

Please Join Us

At the new **Fire Series** in Boulder:

Monthly talks, discussion, video, and other presentations on every aspect of wildland fire--ecology, history, science, management, and safety pertaining to Boulder County.

Our speakers are experienced professionals who focus on fire: scientists, fire fighters, land managers, historians, smoke jumpers, forest rangers, researchers, meteorologists, foresters, geologists, community planners, agricultural advisors, writers, and more.

Please join us every month at REI on 28th St. in Boulder. (Talks are usually on Monday.)

This series is co-sponsored by the Colorado Native Plant Society Boulder Chapter, Boulder County Nature Association, and City of Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space.

The series at REI is free and open to the public.

On **Wednesday July 6** our speaker is **Ryan Ludlow**, forester with the county's Forestry Education and Outreach Initiative.

Most people associate words like wildland fire, bark beetles, avalanches, and blow down with images of devastation and loss of our forest ecosystems. At this program, Ryan Ludlow will talk about our local forest ecology and explain why all of the forest ecosystems present in Boulder County actually depend on these periodic disturbances to keep the ecosystem healthy and in balance. You will leave the program with a better understanding about why these words should instead be associated with images of new life, forest renewal and transformation.

Please note that we will not meet Monday July 4, but we will meet Wednesday July 6 at the same time and place. Q and A and discussion!

On Monday, **August 1**, **Jim Webster**, County CWPP planner, presents on the **County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)**, the product of thousands of hours of discussion with community volunteers and professional fire folks. Q and A and discussion!

On Wednesday, **September 7**, the **One-year Anniversary of the Four Mile Fire**, a **panel of speakers--fire fighters, evacuees, friends, emergency workers--**will start us off by sharing their stories from the Four Mile Fire and other fires and working with post-fire floods and debris flows. We invite everyone in the room to share your story if you like and however you like.

On Monday, **October 3, Deborah Martin, Soil Scientist** with the USGS, will address "**The Effects of Fire on Soils: Implications for Runoff and Erosion.**"

On Monday, **November 7**, we look forward to hearing **Mike Baker**, meteorologist, on **Climate and Fire**

On Monday, **December 5, Dr. Joyce Gellhorn** will present on **Aspens and Fire.**

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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