

TOWN OF PALMER LAKE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - AGENDA MEMO

| DATE: April 25, 2024 | SUBJECT: Discussion Relating to Fire |
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| Presented by: | Adaptive Initiatives |
| Town Administrator | |

Background

Chief Vincent began a discussion about fire adaptive initiatives and seeking direction first to consider a slash pile collection site and plan to manage a controlled burn at appropriate times of the year to rid of the biomass from town and private property.

It was requested by the Board to check into – estimate to haul/destroy biomass, joint option with Larkspur, map of track area. Note following –

- 1. Slash site(s) in Larkspur are controlled by local HOAs and are *not* an option for the public.
- 2. Current Town chipper is inadequate for larger material.
- 3. Roll off(s) are inadequate, expensive and cannot be controlled at all times for drop off on non-chipped material (approximate 30-yd roll off ~ \$600).
- 4. Elephant Rock property must be wildfire mitigated and only that material collected on-site should be burned on-site. *Consider in short term* 2024-25.
- 5. Motorbike track is viable for public slash drop off because it is currently fenced, gated and can be controlled as well as the material be burned on-site (note map).
- 6. Moving slash material more than once is inefficient use of town staff time and equipment.

Recommendation

Staff seeks direction, if any, to consider slash pile and controlled burn location in the short term and develop long term fire adaptive initiatives.