- 1. **Establishing Slash Pile Drop-off Points**: The first step is to designate areas where residents can drop off their wildland fuel. The Elephant Rock property and the motorbike track off of County Line road are two potential locations, but you also open to other suggestions from the town trustees.
- 2. **Mitigating Wildland Fuel**: By encouraging residents to bring their mitigated firewood or wildland fuel to these drop-off points, our aim is to reduce the fuel load in the area. With aggressive mitigation efforts over the next five years, you hope to mitigate 1977.06 acres of wildland fuel.
- 3. **Fire Department Staffing**: To support these efforts, it's essential to ensure adequate staffing for the fire department. Having four personnel on duty 24/7/365 will enable the department to respond effectively to any potential fire threats.
- 4. **Becoming Fire Adapted**: our ultimate goal is for Palmer Lake to become a fire-adapted community. This means not only reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfires but also ensuring that residents are prepared to deal with non-catastrophic wildfires without the need for evacuation.
- 5. **Insurance Rate Reduction**: One of the benefits of becoming a fire-adapted community is the potential for reduced insurance rates for property owners. By demonstrating proactive measures to mitigate fire risk, we can work with the town trustees and the mayor to negotiate with insurance providers for lower rates.
- 6. **Proper Disposal of Biomass**: It's crucial to ensure that the biomass collected from residents' properties is disposed of properly. Applying active fire to reduce the biomass to ash is an effective method, as it removes the fuel from the environment.
- 7. **Engage with the Denver Capital**: To further support our efforts, the trustees and mayor can engage with the Denver Capital to discuss ways to reduce homeowners' insurance rates within Palmer Lake. Demonstrating the town's commitment to fire adaptation and mitigation can strengthen our case for rate reductions.

By implementing these strategies and actively involving the community, we can work towards making Palmer Lake a safer and more resilient place in the face of wildfire threats.