8/2026 11:48 AM
257	Yes, we had to evacuate for a few days.	8/8/2026 11:44 AM
258	only by the smoke.	8/8/2026 11:26 AM
259	no	8/8/2026 10:44 AM
260	Yes we were evacuated	8/8/2026 10:23 AM
261	Was under pre-evac orders and mandatory evac orders. Fire never entered Fremont County but Wetmore was highly threatened.	8/8/2026 9:12 AM
262	Not personally, but family members were. Some were evacuated.	8/8/2026 9:09 AM
263	Not affected directly, but friends and family were evacuated	8/8/2026 8:58 AM
264	Just outside mandatory evac zone.	8/8/2026 8:51 AM
265	Not directly but in the following ways: *smoke and haze that reached Cañon City *wake-up call to be better prepared for future events *increase mitigation on my property *support increased mitigation in my neighborhood *support fire restrictions! I use only a propane fire pit at home and when camping	8/8/2026 8:47 AM
266	yes. Mainly the smoke. Fire evacuation line did end up 8 miles out. A little close for comfort.	8/8/2026 8:44 AM
267	no	8/8/2026 8:38 AM
268	Only smokey air	8/8/2026 8:30 AM
269	Yes i just had a baby and we were very cautious of the smoke. Also I have some family in coral creek that had to evacuate.	8/8/2026 8:24 AM
270	In a sense yes. Because mitigation is so expensive, even being 15-20 miles away w the winds, makes us all at risk for embers and bigger problems. Livestock, families and elderly at risk.	8/8/2026 8:23 AM
271	I volunteered to help but was not otherwise personally affected	8/8/2026 8:11 AM
272	Smoke affected us when the wind changed direction to us. It reminded me of the Hayden creek fire when we had to evacuate so we went through the process of preparing for evacuation from what we needed and didn't need. Looked and walked property for fire mitigation.	8/8/2026 7:45 AM
273	No. The closest to us was the Eleven Fire.	8/8/2026 7:44 AM
274	Yes. The smoke was really bad.	8/8/2026 7:23 AM
275	No, only by the smoke	8/8/2026 6:50 AM
276	Called sheriff on AirBnb tourists having a big bonfire during burn ban	8/8/2026 6:35 AM
277	No, other than smoke. It did make me start to make plans if something similar happens closer to my house just north of Canon.	8/7/2026 9:49 PM
278	Only affected by smoke	8/7/2026 9:25 PM
279	The only affect the wildfires had on myself was on the air quality, which was negatively impacted.	8/7/2026 8:05 PM
280	no	8/7/2026 7:50 PM
281	Just smoke	8/7/2026 6:52 PM
282	We were concerned that the evac area would eventually include us . The smoke was bad on many days . We are very very concerned about the open burning allowed in this county . Also there are burn piles near homes . This should NOT be allowed for any reason what so ever !!! We have reported this and no ones gives a crap .	8/7/2026 6:42 PM
283	Smoke only.	8/7/2026 6:10 PM
284	I was concerned that Florence would be evacuated. I packed as much as I could in my car and was ready to go if 8 had to. Although Florence was not evacuated, it was stressful. I was very grateful for the updates on my cell phone.	8/7/2026 6:03 PM

285	Only smoke	8/7/2026 5:17 PM
286	NO	8/7/2026 5:15 PM
287	Affected by smoke and air quality.	8/7/2026 4:49 PM
288	Smoke related reduction in ability to recreate outside, to workout, and to entertain visitors. Sent on a wild detour on backroads because a fire impacted the main road. Neither me nor my car should have been on those scary, rough, single lane roads with sheer drop offs.	8/7/2026 4:36 PM
289	Yes, I have family land that was affected by the fire, as well as friends and family affected by it in minimal damages and up to losing their homes.	8/7/2026 3:30 PM
290	No	8/7/2026 2:15 PM
291	smoke and smell	8/7/2026 2:12 PM
292	No	8/7/2026 2:07 PM
293	No	8/7/2026 2:02 PM
294	Only in the smoke effect	8/7/2026 1:50 PM
295	The Aspen Fire	8/7/2026 1:49 PM
296	No	8/7/2026 1:46 PM
297	Only secondarily. Heavy smoke for a week.	8/7/2026 1:41 PM
298	Yes Aspen I was evacuated for 4 days	8/7/2026 1:41 PM
299	Only the smoke from Aspen Acres and the fire on Hwy 115	8/7/2026 1:39 PM
300	No	8/7/2026 1:10 PM
301	We weren't required to evacuate but definitely were affected by smoke and anxiety over understanding where exactly the fire had burned to and what plans were in place to communicate with us about fire progress and why and how people were being notified of evacuation etc	8/7/2026 9:58 AM
302	The fire on High Park Road was very close to our property.	8/7/2026 9:49 AM
303	Yes, Rout 11 fire.	8/7/2026 9:36 AM
304	No, with the exception of smoke.	8/7/2026 9:01 AM
305	I took in evacuees. I was just outside pre evac during the KO fire.	8/7/2026 12:04 AM
306	No	8/6/2026 11:04 PM
307	Yes. Pre evacuation for the 24 fire, and have been able to see flames from 3 fires this year so far minimum from our house	8/6/2026 9:38 PM
308	No	8/6/2026 8:19 PM
309	Not directly	8/6/2026 7:57 PM
310	Aside from work - my only impact was from the smoke and it was relatively minor. Work related I was very much behind the scenes collecting information to share with colleagues.	8/6/2026 7:40 PM
311	It was within 7 miles of our home. The smoke was really difficult	8/6/2026 7:07 PM
312	Yes we had to evacuate	8/6/2026 6:59 PM
313	No	8/6/2026 6:59 PM
314	No	8/6/2026 6:47 PM
315	Not other than a few days of smoke filled air.	8/6/2026 6:12 PM
316	We were put under mandatory evacuation by what appears to be the Fremont County Sheriff as a call to the Aspen Acres Incident Comander stated that the Town of Williamsburg was not included. Later, we were told that those who evacuated and suffered the expenses of hotel, meals, and transportation were NOT able to request reimbursements due to the Fire not	8/6/2026 6:02 PM

	reaching Fremont County. Very disappointed in the erratic sources of information, what appears to be the lack of communication. Someone needs to get their act togeather. V/R	
317	We were evacuated for approximately 3 weeks. Our property was not damaged but we fear the risk of fire is only going increase.	8/6/2026 5:56 PM
318	No, other than the intense smoke that caused breathing problems for my wife	8/6/2026 5:55 PM
319	No	8/6/2026 5:45 PM
320	Only because the sheriff jumped the gun on evacuations, without any pre-evacuation notice. The fire itself did not affect us.	8/6/2026 5:31 PM
321	We were affected by the smoke. Also, Since I live in Williamsburg, We were not included in the pre-evacuation zone and recieved a call at 8:30 at night saying Evacuate. Someone dropped the ball there.	8/6/2026 4:49 PM
322	Psychological affects, very much so. Smoke, very much so. Other than that, stress and frustration about lack of information.	8/6/2026 4:19 PM
323	Jo	8/6/2026 4:16 PM
324	No	8/6/2026 3:29 PM
325	no	8/6/2026 3:29 PM
326	Not directly affected by any wildfire but prepared to evacuate due to extreme fire danger related to drought.	8/6/2026 3:03 PM
327	Affected by smoke, causing asthma attacks and took an evacuated family into my home for two weeks.	8/6/2026 2:43 PM
328	No	8/6/2026 2:28 PM
329	No	8/6/2026 1:52 PM
330	No.	8/6/2026 12:41 PM
331	Proximity to the Aspen Acres fire requiring enhanced readiness to evacuate (less than 15 miles away) and continuing poor air quality due to atmospheric smoke from that fire and others.	8/6/2026 12:31 PM
332	No	8/6/2026 12:20 PM
333	Smoke only.	8/6/2026 11:55 AM
334	Told to evacuate a fire 12 miles away	8/6/2026 11:44 AM
335	No	8/6/2026 10:56 AM
336	The only thing that has affected us in the past year is the heavy smoke that comes our way.	8/6/2026 10:55 AM
337	I have surgically diminished lung capacity and emphysema. I live in Penrose. When carson was burning I bought an air filtration system when the 2.5pmm in my apartment hit 600 with doors and windows shut. The unit kept my living space under 35 which is acceptable for me. I'm grateful for it. It also kept my inside air breathable during Aspen Acres. Fortunately I was able to access 115 via K Street during Carson. Very grateful to the fire fighters and road crews.	8/6/2026 10:47 AM
338	Not directly. My house is two doors from the Oak Creek Banks. These banks needs fire mitigation badly. Open flame drugs by the homeless occur. Dead tree trunks and other debris will cause blockage of water flow and erosion and damage or prevent a major evacuation route.	8/6/2026 9:09 AM
339	no	8/6/2026 8:39 AM
340	Yes, evacuated but 12 miles from fire. Went from no pre-evacuate status to Evacute now. Signed up to County Emergency NOTIFICATION, BUT PHONE IS NOT GETTING ANY EMERGENCY ALARMS.	8/6/2026 8:15 AM
341	Mandatory evacuation	8/6/2026 8:02 AM
342	Yes, the 11 fire on High Park Road	8/6/2026 7:47 AM
343	Yes. My mother lost her home in the Aspen Acres fire. It has made my husband and myself concerned about our own rural mountain neighborhood.	8/6/2026 7:44 AM

344	Smoke was/is horrendous. Air quality is bad. At one point, my house was 4 miles from pre evacuation zone of the Aspen fire. 115 has been close.several times this year due to fires. I have been rerouted through Pueblo to get home from Colorado Springs.	8/6/2026 7:33 AM
345	We were not directly threatened by any fires. Although all the neighbors were panicking like an overturned anthill for absolutely no reason other than sheer idiocy.	8/6/2026 7:10 AM
346	One of the HWY115 fires had us on pre-evacuation notice.	8/6/2026 7:10 AM
347	No	8/6/2026 6:51 AM
348	No. Hayden fire in 2016	8/6/2026 6:50 AM
349	Impacts from the smoke on breathing and exercise. Also from the forest being closed and having to prepare by removing combustible organic materials. No impact to our structures	8/6/2026 6:49 AM
350	No	8/6/2026 6:35 AM
351	relatives and friends evacuated	8/6/2026 5:19 AM
352	Yes, from the smoke	8/6/2026 3:42 AM
353	No	8/5/2026 10:32 PM
354	Yes. We were affected by KO, 24, 22, another fire simultaneously with 22 between F45 & k street.	8/5/2026 10:19 PM
355	No	8/5/2026 10:05 PM
356	Smoke but no fire	8/5/2026 9:39 PM
357	I have a property in San Isabel, many friends and family in Rye, Colorado City and Wetmore and a disabled mother in Penrose who absolutely began to panic as soon as evacuations were issued for Fremont County (the coal camps because there was really no explanation as to why, she was convinced Florence and Penrose were next.	8/5/2026 9:15 PM
358	No	8/5/2026 9:11 PM
359	No	8/5/2026 8:17 PM
360	Yes. I live on the south side of Lincoln Park. If the fire had kept its behavior of the first few days, it could’ve moved too fast. I had an evacuation plan just in case.	8/5/2026 7:53 PM
361	No	8/5/2026 7:50 PM
362	My family homestead is in Beulah . Many family friends lost their homes	8/5/2026 7:28 PM
363	Not directly many people we knew were including many church members.	8/5/2026 7:14 PM
364	Not affected by Aspen Acres but yes we were affected by another wildfire. We were evacuated with the 24 Fire.	8/5/2026 7:09 PM
365	I have severe asthma, and damaged lungs which struggle with smoke. I have to run air cleaner indoors 24/7 in the house during smoke events. I have to wear a N95 mask during smoke events and limit my time outdoors. It is a very difficult time. Even with air conditioning and air filters running I will experience deteriorating lung function. Then the doctors pile on the medicine prednisone, inhalers, nebulizers, and injections. My lungs will be sick until the smoke gone. I have a Purple Air sensor on my house so I can monitor air quality at my house in Florence. My sensor is publicly available and was included with air quality during the Aspen Acres fire.	8/5/2026 6:15 PM
366	Smoke only, which was irritating but not cause for immediate concern. I was just outside the evac zone, and information was readily available in terms of updates etc.	8/5/2026 6:04 PM
367	Mandatory evacuations	8/5/2026 5:33 PM
368	Just smoke.	8/5/2026 5:26 PM
369	Mainly the smoke	8/5/2026 5:15 PM
370	No, fires got with a few miles, closeout enough to be concerned	8/5/2026 5:01 PM

371	In the Denver area for the Hayman Fire, in Woodland Park for the Waldo Canyon fire, in Fremont for the Aspen Acres fire. Experienced heavy smoke for all three, and anxiety for the proximity of the Waldo Canyon and Aspen Acres fires.	8/5/2026 4:59 PM
372	No - though our neighbors across our road were mandatory evacuated.	8/5/2026 4:56 PM
373	No	8/5/2026 4:46 PM
374	No	8/5/2026 4:23 PM
375	Not personally affected, just affected through evacuations and the activation of the EOC and shelter.	8/5/2026 4:19 PM
376	No	8/5/2026 3:34 PM
377	no--many friends who were affected--Mostly in the Rockvale, Coal Creek Williamsburg areas.	8/5/2026 3:32 PM
378	When Williamsburg, st all was Evacuated, my family spent several hours coordinating with to friends on deciding where to go & what to take with us. We have 2 cats & 1 dog, so their needs were packed. One person in our family has daily medical needs and uses a wheelchair for mobility. Another person has chronic severe back pain. All of us gave over the counter & prescription meds, Soto pack go bags to accommodate those needs was not an easy chore. Gathering & packing clothing, important papers etc. was difficult but necessary. The drain on emotions was real looking at all of our "things" , maybe for the last time, took a toll on our mental health. I described feeling like Schrodinger's cat.	8/5/2026 3:12 PM
379	I live in Florence City Limits since 2021. I was not affected by the Aspen Acres Fire or any other wildfire in the past.	8/5/2026 3:12 PM
380	No. Thankfully we were not under any advisory.	8/5/2026 3:07 PM
381	no	8/5/2026 2:55 PM
382	Smoke only	8/5/2026 2:43 PM
383	NO	8/5/2026 2:23 PM
384	Just by the smoke, and with running a business I town, the tourism it affected.	8/5/2026 2:15 PM
385	Online by the smoke	8/5/2026 1:42 PM
386	Only by the smoke from Aspen Acres and other fires.	8/5/2026 1:33 PM
387	no	8/5/2026 1:30 PM
388	No	8/5/2026 1:20 PM
389	Yes	8/5/2026 1:17 PM
390	Yes, we had 16 family members and 80 animals evacuated to our home with the Aspen Acres Fire	8/5/2026 1:16 PM
391	I had family affected and they stayed with us but it did not affect us directly	8/5/2026 1:07 PM
392	Go bags ready etc.	8/5/2026 12:58 PM
393	Not directly; I did have family members who were evacuated.	8/5/2026 12:51 PM
394	No	8/5/2026 12:49 PM
395	No I was not.	8/5/2026 12:38 PM
396	Smoke, worry, not evacuated	8/5/2026 12:32 PM
397	Luckily we were not evacuated, but we were affected in different ways. First was the stress. We were uncertain if the fire would spread in our direction so we were constantly checking the fire app on our phones. The next thing was the smoke. We felt like being outside on certain days or letting our children play outside on smoky days would be very unhealthy. Finally, helping others that had to evacuate involved a lot of time and effort.	8/5/2026 12:27 PM
398	Not really, we were close but we were never put on pre-evacuation or evacuation status.	8/5/2026 12:24 PM
399	Not personally only peripherally through community impacts.	8/5/2026 12:14 PM

400	Yes, smoke.	8/5/2026 12:14 PM
401	Yes, several in the last several years and other all-hazard incidents	8/5/2026 12:10 PM
402	Only by smoke in the air	8/5/2026 12:08 PM
403	Smoke and concern	8/5/2026 12:02 PM
404	Had 8 evacuees staying at our house during evacuations.	8/5/2026 12:00 PM
405	only in air quality	8/5/2026 11:52 AM
406	Was very smokey in the area, otherwise I was not personally affected, nor was my home.	8/5/2026 11:41 AM
407	No.	8/5/2026 11:41 AM
408	Yes. I was affected in terms of air quality.	8/5/2026 11:35 AM
409	Yes had to evacuate	8/5/2026 11:31 AM
410	by the smoke & fear of the fire & the concern for all the people & wildlife directly affected	8/5/2026 11:31 AM
411	Close to the Penrose fire end of March	8/5/2026 11:30 AM
412	mainly smoke	8/5/2026 11:29 AM
413	No.	8/5/2026 11:28 AM
414	No	8/5/2026 11:26 AM
415	I was not affected. But have worked in the past as a wildland firefighter for a Colorado federal agency for 5 years.	8/5/2026 11:26 AM
416	Donated some time and I am participating in some water restrictions. That's all.	8/5/2026 11:22 AM
417	Yes, evacuated for 3 nights.	8/5/2026 11:21 AM
418	Only by the smoke in the air.	8/5/2026 11:20 AM
419	aside from smoke, no	8/5/2026 11:11 AM
420	I was on the edge of the pre evac in Penrose earlier in the year.	8/5/2026 11:08 AM
421	Not me personally but my family was put on pre-evacuation for the highway 115 fire, and 2 of my cousins lost their homes in Beulah from the fire.	8/5/2026 11:07 AM
422	No	8/5/2026 11:01 AM
423	No	8/5/2026 10:51 AM

Q6 Colorado's forests are generally characterized as in poor condition. What do you think is the greatest challenge to the health of Fremont County forests?

Answered: 407 Skipped: 30

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Ladder fuels and standing dead trees (more than is needed for wildlife). Tree-killing insects such as pine beetles.	8/28/2026 1:07 PM
2	Beatles	8/28/2026 9:48 AM
3	Removal of fuel load.	8/28/2026 9:33 AM
4	Clear out dead trees and beg.	8/28/2026 9:18 AM
5	Dry conditions, pine beetle affected trees, forests are over crowded with live and dead trees.	8/27/2026 9:21 PM
6	National Forests andBLM need to cut forests every 100 years	8/27/2026 4:51 PM
7	All of the dead and fallen fuels that have not been cleared out for so many years. Who thought it was a good idea to leave all that stuff on the ground when it could be used by citizens?	8/27/2026 2:08 PM
8	Education, prioritization, and funding	8/27/2026 10:25 AM
9	bettle kill and lack of moister.	8/27/2026 9:40 AM
10	Thinning of the forest	8/26/2026 9:29 PM
11	Precipitation will continue to be a challenge, so fire mitigation management will be imperative around all areas of Canon City alone with those in the surrounding communities.	8/26/2026 5:53 PM
12	Lack of fire litigation such as barriers and trimming away dead over hang.	8/25/2026 10:05 PM
13	Drought and pine beetles	8/25/2026 8:51 PM
14	Taking down and removing standing dead whether caused by beetle kill or previous fires.	8/25/2026 6:19 PM
15	A lot of unmitigated beetle kill and other forest heath issues. This is very visible in the hills along Oak Creek Grade.	8/25/2026 4:06 PM
16	Insects and overgrowth	8/25/2026 1:37 PM
17	drought	8/25/2026 8:40 AM
18	Dead vegetation	8/25/2026 7:59 AM
19	Drought and the lack of mitigation efforts	8/25/2026 7:28 AM
20	Standing dead, and beetle kill everywhere.	8/25/2026 7:25 AM
21	Drought and lack of forest ma7	8/25/2026 7:07 AM
22	Standing and fallen dead trees and brush	8/25/2026 6:48 AM
23	Beetle kill and mitigation	8/25/2026 3:24 AM
24	We need more maintenance and water I think	8/24/2026 9:32 PM
25	all the beetle kill and dead stuff get some goats to clean our wildlands they do wonders	8/24/2026 5:35 PM
26	RAIN/SNOW AND CLEANING OUT THE DEAD STUFF THAT SO READILY BURNS. MITIGATION	8/24/2026 5:01 PM
27	Lack of management.	8/24/2026 4:41 PM

28	too many dead trees in forest	8/24/2026 1:10 PM
29	I don’t have enough knowledge to express and opinion on this question.	8/24/2026 12:39 PM
30	Dead trees and too much brush. Let loggers or firewood collectors come in a take the trees. Schedule controlled burns to clean out the brush.	8/24/2026 10:31 AM
31	Beetle killed trees, standing dead and down trees. Of course, terrain can make it's own problems. And then you have public use with either uninformed or uncaring people.	8/24/2026 9:30 AM
32	People intentionally or unintentionally causing harm	8/23/2026 9:30 PM
33	Rain	8/23/2026 8:56 PM
34	climate change, beetle kill	8/23/2026 4:05 PM
35	Not being able to log or clean out dead trees or controlled burns. Access is another as well as funds I would assume	8/23/2026 3:42 PM
36	Lack of water	8/23/2026 3:37 PM
37	Lack of mitigation	8/23/2026 12:37 PM
38	Money and politics that are preventing resources to get and keep it healthy	8/23/2026 12:11 PM
39	Drought,	8/23/2026 11:54 AM
40	Dying trees	8/23/2026 11:45 AM
41	Lightning hitting in areas that are almost inaccessible to firefighters. Lots of deadfall that readily burns	8/23/2026 11:38 AM
42	Drought and Home building in the forests.	8/23/2026 11:30 AM
43	Drought	8/23/2026 11:08 AM
44	We need to care for our forests even it means money. Also tree care in city.	8/23/2026 7:29 AM
45	trash pick up. we need more recepticals	8/22/2026 10:33 PM
46	Beetle kill mitigation, Tree, thinning, and over growth of ground cover mitigation	8/22/2026 2:51 PM
47	Laws restricting our ability to remove underbrush, dead trees and so on	8/21/2026 4:56 PM
48	Bark beetle	8/20/2026 3:45 PM
49	Lack of proper forest management	8/20/2026 3:18 PM
50	Water	8/20/2026 3:04 PM
51	Lack of forest management & control of invasive plant species such as tumbleweed Also steep terrain	8/20/2026 12:06 PM
52	I live very near BLM property. I have observed them over the past 2-3 years thinning out the forest near neighborhoods by using a machine that mulches the trees while they are still standing. I have also observed them burning dead stuff & underbrush during the winters when the ground is saturated with snow. And somebody (Sangre de Cristo Electric?) cut down a bunch of trees near all the power lines in my neighborhood right before the Aspen Acres fire. So in my neighborhood, I feel the forest is being tended pretty well.	8/20/2026 11:17 AM
53	Sufficient snow and rain	8/20/2026 10:40 AM
54	pine beetle damage	8/20/2026 8:28 AM
55	Drought	8/20/2026 8:13 AM
56	Thinning out the forests	8/20/2026 7:46 AM
57	There is no well-thought out plan with funding to carry it out. Sometimes solutions that have been implemented lead to unintended consequences.	8/19/2026 6:17 PM
58	The drought we are facing has put our forests (and all land) in danger. Some people don’t do enough fire prevention around homes (clearing dry leaves/branches/pine needles and trees).	8/19/2026 4:36 PM

	The biggest challenge is keeping fires from spreading and having the manpower when the fire starts.	
59	fire	8/19/2026 4:33 PM
60	Lack of rain/snow fall combined with increased summer heat due to human caused climate change	8/19/2026 3:51 PM
61	Previously having come from a suburban area with city fire departments with fully staffed and fast response times, it's wildly different when the closest fire department help is a long distance away with reliance on volunteer fire fighters. Funding to assist and "beef" up volunteer agencies with proper trucks, gear, personnel, and additional locations will dramatically improve response times and fire suppression efforts.	8/19/2026 2:25 PM
62	Drought has made our conifer stands more vulnerable to insects and disease. Long term fire absence on the landscape has increased fuel loading beyond natural levels and wildfires are burning more intensely than historical norms.	8/19/2026 2:23 PM
63	Mitigation	8/19/2026 1:47 PM
64	Preservation is favored over management. Weak timber industry.	8/19/2026 1:40 PM
65	Dense growth. Human errors, such as misuse of fire in natural areas (ex: smoking on trails), unpatroled potential fire hazards by public service and private sources.	8/19/2026 1:26 PM
66	Undergrowth and dead tree material - increased fuel for future fire	8/19/2026 12:52 PM
67	Lack of rainfall	8/19/2026 10:20 AM
68	Unsure	8/19/2026 10:00 AM
69	Money to do the preventative work needed	8/19/2026 6:59 AM
70	Climate change, development without fire mitigation in wildland interface areas.	8/18/2026 4:51 PM
71	Dead and fallen trees, and lack of managed fire breaks	8/18/2026 12:39 PM
72	way to many trees per acre, to much fuel to stop when it catches fire	8/18/2026 12:03 PM
73	drought	8/18/2026 11:00 AM
74	I think Fremont Countys forest are in pretty great condition.	8/18/2026 10:51 AM
75	Hot and dry weather and no controlled burns to manage	8/18/2026 10:20 AM
76	Lack of rain	8/18/2026 9:57 AM
77	I don't know, but would like there to be information explaining the condition of the forests and why	8/18/2026 9:31 AM
78	Dead trees lying on the ground	8/18/2026 8:42 AM
79	It appears that there is a lot of dead trees and trees that have fallen over	8/18/2026 7:47 AM
80	Maintenance (lack thereof)	8/18/2026 7:22 AM
81	Mitigation in areas that are inaccessible.	8/18/2026 7:18 AM
82	Over crowding of trees. Entire forests in the area need to be thinned out. Lots of beetle kill.	8/18/2026 7:03 AM
83	Fire mitigation	8/17/2026 8:51 PM
84	Drought	8/17/2026 7:47 PM
85	Lack of water.	8/17/2026 5:37 PM
86	DROUGHT. I THINK WE NEED MORE CONTROLLED BURNS.	8/17/2026 5:23 PM
87	Lack of moisture.	8/17/2026 4:54 PM
88	The buildup of dead trees. Not enough money for mitigation	8/17/2026 4:40 PM
89	Fuel accumulation due to historical mismanagement and/or lack of management	8/17/2026 4:38 PM

90	There should be some sort of mitigation done by the county of our forest areas	8/17/2026 4:28 PM
91	Funding and staffing in BLM and USFS, terrain, lack of education in forest health on private lands.	8/17/2026 4:12 PM
92	Cleaning up all the dead branches and thinning the forest	8/17/2026 4:12 PM
93	Excessive dead undergrowth and beetle kill trees.	8/17/2026 3:41 PM
94	Drought, beetle and moth kill.	8/17/2026 2:27 PM
95	Drought and wildfires.	8/17/2026 1:38 PM
96	Beetle kill	8/17/2026 1:38 PM
97	Lack of funding (and personnel) for forest management, for state, federal, and county fire agencies.	8/17/2026 1:16 PM
98	Beetle kill and lack of mitigation. *Open free firewood gathering for heavily impacted areas. Win-win.	8/17/2026 1:13 PM
99	Drought and fire.	8/17/2026 12:59 PM
100	The Forest Circus has done a lousy job of taken care of the forests. They close down more and more land for wilderness studies so they don't have to do a damn thing. The tree huggers have stopped all the logging allowing our forests to be over grown and littered with dead fuel. The Pine Bettle is killing more and more trees and then that adds lots more fuel so when it catches fire, it is more devastating.	8/16/2026 8:02 PM
101	Dead fall, dead trees and over-grown areas need to be cleared. The forest service needs to be allowed to MAINTAIN a healthy forest not be boot strapped by public opinion to leave the forest untouched.	8/16/2026 9:14 AM
102	Over crowded stands; drought conditions.	8/15/2026 6:14 PM
103	Climate change: hotter and drier. Dead trees need to be mitigated. More fire breaks needed.	8/15/2026 11:42 AM
104	Too many trees. The forest needs to be thinned.	8/15/2026 9:11 AM
105	Drought & over crowded forests. Lack of grant monies for property owners to do fire mitigation.	8/15/2026 7:43 AM
106	don’t know	8/14/2026 9:00 AM
107	I really don't know.	8/14/2026 7:24 AM
108	A lot of beetle kill and dead vegetation. Lack of precipitation all winter and throught the summer. Even now in the monsoon season, we are getting a lot less moisture than we used to.	8/13/2026 6:42 PM
109	Failure of Colorado, the US forest, and BLM to do proper forest maintenance. Also the interference of enviromental regulations and wilderness regulations to clean up beetle kill areas. I'm all for conservation but it needs to be tempered with common sense, which is sadly lacking at most levels.	8/13/2026 5:22 PM
110	There needs to be some thinning of the forests and some fire breaks put in	8/13/2026 12:02 PM
111	The drought	8/13/2026 6:42 AM
112	Years of drought and beetle killed trees.	8/12/2026 9:36 PM
113	Drought conditions. Lack of fire mitigation programs in the county.	8/12/2026 6:02 PM
114	dying trees from various bugs	8/12/2026 4:00 PM
115	Insects and fire.	8/12/2026 3:48 PM
116	Over grown areas of Juniper and Pinion. Dead or dying trees.	8/12/2026 3:27 PM
117	Too much down dead wood	8/12/2026 2:57 PM
118	Lack of mitigation and lack of moisture	8/12/2026 2:39 PM
119	Drought	8/12/2026 10:30 AM

120	Cutting down the old dead trees and using for firewood. This not only clears dead growth, but also will put distance between good trees to keep fires from spreading.	8/12/2026 10:18 AM
121	Climate change	8/12/2026 6:05 AM
122	too thick with trees, thinning is expensive but likely worthwhile.	8/11/2026 9:43 PM
123	Overgrowth and old dead vegetation is fuel for fire. Also the number of trees that are dead due to beetle kill and other bugs.	8/11/2026 9:21 PM
124	Overcrowded of trees and brush	8/11/2026 9:12 PM
125	lack of cleaning underbrush, little clearing of dead trees, and lack of snow and rain	8/11/2026 8:47 PM
126	Well, this year, water.	8/11/2026 6:45 PM
127	State and local government Forest management not doing there job like they use to do over 15 years ago.	8/11/2026 6:29 PM
128	beetle kill	8/11/2026 6:22 PM
129	Lack of funding for maintenance	8/11/2026 5:35 PM
130	Greed, bad neighbors, low income crisis.	8/11/2026 5:07 PM
131	clean them up.	8/11/2026 5:06 PM
132	Don"t Know. Know little about forest upkeep	8/11/2026 3:45 PM
133	Dry weather and pine beetles	8/11/2026 3:42 PM
134	There’s no mitigation on any of the blm forests near our property	8/11/2026 3:42 PM
135	Annual mitagation	8/11/2026 3:03 PM
136	The continuation of mass fire suppression.	8/11/2026 2:49 PM
137	Drought and disease.	8/11/2026 2:43 PM
138	Beetle kill	8/11/2026 2:41 PM
139	drought	8/11/2026 2:11 PM
140	Drought, Generations of fire suppression, insufficient prescribed burns, homeowner negligence at forest/residential interfaces	8/11/2026 1:57 PM
141	Standing dead trees and the extreme heat seem to be damaging many trees local to me.	8/11/2026 1:46 PM
142	Moisture	8/11/2026 12:52 PM
143	People. The homelessness, and out of town travelers in campers and vehicles, use the dispersed land spaces as if they were going to live there full time and it ends up being dirty and they often do not adhere to the fire laws. And with fewer people to monitor these areas because Colorado gov. has not given more resources to this problem it becomes a cause and affect issue. I am not sure our current officials are willing to do anything to make it better although there are passionate people empowered to do so.	8/11/2026 12:07 PM
144	Poor, miserable	8/11/2026 11:46 AM
145	Not allowing residents in to clear the wood. Residents could use the fallen trees for for wood for fireplaces in winter, raised garden beds, wood chips for the garden. Weather modification has been a huge problem in our area and shouldn’t be happening. It is making the trees sick and attracting bad bugs or killing the trees. A half dead tree burns a lot faster than a fully alive tree.	8/11/2026 10:44 AM
146	Lack of moisture recently	8/11/2026 9:50 AM
147	Removing dead treas	8/11/2026 9:36 AM
148	We need best forestry management practices.	8/11/2026 8:34 AM
149	Drought, careless actions, lack of ability to maintain it	8/11/2026 8:33 AM
150	Government needs to mitigate their forests.	8/11/2026 8:26 AM

151	Needs to be logged or grazed more	8/11/2026 7:39 AM
152	Old dead and fallen trees need to be removed	8/11/2026 7:37 AM
153	Fire and beetle kill	8/11/2026 7:37 AM
154	Not sure, maybe beetle killed trees and lots of fuel from Mountain Mahogany and Scrub Oak.	8/11/2026 7:34 AM
155	The fact that they are not getting regular mitigation efforts.	8/11/2026 7:26 AM
156	Drought warming climate and insects	8/10/2026 9:58 PM
157	I think that the forests are dry this year and do not know if they are in poor condition.	8/10/2026 9:30 PM
158	Drought, extreme heat and beetle kill will ultimately hit.	8/10/2026 8:37 PM
159	Characterized by whom? The greatest challenge is and will continue to be climate change and the blasé attitude that residents and tourists have toward that crisis.	8/10/2026 7:57 PM
160	Beetle kill and human negligence.	8/10/2026 6:58 PM
161	The forest in many areas is overgrown with understory. There should be responsible timber harvest & grazing to mitigate fire.	8/10/2026 6:48 PM
162	Our immediate forests are healthy. Nearby BLM lands have recently been tended.	8/10/2026 6:06 PM
163	dead and fallen trees in the rural areas, beetle kill trees, lately it has been the lack of moisture/rain, careless campers and smokers throwing out lit cigarettes,	8/10/2026 5:53 PM
164	The drought, trash, carelessness by people	8/10/2026 5:29 PM
165	With the drought firmly entrenched and the trees already stressed, the bugs infest the trees and create huge areas standing dead fuel. Creating fire breaks for WUI and protecting critical infrastructure including the river are our biggest challenges	8/10/2026 4:53 PM
166	Not being allowed to “clean” the forest. No logging, no firewood collecting. Denver has way too much control over our local areas.	8/10/2026 4:40 PM
167	Beetle kill, dead standing trees, grasses the cattle don't eat.	8/10/2026 4:35 PM
168	Dead trees and brush	8/10/2026 4:19 PM
169	Lack of forest management, including thinning and controlled burns do reduce density.	8/10/2026 3:59 PM
170	lack of forest management e.g. removal of dead trees/brush, thinning	8/10/2026 3:54 PM
171	Lots of dead trees due to pine beetle	8/10/2026 3:53 PM
172	Standing dead trees and drought	8/10/2026 3:44 PM
173	Right now, drought conditions.	8/10/2026 3:43 PM
174	Weather and insects	8/10/2026 3:41 PM
175	Deadfall lying in place	8/10/2026 3:25 PM
176	Drought	8/10/2026 3:20 PM
177	TOO MANY TREES PER ACRE TO SUPPORT HEALTHY FOREST.	8/10/2026 3:18 PM
178	Removal of dead trees	8/10/2026 2:49 PM
179	Dryness and lack of fire mitigation	8/10/2026 2:39 PM
180	Clearing slash and powerlines	8/10/2026 2:24 PM
181	I think forest, in general, have been mismanaged for years. We need to mitigate forest everywhere for fire management, not human habitation.	8/10/2026 2:08 PM
182	Leaving the dead brush and everything out there and of course droughts	8/10/2026 1:59 PM
183	Climate change has made the forests more susceptible to pine beetles, and the decades-long drought has weakened the forest heath over time.	8/10/2026 1:22 PM

184	Fair	8/10/2026 1:18 PM
185	Beetle kill and undergrowth due to zero maintenance or wildfire mitigation	8/10/2026 12:47 PM
186	Lack of management	8/10/2026 12:38 PM
187	Dead trees.	8/10/2026 12:22 PM
188	Dead, dry standing trees. Lack of wildfire prevention in and around the WUI in Howard.	8/10/2026 12:18 PM
189	Don't know	8/10/2026 12:01 PM
190	I would think that a lot of our forests here in Fremont would be very challenging to have a successful controlled burn that is much needed, but do to a lot of the challenging terrain and single road forested access makes a controlled burn very risky.	8/10/2026 11:37 AM
191	Fuel load per acre - both living and downed trees.	8/10/2026 11:18 AM
192	Drought	8/10/2026 10:59 AM
193	Too much dead trees and underbrush	8/10/2026 10:59 AM
194	Old growth, remote & difficult access & lots of careless tourists	8/10/2026 10:23 AM
195	Dead trees and over growth	8/10/2026 10:13 AM
196	beetle kill	8/10/2026 9:51 AM
197	dried vegetation including trees, shrubs due to years of dry weather and drought	8/10/2026 9:40 AM
198	Invasive species. Prevention of fires for the last 100+ years has built up disease in forests which rely on fire for health.	8/10/2026 9:03 AM
199	Lack of mitigation of dead trees and under brush Careless behaviors of those using the forests.	8/10/2026 8:56 AM
200	Over suppressed natural fire mitigation.	8/10/2026 8:52 AM
201	Drought.	8/10/2026 7:50 AM
202	Not doing mitigation of dead fuels on an on going basis.	8/10/2026 7:18 AM
203	Brush removal. Allow more logging.	8/10/2026 6:59 AM
204	Problems with humans.	8/10/2026 6:18 AM
205	Tremendous amount of dead dried up trees, limbs debris etc	8/10/2026 6:16 AM
206	More money should go into the protection and health of our forests.	8/9/2026 9:54 PM
207	People being careless	8/9/2026 8:54 PM
208	Lack of precipitation.	8/9/2026 6:33 PM
209	Drought.	8/9/2026 6:24 PM
210	Pine beetle kill…the bling and the cost to mitigate is expensive	8/9/2026 5:10 PM
211	The extensive drought and increased dryness of fuels in the forest and in towns increases the possibility of a fast-moving, destructive fire. I'm very concerned that there are insufficient firebreaks and insufficient resources to fight a fast-moving fire early on.	8/9/2026 3:47 PM
212	neither BLM or USFS are no longer proactive in clearing and maintaining trees, brush and grasses	8/9/2026 3:11 PM
213	Apathy. Or maybe delusions that "our forests won't burn. Climate change is a hoax."	8/9/2026 2:31 PM
214	Have a property the old CF & I is across the street. Lot of dead foliage.	8/9/2026 1:34 PM
215	Lack of funding for maintenance/fire prevention efforts	8/9/2026 1:29 PM
216	Fuel loading and insect/disease.	8/9/2026 1:05 PM
217	Lack of rain and climate change	8/9/2026 11:54 AM

218	Pine Beatles of all kinds. Dead trees throughout our forests. Open them up for wood cutting.	8/9/2026 11:40 AM
219	On our property we have dwarf mistletoe and in the area we are starting to see some beetle kill. We also battle the scrub oak bushes.	8/9/2026 10:37 AM
220	Poor	8/9/2026 10:18 AM
221	overgrown	8/9/2026 9:48 AM
222	Lack of thinning, deadfall, underbrush	8/9/2026 9:28 AM
223	The lack of enforcement of laws and order by sheriff, municipalities, and the overall poor quality of the county in general. The refusal of citizens to be good people, instead throwing their trash everywhere and starting fires. Tourists are also a major fire risk.	8/9/2026 9:24 AM
224	Lack of federal funding to patrol and manage people to prevent forest fires. Dispersed camping patrols and clearing areas know for rock rings to prevent future fires. USFS/ BLM personal to implement habitat improvement/ mastication projects to create natural forest breaks and open up for understory growth for wildlife habitat. Funding for projects on Private land that would benefit the land owners and the habitat. Increase education on sustainable land practices within the community.	8/9/2026 8:52 AM
225	Thinning and clean up.	8/9/2026 8:24 AM
226	Republicans.	8/9/2026 7:11 AM
227	The greatest challenge, in my opinion, is the ongoing drought conditions. But we can't really change the climate. So what can we do? I believe we need to focus on forest management; selective cutting to thin the trees, selective pruning to remove lower limbs and help prevent crowning fires, management of the scrub oak to provide both cover for wildlife but help eliminate the large stands that promote fire growth and spread.	8/9/2026 6:37 AM
228	Manpower, plus a lot of the forest area is federal.	8/9/2026 6:11 AM
229	Removing Beetle Kill Trees	8/9/2026 5:19 AM
230	Private property owner's reluctance to cut trees bcuz they don't want to see their neighbors, and the cuts this administration has done to state funding, federal funding, & the dismantling of USFS, BLM, NOAA, USGS, & other federal agencies.	8/8/2026 9:49 PM
231	Hot and dry conditions. Climate change.	8/8/2026 9:13 PM
232	Pine beetle kill	8/8/2026 8:22 PM
233	Drought, pine beetles and other pests	8/8/2026 8:03 PM
234	Too much underbrush, stacks of wood, dead trees.	8/8/2026 7:01 PM
235	Forest maintenance	8/8/2026 6:15 PM
236	Broadly, sustained drought. Specifically overgrowth, invasive weed management, increased human activity in the form of recreation or more dire the risk posed by unauthorized homeless encampments. The highest risk being the lack of achievable funding for all of the above.	8/8/2026 6:09 PM
237	Reducing fire risk in large region with a very challenging status of low rainfall and low snow fall	8/8/2026 5:24 PM
238	Trump defunding and getting rid of jobs to do work like this. Also, the drier/hotter conditions causing it to be too dangerous to do controlled burns.	8/8/2026 5:06 PM
239	Dead trees, grass, hard to get to areas	8/8/2026 5:05 PM
240	Forest too dense.	8/8/2026 4:22 PM
241	Drought	8/8/2026 4:17 PM
242	The nonexistent of fire mitigation	8/8/2026 3:10 PM
243	The homeless living in camps in Forest lands and not being responsible with fire and trash.	8/8/2026 2:59 PM
244	Cumulative slash piles and lots of undergrowth	8/8/2026 1:29 PM
245	Lack of sufficient wildfire mitigation activity. Clearing dead and diseased trees.	8/8/2026 12:07 PM

246	Funding. sufficient funding has not been there for decades.	8/8/2026 11:48 AM
247	Lack of rain.	8/8/2026 11:44 AM
248	drought	8/8/2026 11:26 AM
249	clearing out dead and diseased trees	8/8/2026 10:44 AM
250	Drought	8/8/2026 9:12 AM
251	Forest maintenance. Allowing permits to people to let them gather deadwood for fireplaces.	8/8/2026 9:09 AM
252	I don't know enough about the situation to say.	8/8/2026 8:58 AM
253	Proper fire mitigation and forestry management.	8/8/2026 8:51 AM
254	Getting people to do more mitigation on their property. Urging county commissioners to work with state and federal agencies for mitigation projects.	8/8/2026 8:47 AM
255	We need to work on a plan to help clean up the forests. It will be a challenge to do this and especially finding funding.	8/8/2026 8:44 AM
256	Too much undertow	8/8/2026 8:30 AM
257	The dry weather	8/8/2026 8:24 AM
258	MONEY!	8/8/2026 8:23 AM
259	They are overgrown with low growth and not properly tended to to prevent huge fires.	8/8/2026 8:11 AM
260	Forests are a resource that needs managed and used. Not let build tell it's a fire hazard.	8/8/2026 8:10 AM
261	Biggest challenge is trying to get the forest service into the woods for mitigation. The 2nd biggest challenge is getting people to mitigate their property so FS doesn't have to. Some people I'm sure probably don't care and are lazy and ignore all mitigation and such.	8/8/2026 7:45 AM
262	Lack of prevention treatments - thinning, Rx burning. In part, cutting of wildland fire funding to hire seasonal firefighters at State, local, and federal agencies.	8/8/2026 7:44 AM
263	The drought.	8/8/2026 7:23 AM
264	Too many dry fuelwoods, standing and down in Western Fremont County, in areas inaccessible to hand crews. No precipitation and constant winds exacerbate the conditions.	8/8/2026 6:50 AM
265	Lack of management, overgrowth, fire exclusion	8/8/2026 6:35 AM
266	Drought	8/7/2026 9:49 PM
267	Dead wood. Non defensible spaces.	8/7/2026 9:25 PM
268	The drought and beetle infested/affected trees	8/7/2026 8:05 PM
269	dry weather, beetle kill	8/7/2026 7:50 PM
270	Drought and beetle kill	8/7/2026 6:52 PM
271	Lack of water .. and stupid people using shooting targets and making camp fires .	8/7/2026 6:42 PM
272	Maintenance - tree thinning, as needed, general clean up	8/7/2026 6:10 PM
273	Lack of water and snow resulting in drought is one. USFS workers are needed more than ever, the number is personnel was severely depleted in the past two years. Some took the Trump administration's offer of early retirement, others were laid off, and several positions have been discontinued. Fremont County and all of Colorado and the West need people to remove dead fuels just at the point when there are few employees to do it.	8/7/2026 6:03 PM
274	Dead fall clean up, lack of controlled burn	8/7/2026 5:17 PM
275	beetle kill and poor logging management	8/7/2026 5:15 PM
276	Lack of thinning. Pine beetle.	8/7/2026 4:49 PM
277	Many reasons all relate back to people and human impacts. Drought = stressed trees and ecosystems = more prone to fires Climate change = more drought, possible increase in pests =	8/7/2026 4:36 PM

	stressed trees. Suppression of fires in the past has let dead wood build up = more material to burn Etc	
278	Improper management. We used to go in, clear out the dead stuff, do proscribed burns, allow firewood collecting. Past 10 years I've been camping, the forests have dead material cut down, stacked up, ready to be lit on fire. No true mitigation efforts.	8/7/2026 3:30 PM
279	Beetle infestation	8/7/2026 2:53 PM
280	beetle kill and no thinning	8/7/2026 2:15 PM
281	thin them out	8/7/2026 2:12 PM
282	Water and thinning	8/7/2026 2:07 PM
283	Mitigation and prevention	8/7/2026 2:02 PM
284	Beetles, drought	8/7/2026 1:50 PM
285	No proper fire mitigation of scrub. Allowing campfires. Not enforcing home ownership Fire mitigation. Not enough consequences for those who start fires.	8/7/2026 1:49 PM
286	Cutting of beetle kill timber.	8/7/2026 1:41 PM
287	Letting citizens maintain by cutting firewood and not restricting us is causing wildfires to become more intense also all the land around forest blm and state lands is bs	8/7/2026 1:41 PM
288	Lack of snow melt	8/7/2026 1:39 PM
289	Stupid people setting fires.	8/7/2026 1:10 PM
290	The drought has made all of the fuels extremely dry. Allowing people to thin out the forest would be helpful	8/7/2026 9:58 AM
291	Dead trees killed by the beetles.	8/7/2026 9:49 AM
292	Lack of rainfall and snow.	8/7/2026 9:36 AM
293	Laying dead, large amount of fuels on forest floor, and trees need trimmed up.	8/7/2026 9:01 AM
294	Beetle kill and old growth removal	8/7/2026 12:04 AM
295	Weather	8/6/2026 11:04 PM
296	Beetle kill, drought	8/6/2026 9:38 PM
297	To much dead wood. We have tried to do fire midagation, but there is no where to take it without being forced to pay an arm and a leg.	8/6/2026 8:19 PM
298	Drought	8/6/2026 7:57 PM
299	The lack of funding to have crews complete thinning to limit wildfire impacts. With the significant amount of federal land in the county this should be covered with federal resources.	8/6/2026 7:40 PM
300	The biggest problem is lack of zoning regulations requiring land owners to mitigate their properties. It isnt just trees. Its miles of junk as well.	8/6/2026 7:07 PM
301	People	8/6/2026 6:59 PM
302	We have spent thousands mitigating our property. It might be helpful to have incentives for people to mitigate their property.	8/6/2026 6:59 PM
303	Lack of funding for fire departments	8/6/2026 6:47 PM
304	Overgrowth and dead trees	8/6/2026 6:12 PM
305	Lack of true forest management, why allow building if homes in the trees without fire mitigation or in the gullies subject to flooding. Fremont Cnty seems to have allowed this poor practice. Why	8/6/2026 6:02 PM
306	Where we live the dry forest hasn’t experienced fire for several decades. There are downed and ponderosa pines suffering from drought and beetle.	8/6/2026 5:56 PM

307	There is so much deadfall in and around housing areas. Most properties undeveloped with no mitigation.	8/6/2026 5:55 PM
308	Insects	8/6/2026 5:45 PM
309	Lack of water	8/6/2026 5:31 PM
310	Lack of mitigation. We have minimum security prisons everywhere and yet, Not a single mitigation crew...strange right..	8/6/2026 4:49 PM
311	Drought. campfires, lack of caution on the part of humans.	8/6/2026 4:19 PM
312	They need to be thinned.	8/6/2026 3:29 PM
313	mitigation	8/6/2026 3:29 PM
314	Not enough fire lines/breaks on BLM lands	8/6/2026 3:03 PM
315	They need prescribed burns, or they will burn due to lightning, etc.	8/6/2026 2:43 PM
316	It is too thick w/a great amount of dead fall and ground brush	8/6/2026 2:28 PM
317	lack of a cohesive and cross jurisdictional vegetation treatment plan	8/6/2026 1:52 PM
318	Lack of resources for mitigation efforts and the struggle to collaborate, especially on private property.	8/6/2026 12:41 PM
319	Forest management (thinning) and harvesting plus mitigation measures near and in the vicinity of structures.	8/6/2026 12:31 PM
320	Dead and down wood	8/6/2026 12:27 PM
321	Beetle kill	8/6/2026 12:20 PM
322	Thinning the forests.	8/6/2026 11:55 AM
323	Drought	8/6/2026 11:44 AM
324	There is excessive dead wood stacked throughout the forest where the tall trees stand towards the west end of County Road 4.	8/6/2026 10:56 AM
325	Budworms and various pine beetles. Need to be more proactive on prevention.	8/6/2026 10:55 AM
326	I think it's just been so dry and perhaps the under brush is overgrown some. Mother nature is our biggest challenge.	8/6/2026 10:47 AM
327	Smokey the Bear and the Spotted Owl (eliminating forest management)	8/6/2026 10:08 AM
328	Climate change, overuse of motorized transportation, peoples attitudes	8/6/2026 9:09 AM
329	Insects and disease	8/6/2026 8:39 AM
330	Lack of knowledge by County, lack of funding towards community programs, too much emphasis on private business profits, lack of care towards human and environmental needs.	8/6/2026 8:15 AM
331	Budget is lacking for intensive forest management	8/6/2026 8:02 AM
332	Too many trees, and too many beetle kill trees	8/6/2026 7:47 AM
333	Standing dead from beetle kill and inability to have the funds to do anything about it.	8/6/2026 7:44 AM
334	Beetle kill is a problem. Standing dead trees are a problem as well as fallen dead trees and too much undergrowth to fuel the fires.	8/6/2026 7:33 AM
335	We need to get rid of lazy people in management positions that do not perform. I know you g men who are hungry to do what's best to help the land. Clearing dead timber and managing forests are essential.	8/6/2026 7:10 AM
336	Beetle damage, and natural undergrowth need to be cleared	8/6/2026 7:10 AM
337	Fire mitigation	8/6/2026 6:51 AM
338	They are dry with a lot of dead or infected trees. Tinder box.	8/6/2026 6:50 AM

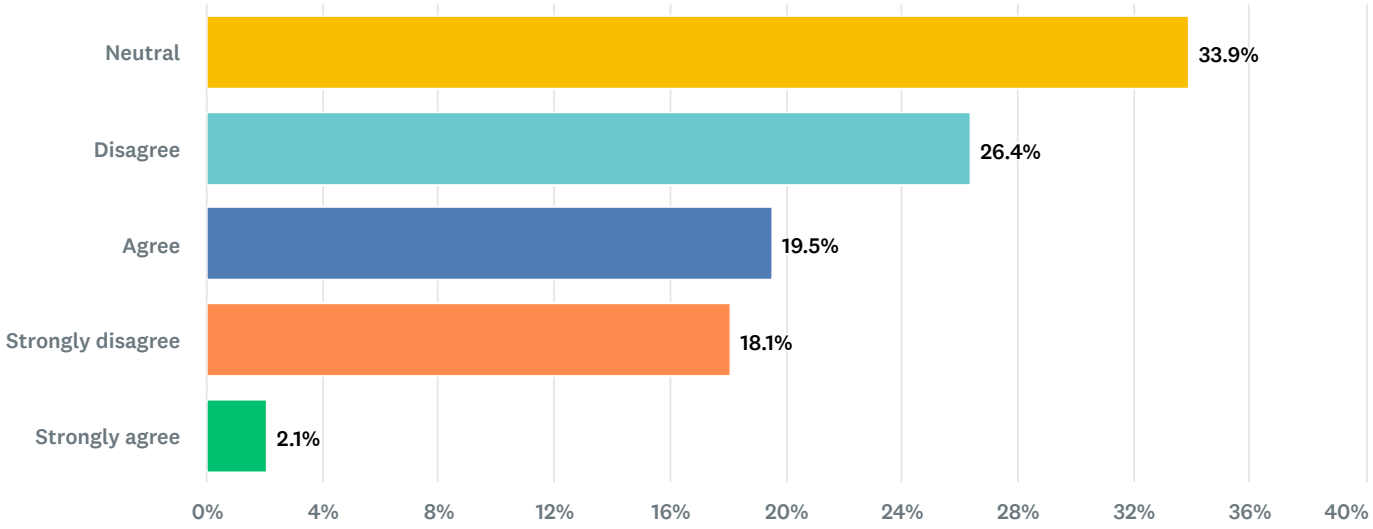
339	Too many trees; too many dead trees; not enough access	8/6/2026 6:35 AM
340	Democrats and eco type people who don't believe in mitigation.	8/6/2026 5:19 AM
341	People living in forest so that prevents allowing necessary prescribed burns. And too many living in wildland urban interface fail to clear defensible space	8/6/2026 3:42 AM
342	Cut and removal of dead or dying trees	8/5/2026 10:32 PM
343	Lack of controlled burns. Flammable trash alongs roads.	8/5/2026 10:19 PM
344	Manpower to manage the forest	8/5/2026 10:05 PM
345	Tree health	8/5/2026 9:39 PM
346	Dead fall, beetle kill and lack of management	8/5/2026 9:15 PM
347	Late succession due primarily to fire suppression. Forests need to be thinned and or clear cut depending on eco site.	8/5/2026 9:11 PM
348	Trees and vegetation are stressed from drought and competition for nutrients. The understory is ready to fuel any fire. We are in reactive mode and not preventative mode because the workload is massive. Private land inholdings mixed with public land adds to the challenge.	8/5/2026 7:53 PM
349	Depends on where, some areas have a good bit of beetle and now drought kill	8/5/2026 7:50 PM
350	Beetle kill. Too close to homes and businesses	8/5/2026 7:28 PM
351	Lack of resources to do anything about any problem with in the health of our forest or any incentive to do anything to make the health of the forest better.	8/5/2026 7:14 PM
352	Drought	8/5/2026 7:09 PM
353	Federal funding and personnel have been withheld and staff fired from doing the work that needs to happen in our forest. Logging and controlled burning is ultimately the answer. The Forest Service needs to be funded and allowed to hire staff!	8/5/2026 6:15 PM
354	Dead and dying trees (go up like tinder), and honestly? The greatest challenge is climate change. It's hotter, it's dryer, less snow-pack, more damaging insects...	8/5/2026 6:04 PM
355	Maintenance	8/5/2026 5:33 PM
356	Needs to be thinned, getting the beetle kill and dead trees out. Do controlled burns in the Grape Creek area and Loche Mt area. Also the Waugh Mt and Black Mt needs Mitigation.	8/5/2026 5:26 PM
357	Getting assistance to manage private forest adjacent to National Forest	8/5/2026 5:15 PM
358	Drought	8/5/2026 5:01 PM
359	Generations of fire suppression and mismanagement	8/5/2026 4:59 PM
360	Lack of funding for proper mitigation and clearing of fallen / diseased / dead trees.	8/5/2026 4:56 PM
361	Water however, that is something beyond the county's control. I think the county does the best it can with what resources are available.	8/5/2026 4:46 PM
362	Urban interface	8/5/2026 4:23 PM
363	The lack of management by state and federal governments.	8/5/2026 4:19 PM
364	Manpower	8/5/2026 3:34 PM
365	Not clearing deadfall in a timely manner.	8/5/2026 3:32 PM
366	Due to the current administration's budget cuts for the BLM & the Forest Sevice personnel, lack of routine fire mitigation, and a historic drought made a recipe for disaster.	8/5/2026 3:12 PM
367	Lack of resources to thin out dead trees. Pine beetle did a lot of damage.	8/5/2026 3:07 PM
368	The fallen and standing dead trees.	8/5/2026 2:55 PM
369	Debris laying around.	8/5/2026 2:43 PM

370	US Forestry Service's failure to manage and act on beetle kill due to liberal policy.	8/5/2026 2:23 PM
371	Dough and beetles	8/5/2026 2:15 PM
372	I don’t know	8/5/2026 1:42 PM
373	removing dead trees, dying trees, dead grasses and other undergrowth plants and shrubs	8/5/2026 1:33 PM
374	draught, beetle kill	8/5/2026 1:30 PM
375	Droughy	8/5/2026 1:20 PM
376	Lack of mitigation	8/5/2026 1:17 PM
377	Not mitigating beetle-kill trees and dead trees and lack of rain/snow.	8/5/2026 1:16 PM
378	Weather?	8/5/2026 1:07 PM
379	Removing dead trees.	8/5/2026 12:58 PM
380	Beetle kill	8/5/2026 12:51 PM
381	Lack of moisture, low snowfalls	8/5/2026 12:38 PM
382	Bark beetle kill, downed timber, brush	8/5/2026 12:32 PM
383	Lack of moisture, though I do believe some wildfires, if they do not affect structures or citizens are good for the ecosystem and forests.	8/5/2026 12:27 PM
384	We absolutely need to do a better job of Mitigation of our forests. We have too much fuel for these fires to feed on, I also feel strongly that we need to plant new trees as well. Climate change is very real and we need people that will take it seriously and try to combat it. We are killing ourselves and we need to stop being so arrogant as humans, we are suppose to take care of our environment not destroy it.	8/5/2026 12:24 PM
385	Wildfire Mitigation	8/5/2026 12:14 PM
386	too many dead trees and fuels on the ground, too hot, too dry, no precipitation	8/5/2026 12:14 PM
387	lack of mitigation and pest kill	8/5/2026 12:10 PM
388	disease and beetle kill	8/5/2026 12:02 PM
389	funding to mitigate the hazards	8/5/2026 11:52 AM
390	All the dead trees within the county need to be removed. Such as hiring a logging service, for beetle kills, or just removing has already been burned and is currently dead. Leaving dead trees is probably the best thing we could do to help prevent the spread from happening faster than expected. Especially considering how dry it has been over the past few years, as it has not gotten any better.	8/5/2026 11:41 AM
391	Pollution	8/5/2026 11:41 AM
392	Trees affected by beetle kill as well as drought conditions	8/5/2026 11:35 AM
393	All restrictions on logging and collecting wood	8/5/2026 11:31 AM
394	the first challenge is the weather - which unfortunately we have no control - I would guess that a great challenge is the dry fuel that results with a drought such that we are experiencing	8/5/2026 11:31 AM
395	Lack of rain/snow. Uncontrollable of course, but also need to institute Cull or Sanitation cutting where it is feasible.	8/5/2026 11:30 AM
396	need to do midagation	8/5/2026 11:29 AM
397	I believe the primary threat to the health of Fremont County’s forests is bark beetle outbreaks, mountain pine beetle, and western spruce budworm, all exacerbated by prolonged drought and extremely hot summers.	8/5/2026 11:28 AM
398	Tourism - people not following the forest laws. In addition, not logging beetle kill or working on getting beetle kill out of the mountains	8/5/2026 11:26 AM

399	Fuels mitigation needs to be done. Either by mechanical efforts or more prescribed burring. Ideally a combination of both. This requires more funding in preventative efforts. Private landowners need to be more conscious of fuel loading on their property as well as our federal partners. Though the FS and BLM have a lot to do. Residents of a subdivision that has trees and shrubs right next to houses is just as responsible for fuels reduction. From a general perspective from someone that has done structure prep in various active incidents. This needs to be taken more seriously. Our federal partners have an uphill battle for fuels reduction. The cheapest way to reduce fuels is by prescribed fire. However, the risks associated with this is not bearable from the public. Yes our federal land agencies need to do a lot of work in forest health. But given the hundreds of years of mismanagement and the still prevalent suppression mindset of our fire managers and incident management teams. I fear the Fed cannot reasonably implement any action to get ahead of this problem. It is more of a matter of time before a fire happens. And we should go with that mindset rather than wait for federal agencies to catch up with the unhealthy state of our wildland.	8/5/2026 11:26 AM
400	I don't know	8/5/2026 11:22 AM
401	Draught	8/5/2026 11:21 AM
402	Clearing dead trees to help with the fuels that catch fire easily. over use of the forests in areas.	8/5/2026 11:20 AM
403	Lack of water and I am not sure if our Forest Service is fiscally supported like it need to be	8/5/2026 11:11 AM
404	Horrible conditions and at the county level we really dont have any say on how the public lands are managed.	8/5/2026 11:08 AM
405	The dryness and the lightening storms.	8/5/2026 11:07 AM
406	Overcoming Government	8/5/2026 11:01 AM
407	The lack of care for instance the hogbacks havent been actually taken care of in years.	8/5/2026 10:51 AM

Q10 436 responses

I believe my county and local community/subdivision are prepared for a wildfire.



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Neutral	33.9%	148
Disagree	26.4%	115
Agree	19.5%	85
Strongly disagree	18.1%	79
Strongly agree	2.1%	9
Total		**436**

Q11 Please explain why or why not.

Answered: 328 Skipped: 109

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think responding agencies are doing a great job, but there's a lot of ladder fuels around here on both BLM and private land. Standing dead trees are a concern.	8/28/2026 1:07 PM
2	Volunteer fire department	8/28/2026 9:48 AM
3	Evac plans are incomplete: E.G, mapping of risk levels within zones, predetermination of zone boundaries based on risk and likely expected fire ignition and movement, civilian evacuation routes and possible congestion/jams/interference with responder vehicles, more robust public awareness campaigns, delays in posting evacuation maps in readily accessible locations (i.e. a standardized place like Sheriff's website, EOC website, or a specific Fremont County Wildfire page),	8/28/2026 9:33 AM
4	Our subdivision has water available for fire trucks to refill, we have become a FireWise community, we are in close proximity to the local VFD, we maintain communications with the local VFD.	8/27/2026 9:21 PM
5	I don't know how prepared the county is. In our community, we have large containers of water ready for use, with some being ready to transport to a fire location. Many residents have done fire mitigation around their homes.	8/27/2026 2:08 PM
6	There is not a cohesive plan for prevention or defense of a disaster similar to the Aspen Meadows Forest.	8/27/2026 10:25 AM
7	i personally don't have enought information to know	8/27/2026 9:40 AM
8	I think there needs to be more mitigation in outlying/unincorporated areas.	8/26/2026 9:29 PM
9	The Four Mile Ranch area and subdivisions only have one (1) exit, that is the exit at Four Mile Parkway and Cty Road 123. If the area was to be evacuated due to a fire all residents would be required to use this one exit. This would be a bottleneck and create a slower evacuation.	8/26/2026 5:53 PM
10	I think more education on preparation and emergency packing and having more safe places to evacuate too.	8/25/2026 10:05 PM
11	I believe they are prepared but may lack resources	8/25/2026 8:51 PM
12	Being 2 miles from the Custer County border our services are rarely attended to as well as in the populated areas. Even county road maintenance.	8/25/2026 6:19 PM
13	This is little to no actual wildland fire protection or mitigation once you get past Stultz Trail on Oak Creek Grade. We have hundreds of people living without adequate statutorily mandated wildland fire protection	8/25/2026 4:06 PM
14	Poor communication and eas	8/25/2026 1:37 PM
15	Old part of town. The houses are all old wood and close together	8/25/2026 7:59 AM
16	Lack of County coordination for fire mitigation	8/25/2026 7:28 AM
17	Not enough fire departments nearby, or very understaffed and under equipped. And way too much standing dead to stop a wildfire from spreading quickly. Also, the majority of homes and property owners don’t have rooftop sprinkler systems or dedicated cisterns for suppressing fires.	8/25/2026 7:25 AM
18	Dawson’s ranch is in a potential burn area and there has been no land management	8/25/2026 7:07 AM
19	Private property and blm are filled with dead trees	8/25/2026 6:48 AM
20	Residents and city byways need much more fire mitigation	8/25/2026 3:24 AM

21	i have a sis_in_law that lives in the outskirts of town in the mountains and they are well fire proofed around their house	8/24/2026 5:35 PM
22	I DO NOT KNOW.	8/24/2026 5:01 PM
23	I don't know	8/24/2026 1:10 PM
24	I don’t think the evacuation of a large scale portion of Canon City is well defined. I am not prepared with an emergency kit, which is something I want to personally work on. I have a feeling others, might have realized this as well.	8/24/2026 12:39 PM
25	Not enough mitigation.	8/24/2026 10:31 AM
26	I think that we all can prepare, but when a wildfire happens,.it is so sudden, that sometimes those plans go right out the window.	8/24/2026 9:30 AM
27	I trust the knowledge and awareness of the officials involved	8/23/2026 9:30 PM
28	I see alot of dead trees, weeds along roads. No equipment and the community and communication is lacking	8/23/2026 3:42 PM
29	Most people around me have too many animals to haul out in an emergency and the places to haul them fill quickly. People don’t have evacuation plans or supplies ready.	8/23/2026 3:37 PM
30	Our community fire station is volunteer, they have shown great service to us here but would have to outsource for assistance	8/23/2026 12:37 PM
31	Did good job with recent fire	8/23/2026 12:11 PM
32	Fire depts in my protection district were ready and partnerships with other agencies reinforced but the drought and record heat these fires tend to spread very rapidly.	8/23/2026 11:54 AM
33	As we saw with the Aspen fire, high winds can spread a fire so quickly that a limited fire response cannot contain it. This county is not big enough to be able to affythe resources needed and we can no longer expect additional support from the federal government	8/23/2026 11:38 AM
34	No available shelters with showers available!	8/23/2026 11:30 AM
35	Decreased fire mitigation as occurred	8/23/2026 11:24 AM
36	More should be done to trim back brush along the highway and have more dedicated parking for vehicles in distress that avoid contact with grass.	8/23/2026 11:15 AM
37	We have been designated Firewise neighborhood!	8/23/2026 11:08 AM
38	i really dont know if we are prepared but im hoping we are getting as prepared as possible since there are fires all around us.	8/22/2026 10:33 PM
39	TVFD does a great job and they have a lot of training, but they don’t have the manpower. Local Residence do not do enough mitigation to protect their homes. It would be great if homeowners could have individual visitation by trained mitigator’s to help them know what they need to do to keep their home safe.. I see more dead trees now from beetle kill as I come up County Road 2 Tallahassee and on private property that need to come down to help the spread of the beetle kill. Many can’t afford to hire companies to come out and do the work. I know that there are people out there that will come and take the trees down for the wood. Maybe a list should be made available to the public so they could contact them to get their trees down.	8/22/2026 2:51 PM
40	No word from the Sheriff department, kept passing the buck to other groups. Caused a lot of confusion for people by the fremont/custer county line. Didn't feel like they cared about the situation and only started responding and giving info because people in fremont were calling pueblo sheriff for info	8/21/2026 4:56 PM
41	There is no plan for evacuation	8/20/2026 3:45 PM
42	My neighborhood in Lincoln Park too green to burn?????	8/20/2026 3:18 PM
43	well informed HOA	8/20/2026 3:04 PM
44	I personally feel like my home will be safe in event of wildfire. I have only 1 tree on my property, and it is further than 100 feet from my home. However, a very large number of people who live in my neighborhood live with lots of pine trees within 10 feet of their homes. They know that	8/20/2026 11:17 AM

	they should create a defensible space around their homes for wildfire prevention, but they all say that they moved to our neighborhood so they could be in the forest, and they refuse to create a defensible space around their homes and outbuildings. Our county is unique in that it encompasses many different landscapes, from heavily-wooded pine forests in the west, to asphalt in the cities/towns, and desert in the east. Each of them present different fuels, and therefore, different threats for fire, but I feel each local fire department is adept at knowing how to fight fire in their communities. I feel that Fremont County's wildfire preparation is adequate, but the organization and leadership of my local fire department changes so often, I do not have the highest confidence in them.	
45	Fire department always on alert	8/20/2026 10:40 AM
46	I think, even after the Aspen Acres Fire, there is a strong feeling that "it won't happen here" in Canon City	8/20/2026 8:28 AM
47	You don't know for sure until a fire is happening.	8/20/2026 8:13 AM
48	I have a large multi acre lot next to me with no one living there and one 3/4 inch water line going to it. Would need a couple thousand feet of hose if something were to gapprn	8/20/2026 7:46 AM
49	I have never seen an evacuation plan for fire or flooding near the river There are no signs near areas that might flood in a storm.	8/19/2026 6:17 PM
50	Our neighborhood is miles from fire station assigned to us. It would take them 25-35 minutes just to get to us, and we have no fire hydrants.	8/19/2026 4:36 PM
51	It was conjectured that the reason Florence was not evacuated is because of the large Federal prison. There needs to be a contingency plan to move the prisoners in case of a fire. That way Florence residents are not held hostage because they (federal officials) don't have a plan.	8/19/2026 3:51 PM
52	The area of Spruce Basin in Cotopaxi is a large and sprawling community with literally ONE way in and ONE way out. In an emergency a lot of people will be trapped with no solution.	8/19/2026 2:25 PM
53	Our homes and sensitive infrastructure are extremely vulnerable to wildfires. Survivable space is very unusual in most western settings. Most subdivision development has not considered emergency ingress or egress. Water sources are not abundant; safety zones are scarce. Fire Wise and Fire Adapted Community principles have been ignored or are unknown.	8/19/2026 2:23 PM
54	Building materials, home design, and landscaping features favor combustion.	8/19/2026 1:40 PM
55	My subdivision is in the process of becoming well prepared. The HOA has been doing what it can, with increasing city, county, and BLM support, to raise awareness here and offer what we can to help residents. But many homes (including mine, still in process) need more work. And, some people seem not to respond, seem disinterested, or cut themselves off from communications.	8/19/2026 1:26 PM
56	Lack of identified and viable fire egress lanes for evacuation (Dawson Ranch)	8/19/2026 12:52 PM
57	Tough to be prepared for Mother Nature	8/19/2026 6:59 AM
58	Lax laws and enforcement around burning, red flags and stage fire bans. Heavy accumulation of fuels along the southern boundary of CC south of New York Ave.	8/18/2026 4:51 PM
59	really good fire departments in Fremont County that seem to work together well	8/18/2026 12:03 PM
60	They rocked it on this last fire	8/18/2026 10:51 AM
61	I hope they are. I felt like they weren’t ready for the Aspen Acres fire.	8/18/2026 10:20 AM
62	No organization	8/17/2026 7:47 PM
63	I still think more trees have to be thinned out and dead wood removed.	8/17/2026 5:37 PM
64	I REALLY DON'T KNOW	8/17/2026 5:23 PM
65	From what I have read, there was an immediate response to the Aspen Acres fire so I am contending the same would occur in my community.	8/17/2026 4:54 PM
66	It starts at the county level and I don’t believe they were even close to being ready	8/17/2026 4:28 PM

67	There is a lack in education around wildfire preparedness. Those who do know about mitigating have a very difficult time getting rid of their slash.	8/17/2026 4:12 PM
68	I really don't know how prepared they are.	8/17/2026 4:12 PM
69	I do not believe there is a strong communication strategy for relaying information to the community. There were too many channels of information during the Aspen Acres fire. Many members of the community are retired and/or older and are not on social media; it is difficult to obtain information about local issues from tv as they focus on Pueblo and COS, so with no social media you are cut off from timely local information. What would an evacuation plan look like if a fire burned into town? What would a plan look like if a fire destroyed the water treatment plant? If we have a plan, I am unaware of it or where to look for it.	8/17/2026 3:41 PM
70	I don't know if any organization can be prepared for the type of wildfire such as the Aspen Acres. The county has done well with getting on top of the fires caused by vehicles or idiots throwing out cigarettes on 115, hwy 9, High Park road and hwy 50.	8/17/2026 2:27 PM
71	We just went through an evacuation and my entire home area evacuated and felt good about what they were able to get out.	8/17/2026 1:38 PM
72	We are in a voluntary fire district and it takes a long time to get to us.	8/17/2026 1:38 PM
73	I think everyone local is hyper-prepared right now due to the Aspen Acres fire. There was such a dedicated response by local agencies and such a strong community effort to work together. It took a monster at our doorsteps to create that kind of solidarity, but it was great to see.	8/17/2026 1:16 PM
74	Overwhelming statewide mitigation is needed (for the beetle kill). Agencies do the best with what they have, but it only takes one large incident to overwhelm any given agency/area. Resources are limited and have a hierarchy and can quickly become insufficient.	8/17/2026 1:13 PM
75	Many second property owners have done no mitigation.	8/17/2026 12:59 PM
76	People don't think of mitigating until a fire gets started.	8/16/2026 8:02 PM
77	No fire department.	8/16/2026 9:14 AM
78	No information.	8/15/2026 6:14 PM
79	Observed chaotic evacuation of Fremont County residents during Aspen Acres. Very concerned about an evacuation traffic jam if SW Canon City (Dawson Ranch, Eagle, Wolf Park) all have to move out at the same time.	8/15/2026 11:42 AM
80	We only have a small volunteer fire department in our rural area off of Oak Creek Gade although the population has boomed. We are no longer living in what the county has termed “No man’s land” and therefore offers nor fire service.	8/15/2026 9:11 AM
81	No county fire protection here.	8/15/2026 7:43 AM
82	in my area there is a lot of slash/grey wood laying on the forest floor	8/14/2026 9:00 AM
83	The 11 Fire was contained in a very short time.	8/14/2026 7:24 AM
84	I don't think enough dead vegetation has been cleaned out of our neighborhood as it requires a lot of work and manpower.	8/13/2026 6:42 PM
85	Most people don’t do fire mitigation, and they don’t take evacuation notices seriously. They are too slow to respond	8/13/2026 12:02 PM
86	We have an active fire mitigation plan and there is woodchipping for slash 2x's a year.	8/13/2026 6:42 AM
87	We live in town, in an older section of the city, near 9th street. This area is somewhat less likely to be impacted by a wildfire, though it's certainly not impossible. (I remember they started evacuating 1st Street during the Royal Gorge fire. We packed to evacuate just in case.) I don't think many people here think about the possibility of a fire hitting this part of town, so it's hard to say how prepared anyone is.	8/12/2026 9:36 PM
88	The resources for evacuees and their animals were very limited at Pathfinder. Need more volunteers, not just Red Cross dictating the process	8/12/2026 6:02 PM
89	Some have done a lot of work and many have done nothing	8/12/2026 4:00 PM

90	Still much mitigation to be done around homes. Tallahassee Fire dept does a great job immediately responding to fires, but this is a large district with volatile fuels.	8/12/2026 3:48 PM
91	I live in the Dawson Ranch subdivision of Canon City. There are many City owned parcels within the subdivision that have not been maintained and pose a significant fire risk	8/12/2026 3:27 PM
92	We only have volunteer dept here	8/12/2026 2:57 PM
93	Inadequate planning and response.	8/12/2026 10:30 AM
94	Nee to area	8/12/2026 6:05 AM
95	people, including us in dawson ranch in canon city, need to remove or trim trees.	8/11/2026 9:43 PM
96	A lot of people are complacent on the subject.	8/11/2026 9:21 PM
97	Have not heard of any emergency plans	8/11/2026 9:12 PM
98	I think we can airways be more prepared	8/11/2026 6:45 PM
99	County Sheriff has no idea what he is doing when it comes to fire emergency management.	8/11/2026 6:29 PM
100	I am not well informed.	8/11/2026 5:35 PM
101	In Dawson Ranch we have limited escape routes. The two all converge on the same road. In fact I have never seen a written plan or heard of one.	8/11/2026 5:06 PM
102	Due to all the fires this summer I believe they are in a state of readiness to respond	8/11/2026 3:42 PM
103	Lack of community communication. We are out in rural county and it’s understandable that fire watch can’t update as quickly as we’d like but each community needs their own communication systems . Not enough water available for properties and not enough people doing their part to water and keep moisture in these areas	8/11/2026 3:42 PM
104	Lack of information	8/11/2026 3:03 PM
105	We rely on federal funding and manpower or state assistance, so by definition our county is not prepared (which on some level is fine so long as state/federal resources are available).	8/11/2026 2:49 PM
106	We are petitioning to be under a fire protection district but are currently on our own. Our community spent several days clearing evacuation trails with no government assistance, as we never got replies.	8/11/2026 2:41 PM
107	First responders from all federal, state, and local agencies have previous experience with wildfire response	8/11/2026 2:11 PM
108	Lack of mitigation, insufficient preparedness, insufficient water storage,	8/11/2026 1:57 PM
109	We rely on a volunteer fire department and have a lot of forested land that could really benefit from fire mitigation.	8/11/2026 1:46 PM
110	Lots of unkept yards around us	8/11/2026 12:52 PM
111	because of our proximity to the federal prison there are breaks and not a lot of trees to catch fire.	8/11/2026 12:07 PM
112	No one takes care of their properties, over grown properties and state forests	8/11/2026 11:46 AM
113	A lot of people out where I live don’t have a lot of pride in where they live. Most yards are trashy and not taken care of. Dead trees that no one has bothered watering and just let die.	8/11/2026 10:44 AM
114	While most are prepared and have extra water with buried tanks and mitigating trees close to theirs houses. The amount of neighbors that decided not to evacuate when told to was a little alarming, I get it's their "choice" but kind of ridiculous in my opinion not to, because the last thing the firefighters and first responders need to worry about is people sticking around for no good reason.	8/11/2026 9:50 AM
115	We all are very concerned an do mitagation	8/11/2026 9:36 AM
116	Am not aware of protocols	8/11/2026 8:34 AM
117	Lack of enforcement of weed control, trash, possible combustible materials throughout the county but I specifically see it and continually report it in my neighborhood and it typically is	8/11/2026 8:33 AM

	followed up on but there are no reprocussions	
118	Our area fire departments are very pro active, the recent fires have opened a lot of eyes	8/11/2026 7:39 AM
119	No immediate plan in Four mile Ranch	8/11/2026 7:37 AM
120	Some properties have done some mitigation, some have not.	8/11/2026 7:34 AM
121	Our zip code lists us as Cañon City, but we are technically unincorporated Yorkville on the map. We have a volunteer fire department with very limited resources. We are directly between Cañon City and Westcliffe, so it would take firefighters from either local approximately 40 minutes to arrive on scene.	8/11/2026 7:26 AM
122	I believe the Florence Fire Department monitored the situation in Florence and the surrounding communities with the assistance of Law Enforcement. I believe Florence is situated in a position advantage due to having flat areas surrounding the Federal prison to Wetmore.	8/10/2026 9:30 PM
123	I have been told that, though I pay the majority of my property taxes to our local fire department, it’s questionable whether they will come out to my place in case of fire. Nor do they have the water source.	8/10/2026 8:37 PM
124	Most residents apathy toward the Fire danger will prevent them from ever taking any recommended fire mitigation measures.	8/10/2026 7:57 PM
125	Too many people don't seem to conserve water very well, and don't seem informed or are uninterested in environmental conservation in general.	8/10/2026 6:58 PM
126	Population growth fueled by migration from other states drives development near and in the forest. Those places which were once ranches and farms are now chopped up into lots that are built in places that are difficult to defend against wildfires.	8/10/2026 6:48 PM
127	We have a fire truck loaded with water nearby	8/10/2026 6:06 PM
128	We have volunteer firefighters only that serve our subdivision but we can use the help of the county if a larger fire broke out!	8/10/2026 5:53 PM
129	I don’t know the chain of command. All of the agencies involved are confusing	8/10/2026 5:29 PM
130	Dawson Ranch is a fireswise community	8/10/2026 4:53 PM
131	My understanding is that we are not covered by Fremont County. Wet Mountain will come up but it may take an hour. Our local volunteers (Oak Creek Grade Volunteer Fire Department) are not an official FD or recognized by other departments. OCRVFD is doing a great job with keeping the community connected should anyone see smoke or a fire. We also use Watch Duty.	8/10/2026 4:35 PM
132	Because I have not heard one word about wildfire or preperation for wildfire.	8/10/2026 3:59 PM
133	Narrow roads, lots of downed timber	8/10/2026 3:53 PM
134	Although address is Canon City (where I pay substantial taxes), there is NO publicly funded fire protection, city services, schools, police protection, or other local services here	8/10/2026 3:44 PM
135	I'm not familiar with the current preparations.	8/10/2026 3:43 PM
136	Cooper Mountain subdivision has taken preventative actions as a community and individual land owners. BLM and county could be more engaged with residents in the woodland interface.	8/10/2026 3:41 PM
137	I have no idea if we are prepared.	8/10/2026 3:25 PM
138	We do not hear or see much focus on homeowner fire mitigation processes, or evacuation pre planning. (It may be there but could be shared/hilighted more frequently, as could early warning links for people to receive local information)	8/10/2026 3:20 PM
139	GOOD COMMUNICATION AND ALLOCATED RESOURCES	8/10/2026 3:18 PM
140	Local volunteers FD is low not well led or trained	8/10/2026 2:49 PM
141	Very little mitigation has been done in Glean vista POA	8/10/2026 2:39 PM
142	Need forest mitigation	8/10/2026 2:24 PM

143	I'm not sure what the fire plans are for my local systems.	8/10/2026 2:08 PM
144	I think the communication was not great. We had a text saying pre evacuation and then a call of mandatory so there was a lot of confusion on if we needed to go or not. And communication for all things because we were mandatory to leave but able to come back in so very confusing. Our town did our best with the information given to them but better communication and a system in place would be best for sure	8/10/2026 1:59 PM
145	The town does not take care of the weeds, trees etc along roads. They also need to enforce people living in the community are taking care of their properties and if not have consequences if they ignore the rules	8/10/2026 1:31 PM
146	We have relatively unprepared residents. From understanding evacuation routes, so mitigating risk around their own homes, the public could be much more engaged.	8/10/2026 1:22 PM
147	No Plan that I am aware of. Personal preplanning for residential homes is suggested.	8/10/2026 1:18 PM
148	I don't think that we think about it until it effects us. It has made me think of what at my home would fuel the fire if one was to reach there	8/10/2026 12:48 PM
149	I live off Oak Creek Grade almost to the Custer County line and we receive NO wildfire protection from Fremont County	8/10/2026 12:47 PM
150	We have no fire fighting facilities from Fremont county in our immediate area. Only a struggling (financially) volunteer fire brigade.	8/10/2026 12:38 PM
151	We have no wildfire protection in our area.	8/10/2026 12:22 PM
152	Acres of Ireland has way too many dead trees. Forest is dense around here.	8/10/2026 12:18 PM
153	No fire protection structural or wildfire	8/10/2026 12:01 PM
154	Where we live we have at least a 45 minute response time to local fire departments to be on scene, but our local volunteer fire department has been on scene in the past in less than 5-10 minutes	8/10/2026 11:37 AM
155	Fuel load per acre - both living and downed trees. The inability to dispose of slash (we have one paid private site with limited hours).	8/10/2026 11:18 AM
156	Because we are not part of any Fremont county safety plan	8/10/2026 10:59 AM
157	We don't have too many forest fires close by. Not something that is talked about too much until it happens	8/10/2026 10:59 AM
158	Fremont County provides NO support to my community for fire response and the local volunteers who are trying to do something have been attacked by the present sheriff and FEMA director. We had a small fire here on July 24th & our volunteers got it out an hour b4 any outside help arrived. Without these volunteers we could easily have become another Aspen Acres.	8/10/2026 10:23 AM
159	Many of my neighbors don’t do anything in terms of fire prevention / mitigation.	8/10/2026 10:13 AM
160	no chance of wildfire where i live	8/10/2026 9:51 AM
161	Open spaces adjacent to town hold a huge amount of fuel for wildfires, which will be difficult to control if ignited.	8/10/2026 9:03 AM
162	I feel CCAFPD and the Sheriff's Department have the experience from and plan to handle the situation.	8/10/2026 8:56 AM
163	Wildfires cannot be 100% predicted or controlled.	8/10/2026 8:52 AM
164	We have present and active fire companies nearby.	8/10/2026 7:50 AM
165	They need more resources, but they fully use what they possess now.	8/10/2026 6:59 AM
166	Power lines are not clear of trees ladder fuel tall grasses abundant because of under grazing	8/10/2026 6:18 AM
167	We need clearer, more standard warning systems. More fire mitigation for forward thinking prevention.	8/9/2026 9:54 PM
168	Communities near is have only one road in and out.	8/9/2026 6:24 PM

169	I see very little fire prevention work being done within Cañon City. Everyone should be on the emergency notification system (they are not). Everyone should have some idea how to evacuate if a wildfire requires that. Every home and structure should have brush, weeds, tree limbs, and other flammables cleared away to a recommended distance. There are many older people who live in the older part of town who cannot manage their property on their own; it would be nice if there were organized volunteer teams who could help with the fire prevention work to clean up the town and reduce the chance that a wildfire could spread quickly.	8/9/2026 3:47 PM
170	defensible space not being monitored and enforced	8/9/2026 3:11 PM
171	VERY few residences have done any fire mitigation. Others (like mine) started a decade ago, but it's a time and energy consuming process and thus is a slow process (unless you can afford to pay for it to be done).	8/9/2026 2:31 PM
172	Wild fires move fast volunteer dept in Florence. Dead trees and growth in the area south of Canfield avenue.	8/9/2026 1:34 PM
173	The mandatory evacuation of the Aspen acres fire went remarkably poorly. That did not give off the impression of preparedness.	8/9/2026 1:29 PM
174	Lack of planning and mitigation.	8/9/2026 1:05 PM
175	Attitude of residents who have been told DO NOT TRUST FIRE DWPARTMENT and I can do whatever I want on my land. Cuts to forest service by DOGE	8/9/2026 11:54 AM
176	There should be more preparedness information available, delivered through the us mail/email.	8/9/2026 11:40 AM
177	Many people are extremally aware of the possibility of fire and take mitigation seriously and have good communication plans with neighbors. But there are always those knuckleheads that ignore burn bans	8/9/2026 10:37 AM
178	Pre-evac & evacuation orders	8/9/2026 10:18 AM
179	Example of Aspen fire, kept people informed, took precautions early.	8/9/2026 9:48 AM
180	Fremont County has proven over and over that we are a corrupt, lacking, bad county. We have poor leadership in all the towns, law enforcement that doesn't have a clue, and the organizational structure (and the aesthetics) of a garbage pile	8/9/2026 9:24 AM
181	Mandatory Evacuation Plan during the Aspen Acres fire suggested panic response my emergency management.	8/9/2026 8:52 AM
182	The response seemed adequate for the circumstances.	8/9/2026 8:24 AM
183	We have some plans in place and many VFDs at the ready, like the small but mighty Oak Creek Grade VFD who put out the 66 fire this year.	8/9/2026 7:11 AM
184	The county OEM does a great job pushing out information, but local community and subdivision action is voluntary, and I have seen just about zero local action to make any changes. The area where I live has multiple unoccupied lots that are full of fuels and no way to mitigate it. We do not have a collection plan to help chip the slash for people who do mitigation work on their property. Professional mitigation is expensive and we should offer a subsidy or grant to help offset those costs.	8/9/2026 6:37 AM
185	Most houses are fairly hardened against fire, but not 100 percent.	8/9/2026 6:11 AM
186	Dead trees and slag piles sitting for years	8/9/2026 5:19 AM
187	Not enough cooperation between all levels of government.Goal should be to get fires out as quickly as we can.How many fires are started intentionally. IT IS NOT JUST A MENTAL ILLNESS THING.	8/8/2026 10:02 PM
188	I've been in this & surrounding communities for 25yrs, & worked with wildfire responses. The attitude towards fire restrictions, the desire for fireworks when it is dry as hell (whether in July or January) & seeing homeowners cutting trees, throwing firewood away from the houses, etc. as fires are approaching rather than being proactive, leads me to believe many residents are not interested in listening to science or fact-based logic.	8/8/2026 9:49 PM
189	Were not on top of this one.	8/8/2026 9:13 PM

190	Not much concern with debris control and removal, fire migration	8/8/2026 8:22 PM
191	I am unaware of the various resources available.	8/8/2026 7:01 PM
192	Some folks are prepared but if you live next to someone who isnt it may not matter.	8/8/2026 6:09 PM
193	I just want to clearly state gratitude to the efforts of firefighters, national guard, first responders, county and city officials, law enforcement and countless volunteers for working so diligently in response to the aspen acres fire. Thank you so much	8/8/2026 5:24 PM
194	I dont think you can ever prepare for a wildfire, except for controlled burns and tree mitigation, which isn't happening.	8/8/2026 5:06 PM
195	Same areas have a lot of vegetation and dead trees.	8/8/2026 5:05 PM
196	I do not have enough information to make a judgement. I sit at the top of the hill & look out on a densely forested area. I know enough about fire to imagine it racing right up the hill. Metal roof, ember screens, metal siding will not save it from the destructive fires engulfing the west. We have fallen off the cliff of climate change.	8/8/2026 4:22 PM
197	Lots of dry fuel in the area	8/8/2026 4:17 PM
198	No mitigation done	8/8/2026 3:10 PM
199	Areas around homes are not monitored for dead trees or tall grass that will burn easily.	8/8/2026 2:59 PM
200	Many neighbors are doing mitigation	8/8/2026 1:29 PM
201	Coming from another wildfire area, I expected to find the county and city divided into evacuation zones to prevent gridlock during an evacuation. Although I tried to find out what zone I am in, I was unsuccessful. I am also concerned about the community's sole reliance on Everbridge for evacuation and other communications. What happens if a fire takes out cell towers? Are there firm plans for this? Also, the city itself is filled with brush and trees growing between closely spaced houses and flammable materials piled against structures. Also, there needs to be a summary of the county's evacuation plans one both the city and county websites. Expecting citizens to read a long plan during an emergency is not realistic. The city and county do not seem to prioritize communication of wildfire hazards to citizens and it would be nice to see efforts in this area.	8/8/2026 12:07 PM
202	I think people are naive and don't understand the gravity of the drought conditions	8/8/2026 11:48 AM
203	government is involved	8/8/2026 11:26 AM
204	Information was hard to get during the evacuation	8/8/2026 10:23 AM
205	Not enough pre=planning, not enough good communication	8/8/2026 9:12 AM
206	It's a small community. I'm not sure if they have ready access to resources and personnel.	8/8/2026 8:58 AM
207	Not enough preplanning.	8/8/2026 8:51 AM
208	My neighborhood has a fire mitigation program but not all residents participate. For example the house next door has done no mitigation at all and has fuel dangerously close to the house.	8/8/2026 8:47 AM
209	If there are plans, they are not communicating it to the public very well.	8/8/2026 8:44 AM
210	No public engagement to suggest otherwise.	8/8/2026 8:30 AM
211	Nothing is kept mitigated until we’re under threat. I see a lot of tourists, chains dragging on the ground sparks flying, campers unaware of what bans are because they come from a place where fires are not a problem. I do not see much enforcement while out even walking the trails. We need forest rangers, more of them. Maybe some volunteers for starters to be Smokey the bear. More community events for mitigation, offering equipment to those financially struggling or unable to do those things to keep theirs and everyone else’s property safe	8/8/2026 8:23 AM
212	I don't think anything has been done to be prepared	8/8/2026 8:11 AM
213	The black sheep of fremont county is the western part of fremont county. Most resident's i believe are ready and the volunteer fire depts are dedicated and ready. If county government would be in western fremont county on a regular basis and watch, look, listen and talk to	8/8/2026 7:45 AM

	resident's they would see any issues and would relay their findings to residents to improve the readiness.	
214	Locally we discuss mitigation strategies, escape routes, and preparation for evacuations.	8/8/2026 7:44 AM
215	Full transparency is essential. Residents must be able to access a clear, accurate, and consistent status report from a reliable, centralized source. Social media and crowdsourced social applications are not an appropriate substitute for an official source of information. They can be unreliable, incomplete, or inconsistent, and they can create an accessibility and equity concern because individuals may be required to create an account with a private, for-profit third-party company, such as Facebook, in order to access important public information. Residents should not have to join or maintain an account with a private platform, such as Facebook, simply to obtain accurate information about matters that affect their community. Official status information should therefore be made readily available through a consistent, publicly accessible source that does not require participation in a third-party social-media service.	8/8/2026 7:23 AM
216	People could be doing more mitigation, but many in this area are old and aging. HVFD had the county's wood chipper which was an incredible boon to the area, but there could be more done. Many are too old, and unable to afford to hire someone, even if there were a someone to come and do the labor. HVFD is now on a dispatch system where neighboring mutual aid agencies are automatically dispatched, but there is still a shortage of apparatus such as type 6 engines, type 5 tenders, and firefighters to man them. The average age of WFFPD personnel is almost 75. The entire area could benefit from newer equipment, and more front line personnel.	8/8/2026 6:50 AM
217	We are not prepared to fight any fires in western Fremont county. Deer Mountain VFD is poorly staffed and financially mismanaged. In an emergency they can not be counted on. Howard VFD is slightly better but they are not prepared either.	8/8/2026 6:35 AM
218	I am not aware of any "plan" from govt agencies, other than facebook notices of how to personally prepare. I do not believe that most residents have an evacuation plan, have organized to support each other if needed, or done fire mitigation. And, water and firefighter resources are a concern with so many fires in the west.	8/7/2026 9:49 PM
219	Fire is dangerous. If fire gets into homes of a subdivision, it is almost impossible to stop.	8/7/2026 9:25 PM
220	Working with the Aspen Fire officials	8/7/2026 7:50 PM
221	Unfounded fire services, lack of proactive mitigation	8/7/2026 6:52 PM
222	Our area is full of over grown weeds and burn piles	8/7/2026 6:42 PM
223	The fire department is excellent.	8/7/2026 6:10 PM
224	I don't know how prepared they are.	8/7/2026 6:03 PM
225	Resources are not available to respond to a major wildfire. Lack of training and qualified individuals in rural departments.	8/7/2026 4:49 PM
226	People continue to set off fireworks; they don’t use native plants/gardens to reduce the heat island effect; they aren’t altering lifestyles to reduce climate change; etc	8/7/2026 4:36 PM
227	Undermanned, resources not where they should be or at the levels I believe that they should be.	8/7/2026 3:30 PM
228	Evac plans were finally practiced this year. not enough water sources or potential collaboration amongst departments here to stop it. Disconnect with Federal resources as well that communication and relationship needs fixed. No county wide mitigation effort here in the west and no interaction with the sheriffs wildfire team.	8/7/2026 2:15 PM
229	I don’t see any effort specifically addressing fires in town.	8/7/2026 2:02 PM
230	In City center. County seat	8/7/2026 1:50 PM
231	Campfires are still allowed in Fremont county. Dead trees and dead scrubs are not removed. Need stiffer laws against arsonists	8/7/2026 1:49 PM
232	Our local fire dpt is a joke florence fire chief has no idea what he is doing along with mangment of forsst	8/7/2026 1:41 PM

233	Living in unincorporated county allows people to collect trash and waste which could allow for fire to spread quickly	8/7/2026 1:39 PM
234	I think that there is much that can be done as far as mitigation and education for residents in their subdivisions and neighborhoods. I also think that fire departments can use more people and more equipment resources It is troubling to me that the county does not maintain a wildland fire team. The sheriff is in charge of these resources and should be well educated or develop a team that is well resourced and educated about wildfire risk in our county	8/7/2026 9:58 AM
235	Sheriff Cooper disbanded their Wildland firefighting team. The Sheriff is responsible for all wildfires in the county. He has told the fire districts your on your own. He has set up the county for a major law suit.	8/7/2026 9:49 AM
236	We saw rapid response to our community and then the Aspen Acres fire created huge challenges.	8/7/2026 9:36 AM
237	All our FPD's are struggling, they are extremely under funded, under equipped and under manned. For the property owners the cost of mitigating is extensive even if you do the work yourself. There are absolutely no convenient or cost effective ways to dispose of slash. Hiring it done is unaffordable. Even buying the equipment to do the work yourself is more than most can do.	8/7/2026 9:01 AM
238	Resources locally and across the country are stretched thin especially during fire season. That said, my local firefighters absolutely rock.. ..they should just receive funding to ensure they can face whatever comes	8/7/2026 12:04 AM
239	May need more mitigation	8/6/2026 11:04 PM
240	Communication from local officials in Fremont county has been terrible	8/6/2026 9:38 PM
241	Forest needs to be cleared of debris. Also... somewhere for home owners to take fire midagation debris for free	8/6/2026 8:19 PM
242	There's not enough information out there on preparedness, and with the drought right now, we are just one careless fire away from a situation like Spokane	8/6/2026 7:57 PM
243	There are preparedness plans in place, there is information readily available for residents to have on how to mitigate their homes and prepare for emergencies.	8/6/2026 7:40 PM
244	Penrose has more junk on many properties than a land fill. Zoning laws would clean this up reducing fire danger, disease and increase of property values.	8/6/2026 7:07 PM
245	Awareness	8/6/2026 6:59 PM
246	So much mitigating that needs to be done.	8/6/2026 6:59 PM
247	I'm not aware of any evacuation plan in my area or Fremont County.	8/6/2026 6:12 PM
248	Need more educational information for all residents.	8/6/2026 6:02 PM
249	We all are on large parcels (40+) that have not been subject to fires or logging in several decades. Everything is dry and ready to ignite…	8/6/2026 5:56 PM
250	There are just one maintained access road. With dozens of residential units. Undeveloped properties have piles of deadfall	8/6/2026 5:55 PM
251	No communication. Does our county have an active emergency plan? Where would we find that?	8/6/2026 5:45 PM
252	The county was more reactive instead of proactive. Communication from the county was almost nil. My HOA subdivision neighbors actively communicated with each other, we all checked in with each other.	8/6/2026 5:31 PM
253	In Williamsburg, we have no police force or fire department. For that reason we are mostly an after thought.	8/6/2026 4:49 PM
254	The roads are in poor shape.	8/6/2026 3:29 PM
255	Escape routes/roads in rural areas limited & many non-maintained	8/6/2026 3:03 PM
256	Lack of communication, for evacuations,	8/6/2026 2:43 PM

257	Our community only has one way in and out. There are NO water sources other than the fire trucks and personal wells, which are low producing. Individual properties have junk and obstructions making it impossible for the firefighters to protect which put other properties at risk.	8/6/2026 2:28 PM
258	I think that we are somewhat prepared. Past fires have shown that we are able to respond, but we do not have a current CWPP and I do not think a lot of people know what to do in the event of an evacuation.	8/6/2026 12:41 PM
259	Fremont County and my community both foster awareness of the wildfire threat and promote measures to mitigate it. It's nearly impossible to counter the effects of lightning and the effects of indifference and carelessness among the population. No matter how aware or prepared we are, recent wildfires at or near the forest/suburban interface have been devastating and have far exceeded anything we have done or could have done in advance. We require enhanced focus on planning for, preparing, and pre-announcing emergency evacuation routes and centers for displaced people, pets, and livestock. The fire and rescue community appears well-organized and integrated for action through the incident management system; however, local governments and the public seem to lag behind. Perhaps reviewing, improving, and updating EMACs between different localities would help, plus expanding public education.	8/6/2026 12:31 PM
260	No county coverage where I live	8/6/2026 12:20 PM
261	Always more to be done when it comes to life saving. Want community training. Still finding smoldering cigarettes along the road.	8/6/2026 11:55 AM
262	Lack of preparedness for 911 alerts , response and dispatch info	8/6/2026 11:44 AM
263	There is no effort to assist land owners to haul away dead trees, branches, etc. If there were assistance to remove them then landowners would gladly stack dead wood on the roadside. Getting worse since there is no burning allowed (and correctly so).	8/6/2026 10:56 AM
264	We are not part of any fire protection district at this time. Also, many of the property owners don't do proper wildfire mitigation around their homes. Also, the BLM and forest lands around us are full of dead trees.	8/6/2026 10:55 AM
265	We handled the 2 fires closest to me excellently.	8/6/2026 10:47 AM
266	Fremont County Emergency Management hasn't demonstrated any knowledge of NIMS or interagency coordination.	8/6/2026 10:08 AM
267	Each wildfire is unique and I don't think we are ever 100% prepared	8/6/2026 8:39 AM
268	Trash, no fire mitigation, no community plan, lack of emergency services training.	8/6/2026 8:15 AM
269	Poor property maintenance throughout the community, over grown areas. Poor local/town communication with residents. Lack of funding for employees or projects	8/6/2026 8:02 AM
270	I watched firefighters stand around and wait because they weren't weren't allowed to fight the fire since it was on BLM land. That needs to change. Or neighborhood needs to do some mitigation.	8/6/2026 7:47 AM
271	I can see standing dead on Deer Mountain and all around. It would just take a lightning strike or an errant neighbor on a red flag day.	8/6/2026 7:44 AM
272	I did not get any notices about the local fires until I got on Facebook. Sometimes I delete social media and have no access. There is no communication other than social media to alert residents to potential threats?Also, I have been trying to get a hold of the city to find out who is responsible for trimming trees on my street as I am unclear where the right of way is and what I am responsible for. Also, tree trimming is very expensive, but I worry that dead branches and branches over my house are a threat because of falling and wildfires.	8/6/2026 7:33 AM
273	Not receiving fire mitigation info	8/6/2026 6:51 AM
274	There is no readiness plan in western Fremont county. The county hasn’t offered much in the way of defensive preparedness for residence. No plan for livestock. While not the responsibility of the county, the county should be leading efforts to work with usfs and blm to manage the forest and do much better to be proactive. There is only one way in and out here - Hwy 50. Should have an evacuation plan and be communicating regularly with residents and landowners and offering funding and programming for home defense measures.	8/6/2026 6:50 AM

275	Howard refuses to become a firesafe community; The HVFD board of directors refuse to even entertain discussion about Range Fire Protection associations; HVFD does not train in structure protection from wild fires	8/6/2026 6:35 AM
276	Their is very little communication between the different "fire" organizations in Fremont county. And, whether the County administrator types will admit it or not there is a strong bias in this county.	8/6/2026 5:19 AM
277	Failure to address continued growth of homes in wildland urbaninterface	8/6/2026 3:42 AM
278	Governments must balance investing in fire suppression with measures to prevent wildfires long-term (e.g., reducing fuel loads, restoring ecosystems to natural fire patterns, and educating the public. Don’t see enough of this.	8/5/2026 10:19 PM
279	Not enough fire mitigation area	8/5/2026 10:05 PM
280	There has been little to no education/efforts or initiatives about defensible space or being wildfire ready. The county does little to enforce code and some properties are just waiting to implode and start giant fires. So much more could be done. I’ve been debating doing my own public education efforts in my little town just to help my neighbors.	8/5/2026 9:15 PM
281	I live in irrigated part of Lincoln park so my neighborhood risk is low but there are many subdivisions with extremely high risk in the county, especially in unincorporated areas, Tallahassee rd subdivisions and others like that with bad fuels problems, lots of houses and bad access.	8/5/2026 9:11 PM
282	To my knowledge, are no widespread and active fire mitigation measures ongoing to mitigate impact. Such as grants or other supports to private homeowners.	8/5/2026 8:17 PM
283	I felt like there was low awareness of the potential for the fire to move into Florence or Cañon City. I think education will be key to prepare for the next big fire. The challenge is people don’t learn until the disaster is at their door. Beulah / Wetmore are fire wise because they have been through it so many times. Fremont County seemed naive that they were going to be safe.	8/5/2026 7:53 PM
284	After seeing our county and the Fremont County OEM's response efforts and dedication during the Aspen Acres I have complete faith in how they would handle something closer to home.	8/5/2026 7:50 PM
285	We do not have a place to haul and dispose of branches and other natural materials we have mitigated on our properties	8/5/2026 7:28 PM
286	No one can be full prepared until the situation that is faced in front of you.	8/5/2026 7:14 PM
287	I do not think we are prepared and we need to improve the communication between the county and home owners.	8/5/2026 7:09 PM
288	I was disappointed that Fremont was missing from the majority of the Incident briefings on the Aspen Acres fire. I did not think the Sheriff Department was on top of the evacuations. I was impressed with the Sheriff Departments in Pueblo and Custer public outreach and explaining what the plan is.	8/5/2026 6:15 PM
289	I think there needs to be a more coordinated effort to provide answers to how people will be able to evacuate, especially if they lack transportation for themselves, for their pets, and for their animals. A clear plan of Who to Contact for x, y, and z, and where to go.	8/5/2026 6:04 PM
290	More mitigation	8/5/2026 5:33 PM
291	The sheriff said we do not have any fire protection and are on our own.	8/5/2026 5:26 PM
292	Local county and city government are totally unaware of the Superfund site on the South side of Canon City. There are no emergency plans in regard to it.	8/5/2026 5:15 PM
293	We have no fire protection! And no one cares but the residents	8/5/2026 4:59 PM
294	The lack of funding for operations, equipment, mitigation efforts and more is the opponent to our county being better prepared.	8/5/2026 4:56 PM
295	We have plans in place but I'm not sure how many people know or understand them...	8/5/2026 4:19 PM

296	Many homes have huge piles of brush and combustibles that have been there for years. Ex: corner Oak and 8th st backyard. Many homes in disrepair or excessive combustibles around them, I seems code or zoning needs to be enforced consistently and in an ongoing basis	8/5/2026 3:34 PM
297	Canon City has limited options for routes to evacuate citizens, no planning has been made available to folks living in the county or City. The Cotter Super Fund Site is being ignored and no plan to mitigate the area to prevent a life as we know it disaster. Also, no local radio broadcasting station to keep citizens informed during an emergency. Social media is worthless here in a disaster.	8/5/2026 3:12 PM
298	Challenging with as many prisons in the county and it seems vacant properties pose a threat.	8/5/2026 3:07 PM
299	I don’t believe enough people take it seriously, especially those living in towns. They don’t believe it will travel into town. Not concerned with water usage.	8/5/2026 2:15 PM
300	I don’t know enough about what the different agencies do and how they communicate.	8/5/2026 1:42 PM
301	I don't think Florence has any plans for major fires, plans to educate people on mitigation, need to be prepared, having emergency plans in place for yourself and family, etc.	8/5/2026 1:33 PM
302	never hear anything	8/5/2026 1:30 PM
303	I don't know that you can ever be fully prepared for this type of event because no two events are the same and too many factors play into how fires and people react	8/5/2026 1:16 PM
304	never know the unexpected	8/5/2026 1:07 PM
305	Limited citizens on Everbridge and recently experience a failed notification. Many seniors are not signed up.	8/5/2026 12:58 PM
306	From experience, there are several communities that do not practice wildfire mitigation.	8/5/2026 12:51 PM
307	Brush and thick half dead trees everywhere	8/5/2026 12:32 PM
308	This is based on the response to the Aspen Acres fire.	8/5/2026 12:27 PM
309	I think up until a few years ago I really don't think our officials ever really thought about wildfires, so I think our area is behind, however I do think they are thinking about it now and are actively making a plan, I just hope we can implement it before it's to late.	8/5/2026 12:24 PM
310	There is a significant amount of dead fall and undergrowth throughout the lands that increase the fire risk. Mitigation should be one of the most paramount tasks for prevention that we have.	8/5/2026 12:14 PM
311	I believe our county is, but do not think our subdivision is. We personally could clear more debris and fallen trees on our property.	8/5/2026 12:14 PM
312	people are not prepared and don't care, they don't plan ahead or have a plan in place, supplies, communications, 72-Hour kits, plans for livestock, small animals, a place to meet, they don't get emergency notifications, don't listen to or follow vetted information and emergency sources,	8/5/2026 12:10 PM
313	density of planning and development. Homes too close together to try and get as many into a subdivision as possible. More space between would make it easier to protect structures. Water is always a problem	8/5/2026 12:02 PM
314	After serving as a Deputy and part of the wildland team for 7 years I feel our sheriff has dropped the ball relying on the fire protection districts rather than having his staff lead the way with an active protection policy.	8/5/2026 11:52 AM
315	I honestly am not sure if we are prepared for a wildfire or not. Considering the impact of the Aspen Acres. What is the community's goal, or plan if one happens close. Especially since there have been multiple fires in the same area outside of Penrose on Hwy 115. How are we preventing those, because from my knowledge (or rumor mill listening) there has been at least 3 on 115 this year. How are we going to prevent it, especially if next summer has a drought just as bad, if not worse.	8/5/2026 11:41 AM
316	We have a responsive emergency management team and several fire districts all around the area with highly trained firefighters	8/5/2026 11:41 AM
317	I believe that residents are not as prepared as they could be.	8/5/2026 11:35 AM

318	Our Local, county and state partners work very well with each other and state/federal agencies. Where I live, we only have one means of ingress/egress which is dangerous and could leave us trapped in our neighborhood.	8/5/2026 11:28 AM
319	Lots of elderly retired people live out in this area and usually they have health problems and no one to help them. I think that western Fremont fire could definitely combine or work with Howard fire to promote wildfire protection / prevention more often. IE - tree trimming (volunteers gather from the community) and then there's word spread for WEEKS OR MONTHS in advance for a tree trimming week or few weeks and then mitigation is worked around the houses. In addition, a FREE fire prevention and mitigation class that's provided or put on in local community areas to educate people in regards on how to prepare and mitigate and prevent fires. Also, more restrictions on tourists and their campfires.	8/5/2026 11:26 AM
320	Plenty of subdivisions in this county are not remotely prepared for wildfire.	8/5/2026 11:26 AM
321	I believe we are better each time but I know very little in regards to this topic.	8/5/2026 11:22 AM
322	Too many dead trees on private property and along the roads. neighbors with weeds/grasslands not cut. Too many houses with trees and bushes to close to houses.	8/5/2026 11:20 AM
323	I'm not sure what people are doing on their own	8/5/2026 11:11 AM
324	I believe that the Emergency Management Team, Firefighters, etc did an absolute amazing job with the Aspen Acres fire; however, I feel that people around Canon City shrugged off any attempt to conserve water, cleaning up properties, or anything to prepare for the possible emergency evac, I just don't think the town people take it serious.	8/5/2026 11:08 AM
325	I dont think the general public understands wildfires and how things are handled during a fire.	8/5/2026 11:08 AM
326	they have plans in motion and they are prepared to respond at any given time	8/5/2026 11:07 AM
327	People refuse to mitigate	8/5/2026 11:01 AM
328	When there has been fires around us communication has been awful. Our county does not take care of our outdoor spaces	8/5/2026 10:51 AM

Q20 Thank you for your time. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 270

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It was very expensive, but our home has been hardened. We try to keep up with defensible space, but things keep growing & we struggle to keep up.	8/28/2026 1:07 PM
2	No	8/28/2026 9:48 AM
3	I have lived in Penrose my entire life and it’s a Beautiful place to live. Residents needs to stop fighting and pull together as one big team for our community.	8/28/2026 9:18 AM
4	There are many resources available in Fremont County that should be working with each other instead of against each other to help Prevent a major wildfire.	8/27/2026 10:25 AM
5	No smoking signs in and around the Four Mile Golf Course. One loose cigarette or cigar could change the landscape forever along with burning the subdivision down.	8/26/2026 5:53 PM
6	A thank you to all the officials, firefighters, LEO's and all who sacrificed to help keep us safe.	8/25/2026 6:19 PM
7	We have mitigated most of our property and intend to complete it all as we have time. However, if there is not a push to get everyone to do their property, it does not have the same value. Our home would likely be safe in a fire due to our efforts but much of the area could be destroyed which would make living up here much less desirable. Working together can go a long way. Also, people need to know and trust that our sheriff will honor the state statutes that require he respond to wildfires in all unincorporated areas. There is a strong belief that he has essentially written off the homes on Oak Creek Grade.	8/25/2026 4:06 PM
8	Community meetings and updates	8/25/2026 1:37 PM
9	Thanks to everyone involved in this effort I'm in Howard and there's no shortage of mitigation to do	8/25/2026 7:28 AM
10	Please provide financial assistance to mitigate fire risk in heavily forested rural communities, especially those far away from fire departments and first responders. Provide incentives for locals to harvest the standing dead for firewood for free or very cheap.	8/25/2026 7:25 AM
11	THANK YOU FOR CARING! I AM NOT VERY KNOWLEDGABLE IN SOME OF THE AREAS YOU QUESTIONED. WE ARE 97 AND 86 SO THE MUCH OF THE MITIGATION WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST WE CAN NO LONGER DUE.	8/24/2026 5:01 PM
12	I evacuated to Colorado Springs during the Aspen Acres fire and I found it extremely difficult to get current information about what was happening. YouTube information sites were not updated often enough. I didn't find out about phone contact until the day the evacuation changed back to pre-evacuation. I felt this event was handled poorly by our local officials. I am grateful to the first responders and fire personnel for their hard work.	8/24/2026 10:31 AM
13	Our own property is fairly well wildfire protected in that we have virtually no trees around our house, and the house itself is between two irrigated hay fields. We also have a metal roof, metal and stone outer walls and porches that are concrete slabs	8/24/2026 9:30 AM
14	The timely fire updates in the Watch Duty app are nice.	8/23/2026 3:37 PM
15	I am not able to do physical work as I am a disabled senior but if non labor work was available to help I am sure many would help	8/23/2026 12:11 PM
16	I feel public information could have been better. But I think incidents were handled well overall.	8/23/2026 11:54 AM
17	Needs to be more education about fires starting from hot vehicles, chains, and cigarettes thrown from windows. Also, campfire restrictions/education. Like don't have campfires in string winds. I've seen a lot of people doing this. Just because there isn't a fire ban doesn't mean it's a good idea to have a fire. Keeping sides of the road mowed is good.	8/23/2026 11:45 AM

18	Removing dead trees from our property would be great, but we need help and heavy machinery to do this.	8/23/2026 11:38 AM
19	My HOA should allow TREX type fencing so I can replace my wood fence! It looks like wood and is fireproof!	8/23/2026 11:08 AM
20	if there was a fire, like the one at royal gorge in 2013, st thomas more shuold be allowed to give out multiple face masks to one person since there would be probably someone getting them for multiple people that arent there.	8/22/2026 10:33 PM
21	Colorado in general has done a lot to help with firefighting when we do have wildfires. They have developed plans once a fire starts to attack it with everything available, but as we saw with the Aspen fire people had to come as far away as Alaska and the manpower it took to fight that fire could've lessened if another fire broke out that was worse somewhere else. I think the key to assist what's already in existence is not just education of homeowners, but trying to build a list of people who are willing to help Homeowners that can't physically or financially can't afford to pay professional tree Companies to do the work to mitigate their own homes.	8/22/2026 2:51 PM
22	Need to get together and create a better community evacuation plan. Lots of conflicting info last time, particularly when it came to help caring for pets	8/21/2026 4:56 PM
23	Went to Fire Mitigation Workshop in Gunnison Cty this spring. It was very helpful & well done. I am using info to mitigate risks I have in that county. Thanks for asking & planning.	8/20/2026 12:06 PM
24	No and thank you	8/20/2026 10:40 AM
25	Our biggest concern is people throwing cigarettes out and starting a fire. There are many dead/dying trees and dry fuel along CR11 from Hwy 9 to CR 5 that is concerning.	8/20/2026 8:13 AM
26	I hope that all aspects of wildfire and flooding mitigation will be considered and the most appropriate methods (not the easiest and cheapest) be employed. Some of my answers to the above questions is based on this concern.	8/19/2026 6:17 PM
27	The forested areas lining the Arkansas River need to be addressed, including thinning and Dead Fall removal. Mitigation also needs to be done around the Newlin Creek reservoir.	8/19/2026 3:51 PM
28	VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICTS NEED MORE FUNDING AND HELP! They need more people, better equipment, and with that help they can have additional locations to reach incidents faster with staffed crews and trucks.	8/19/2026 2:25 PM
29	Now that we know that ember storms are the primary cause of structure loss during wildfires it is time to spread the word. ALSO: It is imperative that people redeem their responsibility to make their home survivable during a wildfire! If they don't, they should not expect emergency personnel to bail them out.	8/19/2026 2:23 PM
30	Wildfire mitigation / forest&woodland management should be required at design stage of developments or concurrent with construction.	8/19/2026 1:40 PM
31	It was very challenging to rank the items in the 2 questions that involved ranking. I feel uneducated about the factors involved in various scenarios. And, everything is interconnected! I was reminded/learned things from question #16. I wrote down a few chores to tend to.	8/19/2026 1:26 PM
32	There were no questions regarding new technology to detect and quickly contain fires such and satellite imagery and drones. Seems like there should be new technology developed and used to reduce the size of fires.	8/19/2026 10:20 AM
33	The encouragement part was weird. I don't own a place where fire mitigation would help, it's just a small patch of grass in town	8/19/2026 6:59 AM
34	Preventive fines to property owners on fire hazards on their property, fully and fairly enforced. Before it burns.	8/18/2026 4:51 PM
35	no	8/18/2026 12:03 PM
36	Thank you for all you do for Fremont County!	8/18/2026 10:51 AM
37	No	8/18/2026 7:03 AM
38	THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS!	8/17/2026 5:23 PM

39	I don't own property to do many of these mitigation tasks.	8/17/2026 4:12 PM
40	Great job keeping everyone informed. I am enrolled in Eventbridge and do not believe I receive a single notification regarding the fires. I do have every box checked for Fremont and Custer Couties.	8/17/2026 1:38 PM
41	Thank you for asking! There are a lot of critics out there these days, but at some point, we all need to take responsibility for our own actions and stop blaming others for our unhappiness. I'm retired USFS and I worked five different Type 1 fires like the AA fire. I learned not to take anything personal when emotions are high and tempers are short. Stay strong and keep believing in good! This world today needs that.	8/17/2026 1:16 PM
42	Opening public land for BEETLE KILLED/DEAD trees. Can designate areas with highest concentration. Money is likely better spent with free mitigation or highering mitigation on urban interface properties than private properties. Thank you for what you do!!!!	8/17/2026 1:13 PM
43	WE NEED A FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT WILL RESPOND UP HERE. 2. Make it unlawful for a homeowner insurance policy to be cancelled due to wildfires. Make it mandatory for insurance companies to carry “assigned risk policies” and spread the risk over several companies rather that punish a homeowner who follows ALL the rules and still can’t get insurance!	8/16/2026 9:14 AM
44	Elect officials who understand the risks of climate change and are willing to take action to fund the organizations and work needed to reduce wildfire risks.	8/15/2026 11:42 AM
45	Up on the Grade, we need fire protection from the county we live in. As our drought continues and more building permits are issued, not having direct fire protection is not a sustainable option as fires grow hotter and bigger while insurance premiums are going through the roof (if you are lucky to find coverage because we don’t have fire protection). Our lives, homes, roads and infrastructure as well as wildlife depend on it. I greatly appreciate this survey!	8/15/2026 9:11 AM
46	the county coul provide a place for residents to take slash. it is expensive and stupid to take it to the dump and fill the landfill with organic material. but that is the only option i’ve found for the old grey wood and stumps.	8/14/2026 9:00 AM
47	For question 16, none of those things apply to our house.	8/14/2026 7:24 AM
48	One fire concern I have is the fireworks show on Skyline Drive here in Canon City. Though it was too dry for that this year, and it was cancelled, it has been a semi-annual tradition...and another semi-annual tradition has been watching the fire department put out the fire that the fireworks start on Skyline Drive. It has literally gotten to the point that a friend of mine, who was going to miss the show one year, told his parents, "You can tell me about the fire later." The show is absolutely beautiful, but it just seems like it has caused fire after fire, and I've honestly found it hard to enjoy the show at all because I'm constantly wondering which firework will start a fire up there next. I don't think I'm alone in that. We've had a good view of those fires from where we are in town, and it makes me wonder if it's just a matter of time before something goes terribly wrong. What if one of those fires can't be put out easily? There are structures nearby, including homes, and it seems like, in a worst case scenario, a fire started from Skyline Drive could take out this section of town. I'm sad to say it, but considering that this has been an ongoing issue, year after year, maybe it's time to consider putting an end to those shows from the Drive. Though it would be expensive, a drone show from Skyline Drive instead might be better (and beautiful), or perhaps consider moving the fireworks show somewhere else that's a little less likely to catch fire.	8/12/2026 9:36 PM
49	There is a certain distance between trees that is needed to retard forest fires. There is also a 8 to 10 foot distance up a tree that needs to be cut so the fires have a hard time spreading... Instead of raising taxes on a worthless new fire station, Cutting the dead trees will probably satisfy all of the above requirements and produce firewood that is usable when used with good wood in a fireplace for heating. By the time any firetruck makes it to a home on fire in the mountains, it is to late. It is all about containment. The house will already be totaled, Keeping it contained is far more important. Ridding all the dead trees produces a natural fire control. Communities need to help each other out to rid their mountain of these dead trees. My mountain is probably 50 to 60 percent dead trees, great for uncontrollable fires. Removing them would be far greater in stopping the spread of fires and protecting everyone on the mountain.	8/12/2026 10:18 AM
50	We appreciate our First Responders and Emergency Management teams!	8/11/2026 6:45 PM
51	Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) needs more funding! C’mon!	8/11/2026 5:07 PM

52	A lot of this work should be done as community service by inmates in our county jails at least for all of the public and state lands . This is a great opportunity for inmates to show that they are willing to put in the work to our communities instead of playing on iPads all day in jail .	8/11/2026 3:42 PM
53	I couldn’t get the everbridge app to work a few days ago. I’ll try again. It needs to work over WiFi as ATT no longer works in our community since July 26 and they won’t admit to anything being wrong. But our entire community no longer has cell service.	8/11/2026 2:41 PM
54	Better communication between different agencies to come up with a plan that only one agency can announce, then the other agencies can share. Then there will be less confusion	8/11/2026 11:46 AM
55	I’m not going to live in fear. I’ve started planting trees on my property and plan to do more planting. If we develop our land and can use the water that falls on it there is very little risk of fire. I’d love a community clean up day to help neighbors clean up and get things going in the right direction for what they want for their own property.	8/11/2026 10:44 AM
56	Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the 11 fire, the Aspen Acres fire and all the others in Colorado and other states this year. The community relies on you more than they say, but a big thank you from everyone!	8/11/2026 9:50 AM
57	Thank you for allowing us to participate in the survey	8/11/2026 8:33 AM
58	We are new to the area, and realize we have a lot to do to prepare our home and property, but are aware of the importance. We certainly need an actual fire department out here, and hope someday that comes to fruition. Thank you.	8/11/2026 7:26 AM
59	I think our County Emergency Director Mr. Kroll does a wonderful job of providing notification related to weather and other emergency situations year round.	8/10/2026 9:30 PM
60	Our volunteer firefighters are wonderful & likely prevented a major wildfire event a couple of weeks ago (when they took care of the 66 Fire) before any county help arrived. Our volunteers need our support but we also need services from the county as well and we do not have it right now. We are located in a rural Fremont County community, off Oak Creek Grade and unfortunately do not receive any county services.	8/10/2026 5:53 PM
61	Unfortunately I lost a lot of respect for our emergency management team during the Aspen Acres fire. I will NOT be as willing to evacuate, or to work so hard to make sure my neighbors are out. There was an incredible lack of information after the fact.	8/10/2026 4:40 PM
62	No. Thank you	8/10/2026 3:44 PM
63	A lot of this didn't apply to my particular circumstances so I completed it as such.	8/10/2026 3:43 PM
64	The shooting range on Dinosaur Flats needs to be actively managed and/or shut down during any stage of fire restrictions. Better signage showing the current fire danger and current stage the county and BLM are currently experiencing in the Oil Well Flats, Dinosaur Flats and The Bank Campground would be helpful.	8/10/2026 3:41 PM
65	In general I believe there is a suitable focus on evacuation/mitigation processes that have been compiled, especially paralleling the Aspen Fire, but believe they could be shared more frequently through multiple online/meeting/social media platforms. Our fire protection departments are the incredibly dedicated, and hilightimg volunteer opportunities could enhance membership. It’s also hard to know what we as local residents can actually DO to volunteer “on the ground” in helping with woodland fires. A free “certification course” for interested residents could have a pool of volunteers on hand if needed (clearing brush, raking shoveling, etc.) either as stand alone trained groups or under the supervision of a fire department leader. People are willing to provide “people power” for specific fire fighting incidents, (think the old “bucket brigades”) it just isn’t apparent how we can do that (other than joining a fire department, or writing a check, dropping off water/food, etc.)	8/10/2026 3:20 PM
66	Ramp up the prisioner land mitigation program. They like it and we like it. Just need way more of it.	8/10/2026 2:24 PM
67	Thank you for doing your best. Even though it was a crazy evacuation the town came together as it should and helped when and where it could. It wasn’t easy but I appreciate us being safe.	8/10/2026 1:59 PM
68	Towns officals need to set up laws for property owners to follow such as weeds no taller then so many inches, clean up yards of trash and fallen trees. But also the towns need to do there part of cleaning up roadways and ditches	8/10/2026 1:31 PM

69	I want to stay involved to help our community get more prepared for all types of hazards	8/10/2026 1:22 PM
70	It would be extremely helpful if the Fremont County Sherif was more concerned about rural area residents. Hopefully, the newly elected sheriff, Greg Owens will be able to address our concerns when he takes office.	8/10/2026 12:47 PM
71	Thank you!	8/10/2026 11:37 AM
72	Fire is the price we pay to live in Howard. We have to be able to thin the fuels in our communities more easily - accessing public land (BLM and USFS), increasing the ability to dispose of slash (we have one paid private site with limited hours).	8/10/2026 11:18 AM
73	I don't have many trees or wood around my house, so not too concerned for myself or neighborhood.	8/10/2026 10:59 AM
74	Fremont county needs to support ALL of its communities! Not just the ones that are easy to get to.	8/10/2026 10:23 AM
75	none	8/10/2026 9:40 AM
76	Yes jump on the fires before they get out of hand.Prosecute people that start the fires,make it very public when you do.Counties can do more to make people remove burn able junk.I've driven thru the older parts of Rye for example.Sadly if the wind is blowing it makes the problem much worse.I spent 22 years as a fire volunteer east of Colorado Springs.	8/10/2026 6:18 AM
77	Tried to hire a contractor to chip trees, but they said it was too much work and not worth it (travel time, amount of work, wear and tear on equipment etc). Living in the mountains is a challenge when it comes to finding contractors willing to do work.	8/10/2026 6:16 AM
78	Please find a way to communicate regularly with the Fremont County communicate about reducing wildfire risk and the roles we each must play in that.	8/9/2026 3:47 PM
79	all of the reasons listed above	8/9/2026 3:11 PM
80	Adequate funding needs to continue for 'volunteer' fire depts. - such as Tallahassee which does an awesome job.	8/9/2026 2:31 PM
81	No	8/9/2026 1:34 PM
82	Hiring roll offs for coal town residents to dispose of yard waste and debris may help some make mitigation efforts who otherwise cannot afford to haul waste to the dump.	8/9/2026 1:29 PM
83	Promote FIREWISE and city and counties get behind having knowledgeable and capable individuals educate our elected officials. The officials do not support our fire department	8/9/2026 11:54 AM
84	My only complaint with the notification system is while we received a timely notice to evacuate we never received a message of any kind canceling the evac notice so we could return home. The fire response to the 11 Fire was incredible, fast and impressive. Thank you for all they did!!	8/9/2026 10:37 AM
85	Thank you for caring to ask the questions. Public Education is key.	8/9/2026 9:48 AM
86	We need the state to come in and take a look at the organization and leadership of Fremont County governance, and the towns on the eastern slope. Canon, Florence, and especially the coal towns need to be looked at. Everbridge was completely unhelpful, good thing we had Watch Duty and Google Maps, as Fremont County dropped the ball so hard it bounced back and hit them in the face.	8/9/2026 9:24 AM
87	Nothing to add.	8/9/2026 6:37 AM
88	As a retired couple on a fixed income, my wife and I would be very concerned about the cost. Also, some of the hard physical labor would be difficult for me to perform.	8/9/2026 6:11 AM
89	Purchase saw mills to to cut up wood to use as resource no just for burning.Prevent angry people from burning down our country.Make laws more strict.	8/8/2026 10:02 PM
90	Fight for reinstating funding to state programs, & federal agencies that have been gutted to benefit industry and the super wealthy. Tax the wealthy & corporations to fund programs that benefit the majority of Americans. (And good luck!)	8/8/2026 9:49 PM
91	Evacuating in the dark was very problematic for elderly people. Would not do it again unless the fire is very close.I	8/8/2026 9:13 PM

92	This survey is an encouraging signal that the county is being proactive.	8/8/2026 6:09 PM
93	Thank you!!	8/8/2026 5:24 PM
94	As a senior, I am ashamed to leave this current world situation to the younger generation. We coulda, shoulda done more to prevent it. Shame on everyone over 30. I'm moving out of CO, but wo much hope of finding anywhere wo climate related problems.	8/8/2026 4:22 PM
95	Great that you're doing this!! Thanks!	8/8/2026 4:17 PM
96	No	8/8/2026 1:22 PM
97	Thanks you for starting this survey. I feel this is a very important topic for discussion and action within this community. Much public awareness needs to be raised regarding this issue, as many people I have spoken to cleary believe that wildfire couldn't possibly affect them inside town, despite evidence to the contrary.	8/8/2026 12:07 PM
98	Numbers 1 and 2 are of equal importance firefighters are humans!!! So in my mind should be included in number 1 priority.	8/8/2026 11:48 AM
99	I have a proposal for an emergency information link that I am willing to help create.	8/8/2026 10:23 AM
100	I hope that our local government will do more to emphasize and support citizens in fire preparedness and prevention. After the Royal Gorge burned and now the Aspen Acres fire we need more consistent and constant reinforcement for preparedness.	8/8/2026 8:47 AM
101	I was very disappointed in the in the Fremont County sheriff's department with the Aspen fire department. Once the perimeter was established up near the Pueblo west and Fremont County area the sheriff's department should have been engages immediately. The very first public information and answer session for Aspen fire the Fremont County sheriff's office was not even present when I was watching it on Watch Duty. The Custer County and Pueblo authorities tried their best to answer questions for Fremont County. That is just disgusting to see our law enforcement Sheriff's department to not even be there. I know we just had a new election to replace the sheriff but that is no excuse to not be engaged. Copper was still the head of the department so he should have been there or had Fremont County represented. Not a good look for Fremont County.	8/8/2026 8:44 AM
102	NO new taxes no new regulations Absolutely no expansion of government.	8/8/2026 8:38 AM
103	The community can come together and get this done with proper instruction I'd love to help	8/8/2026 8:23 AM
104	Nope. All good. Thank you	8/8/2026 7:45 AM
105	Fremont County Emergency Services is a great team and I appreciate them.	8/8/2026 7:44 AM
106	An ineffective Office of Emergency Management can leave residents without timely, accurate, and consistent information during an emergency. Without a reliable and publicly accessible source for official status updates, residents may be forced to rely on social media, word of mouth, or unverified information, creating confusion, unequal access to information, and potentially compromising public safety.	8/8/2026 7:23 AM
107	The community of Howard is well protected, the area to the south at the base of the sisters is brimming over with dry fuelwood in an area that's difficult to access, even by the best of the best. The areas to the north, as far as fuelwood is in much better shape. While HVFD did get a new type 6, there are 2 still in service from the 1970's that need replacing, and their type 5 tender, it needs to be updated to newer equipment. The Firefighters are well trained, but few in numbers. Mykel Kroll is an incredible asset to the area, but he's limited by resources and personnel.	8/8/2026 6:50 AM
108	Thank you for doing this survey. This is a critical, existential issue. I believe the solution is a mill levy, and a county-level fire department. Chaffee has an urban/rural department and I think that would better serve our area. We need to be prepared to fight the fire today, that will take resources and planning to get to that level. But fundamentally, we need to acknowledge that we have failed and that we need better solutions or we will all be burned up. It's just a question of when.	8/8/2026 6:35 AM
109	ban all open burning	8/7/2026 6:42 PM

110	Many of the trees are very old and overgrown. It is very expensive to have them trimmed. City help would be much appreciated.	8/7/2026 6:10 PM
111	Let us know what we need to do to make the community safer.	8/7/2026 6:03 PM
112	Thank you first responders the action and commitment to Aspen Acres Fires. Thank you Fremont County for taking the steps to survey the community and attempt to be proactive vs. Reactive... not if.. when...	8/7/2026 5:17 PM
113	More funding to county emergency response resources. Emergency management, County wildland team, etc.	8/7/2026 4:49 PM
114	I'm a renter so question #16 does not apply	8/7/2026 4:36 PM
115	We should learn from all of the recent events happening in colorado and be much more prepared for a big one in the west end of the county again especially in a drought year and with federal and state resources thin due to the amount of existing fires.	8/7/2026 2:15 PM
116	We are in the process of installing a metal roof. We are doing all we can. Lower insurance rates would be nice!	8/7/2026 2:02 PM
117	The evacuation center was horrid. There need to be more smaller such centers much further away from the active fires. It was crazy that Florence wasn't evacuated as it was so close to Williamsburg, Coal Creek and Rockvale that were! Many did not evacuate because Florence didn't.	8/7/2026 1:49 PM
118	Elect a new president who doesn't cut funding for Wildlandfirefighting In order to help himself and his cronies to the money.	8/7/2026 1:41 PM
119	Fire local fire chief put gregg own in as sheriff give him accesses and classes to wildfires and let the public think the forests stop restricting us and putting privete land all around and blocking accesses	8/7/2026 1:41 PM
120	It seems the more tax funding any government organization receives the worse they are at managing anything and I just get poorer.	8/7/2026 1:10 PM
121	Bring me Aspen Acres fire I had several older friends and associates that were out of the loop on receiving evacuation notifications etc. I would like to see an event where the older less tech savvy residents could get help in person in order to sign up for notifications and understand how the system works. I do feel there's a lot of information that is put out but many of our residents won't put that into action on their own. Hosting in person events I think creates a better opportunity to build relationship and to familiarize residents with the agencies and responders that are available in our community I think acting on the interest in fire safety after having so many nearby fires could give us all an opportunity to work toward a common goal. If given the opportunity I would be willing to volunteer to assist at an event like this. I think that many student groups like national Honor society and student councils from the high schools would be willing to help as well. These type of events also dovetail nicely with FFA and 4H programs, creating opportunities for multi-generational connection. In general people have to believe you care before they will believe the information that you're providing.	8/7/2026 9:58 AM
122	Our Fire Protection Districts need help in every way in order to provide proper protection in their areas and their surrounding areas. Property owners need affordable and readily available resources to be able to mitigate their properties. Some easily accessible and affordable ways to dispose of slash would be extremely helpful.	8/7/2026 9:01 AM
123	Thank you firefighters!!	8/7/2026 12:04 AM
124	I personally think the county does the best with the resources it has. Information is there for people if they look or ask. There could be opportunities to make it more known through social media and community events - Safety Town if not participating already, booths at Blossom/Whitewater festivals, the County Fair, etc. To keep it fresh in people's minds. Most people will block it out when there isn't an emergency or need in front of them, but the goal is to remind people of all the opportunities they could have taken to obtain the information - they shouldn't wait for an emergency before reacting.	8/6/2026 7:40 PM
125	Zoning laws Lets make this happen!	8/6/2026 7:07 PM
126	The Fire fighters and persinnel did a super awesome job	8/6/2026 6:59 PM

127	C- for this last incident.	8/6/2026 6:02 PM
128	Thank you for gathering this information. We are located Fremont County, County Road 103, Florence. We are in great need of solutions to help us stay safe.	8/6/2026 5:56 PM
129	There needs to be much better communication from the sheriff in times like the aspen acres fire. Using the Internet, NOAA weather radio alerts. New sheriff would be great.	8/6/2026 4:19 PM
130	So glad to see the Upper Ark Forest Health Pros collaborating to get more treatment done in the right places to decrease risk	8/6/2026 1:52 PM
131	No.	8/6/2026 12:41 PM
132	No, thanks for the survey.	8/6/2026 12:31 PM
133	We need a satellite fire watch system to allow fighting small fires sooner, preventing large acre fires.	8/6/2026 11:55 AM
134	Better prep by emergency officials to define logical evacuation "polygons" so that areas were better defined. More specific info where fires are instead of generic term "your area" which would cut down calls to dispatch. At least give dispatch the ability to give general location info to help with evacuation plans and route for a specific event. Purge and maintenance of data base. We moved and I updated system, Yet still getting old and new info. Confusing! Better communication from fire and law enforcement updates, etc. Pueblo Custer and Federal did great. Fremont and Florence. Not so much. Evacuating in the manner that was created chaos and confusion and the likelihood that people will take it seriously next time.	8/6/2026 11:44 AM
135	We need to prioritize and fund proactive actions. Responding after the fact is more expensive. Please do collect and gather dead wood fuel off of the forest lands around the western portion of CR 4 in Colorado. There are 100+ feet pines that are 100 years old surrounded by dead dry wood (e.g. massive wildfire fuel). This must be hauled away. This is way more important than spending money on maintaining dirt roads etc. Prioritize and act swiftly.	8/6/2026 10:56 AM
136	I don't trust the FRECO EMS to do any of this.	8/6/2026 10:08 AM
137	Peoples health and physical conditions can change on a dime and may need a one or two time, temporary assistance and not be made to feel ashamed for non compliance. Not one person concerned has asked, Can I Help or How can I help.	8/6/2026 9:09 AM
138	Thank you for asking for feedback!	8/6/2026 7:47 AM
139	Please reach out to landowners that have visible standing dead on their property to help reduce the overall risk for the greater Fremont County. It's too late for my mom; it's not too late for the rest of us. My husband and I live on the unburnt side of Deer Mountain from the Iron Mountain fire. Fire risk is all around us, we just need to be prepared as a community with a plan.	8/6/2026 7:44 AM
140	Thanks!	8/6/2026 6:35 AM
141	Would love to see any level of preparedness efforts from our county. We are reactive, but not very…	8/5/2026 9:15 PM
142	I have questions/concerns regarding the mailing address provided by the county for my home. It is not searchable in any way. How would I report a safety concern and receive emergency assistance.	8/5/2026 8:17 PM
143	Please prioritize wildfire education in Fremont County. Awareness of one way egress should be emphasized. We were lucky to be missed but there are too many problem areas.	8/5/2026 7:53 PM
144	Thank you!!	8/5/2026 7:50 PM
145	We need to be proactive so we do not have to be reactive	8/5/2026 7:28 PM
146	How would you fix or suggest fixing the lack of information or the way that information is dispersed? We learned during the past few months many do not have Facebook in our church community and we were reporting news of evacuations and other vital information only found on social media. Many older residents that don’t have Facebook lack receiving any updates or news. There is no central way outside of social media to find information. Even of they have the fire duty app they cannot go beyond the update which may come 30 minutes after a social media update. Is the government relying mostly on social media to disperse information quickly. Is there a path to remedy to solve this gap. We no longer have live coverage of disasters like	8/5/2026 7:14 PM

	this on media like tv and radio to dispense information to general public and no one central place out side of social media. This problem with the older age of our population in our county is a concern and I feel like one that needs to be addressed.	
147	Share survey results and develop an actionable plan.	8/5/2026 7:09 PM
148	Thanks for doing this! We largely ignore planning until we are smacked in the face with the impending disaster. Put there is so much we can do.	8/5/2026 6:15 PM
149	The county should build a fire protection district in the Oak Creek Grade location.	8/5/2026 5:26 PM
150	I also assist in management of a ranch 4 miles South of Csanon City bordering the USFS and would like to see assistance with that property	8/5/2026 5:15 PM
151	I put wildlife ahead of human life because people can pay attention and take steps to protect themselves. Wildlife don’t know to protect themselves until they are running from flames, or get trapped.	8/5/2026 5:01 PM
152	I hope this survey is for real, and not just lip service. There is a very real fire risk in Fremont County. Homeowners are losing their insurance or premiums are becoming unaffordable, so there is more to lose than just trees.	8/5/2026 4:59 PM
153	Thank you as well!	8/5/2026 4:56 PM
154	Get 'er done!	8/5/2026 3:12 PM
155	The first responders need to be commended for all their hard work and dedication during our disaster!	8/5/2026 2:43 PM
156	I did not receive a call from Everbridge on 7/19/26. I am concerned about the reliability in an emergency. I would like to suggest a campaign to sign up more seniors and then have an pre announced test day to ensure it is working properly.	8/5/2026 12:58 PM
157	I think that having a citizen volunteer registry that would help with mitigation, free labor, and helping with climate change. It would help get the community involved and caring about their surroundings. Helping helps everyone.	8/5/2026 12:24 PM
158	thank you	8/5/2026 12:14 PM
159	Funding is needed to mitigate, people need to plan and prepare, fremont county emergency management needs staff and funding to plan, prepare, and respond then help us recover from disasters, more and better radio and cellular communications across Fremont County, a county mitigation program would be great to assist citizens, a recovery specialist position needs to be added to fremont county staff, emergency management needs a proper eoc and property with more equipment and resources	8/5/2026 12:10 PM
160	All the best mike	8/5/2026 11:52 AM
161	I think educating the public correctly about forest mitigation, such as logging. I know that it can get a lot of backlash, but I really think that proper logging services to clear out the dead trees/ beetle kill would help a large amount. Most of everything that caught on fire was probably already dead, and I know all along 115, it is dry and dead, it would not hurt to have something done about that. Also I apologize if I overstepped in any of my comments, I just know how important forestry is in this state. Considering having a family member that has always been in the logging business and even logged Monarch Mountain. Thank you for putting this survey out there. It's good to see. 💜	8/5/2026 11:41 AM
162	thank you for all your efforts keeping the community safe	8/5/2026 11:31 AM
163	Thanks to all First Responders what they do everyday.	8/5/2026 11:28 AM
164	Question #17 doesn’t have any answers to select it’s just blank.	8/5/2026 11:26 AM
165	I don't think I am the right person for this survey because the low risk my house is by living in town, however, thanks the the RG Bridge fire, I do have a bug out bag. Just in case, but its not very elaborate. Thank for all you do. :)	8/5/2026 11:22 AM
166	Thank you for all you do and your dedication! Wildfire is a very important matter and needs preparation for events that can happen unexpectedly.	8/5/2026 11:20 AM

167	If we are given guidance I would imagine the community would come together and help do fire mitigation around if there are people to.direct that know what they are doing	8/5/2026 10:51 AM