

Town of New Castle

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Memorandum

To: Mayor & Council

From: David Reynolds

Re: Agenda Item: Colorado Wildfire Collaborative Presentation

Date: 06/17/2025

Purpose:

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide time for Kate Collins, Executive Director of the Middle Colorado Watershed Council, to update the Town Council on the activities of the Colorado Wildfire Collaborative.

As the Town Council may recall, the Collaborative was established to strengthen partnerships among local fire agencies, the U.S. Forest Service, municipalities, and private landowners. Its goal is to identify shared opportunities for pre- and post-wildfire risk reduction and mitigation efforts. Because wildfire does not adhere to jurisdictional or property boundaries, regional planning and collaboration are critical to effectively addressing wildfire impacts.

The Town of New Castle has been a signatory to the Wildfire Collaborative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the past three years and has remained an active and engaged partner. This update will highlight recent progress, ongoing initiatives, and future plans for collaborative wildfire preparedness and response in the region.