

Emergency Watershed Protection Partners Set Virtual Town Hall for April 8

Grand County and Northern Water officials will answer questions about the Emergency Watershed Protection Program during a virtual Town Hall meeting planned for 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 8. Because of ongoing protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the meeting will be conducted on the online Zoom meeting portal.

Topics to be addressed include an overview of the EWP Program, a discussion of the scheduling and phasing of potential projects, landowner agreements and match fund requirements.

Project Planning

Following the East Troublesome Fire, Grand County and Northern Water began working with Middle Park Conservancy District, Three Lakes Watershed Association and the Colorado River District on post-fire watershed restoration and planning of projects that mitigate threats to **life and property** due to post-fire flood, sediment or debris. Potential projects in affected areas of the wildfire have been identified, and officials from the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Washington, D.C., have approved all projects identified. However, due to currently limited funds at the national level, funding for projects will be released in phases. We are currently working on a strategy for project implementation. Some work is anticipated in advance of the summer monsoon season to address as many of those critical areas as funding allows.

About the Town Hall Meeting

- Who: Property owners in the identified areas of concern (Area A and Area B)
- When: 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, April 8
- Where: Find the Zoom link at www.GCWatershedRecovery.com. Attendees will need to download and install the Zoom app on their computer prior to joining.
- Why: To answer questions about the EWP Program

