To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Michelle Metteer, Town Manager

Date: 1/24/2024

Agenda Item: Resolution 04 – Series 2023; Community Wildfire Protection Plan



REQUEST:

Approve Resolution 04 – Series 2023 A Resolution Adopting the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

INTRODUCTION:

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan serves "as a robust and comprehensive blueprint, thoroughly designed to safeguard our community against the escalating threat of wildfires. Formulated through a collective effort, this plan not only outlines strategic processes but also highlights the unwavering commitment we hold for the well-being of our community. At the heart of the CWPP is a deeply ingrained belief that within our community we possess the capacity to influence the outcomes of future wildfires. This plan, with its overarching theme, underscores the collective strength and resilience of our community. It is not just a response to challenges, but a proactive initiative in shaping our shared future." – CWPP 2023

ANALYSIS: The purpose and need for a community wildfire protection plan is to:

"...help communities assess local hazards and identify strategic investments to mitigate risk and promote preparedness. Assessments and discussions during the planning process can assist responders with fire operations in the event of a wildfire and help residents prioritize mitigation actions. CWPPs were directed by the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (HFRA). The legislation established incentives for communities to develop comprehensive wildfire protection plans and directed the Departments of Interior and Agriculture to address local community priorities in fuels reduction treatments on federal and non-federal lands. In compliance with Title 1 of the HFRA, the CWPP requires agreement among local government, local fire departments and the state agency responsible for forest management (the Colorado State Forest Service). The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 (BIL) provides a significant investment of grant funds through 2026 for further development and implementation of CWPPs." -CWPP 2023

COMMUNITY INPUT: Ongoing

BUDGET / STAFF IMPACT: Minimal

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

LONG-TERM STEWARDSHIP OF THE NATURAL BEAUTY AND HEALTH OF MINTURN'S ENVIRONMENT SUSTAIN AND INVEST IN THE THINGS THAT DEFINE MINTURN AS A PROUD, STURDY MOUNTAIN TOWN TO "KEEP MINTURN MINTURN"

ADVANCE DECISIONS/PROJECTS/INITIATIVES THAT EXPAND FUTURE OPPORTUNITY AND VIABILITY FOR MINTURN

RECOMMENDED ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution 04 Series 2023
- 2023 Community Wildfire Protection Plan