



**Above:** This 2017 Wescott service area map shows the isolated remaining southern portion of the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District that is east of I-25 and generally south of Old Ranch Road. This southern portion was not annexed by the City of Colorado Springs when the city annexed the Flying Horse Ranch addition. This map does not reflect the removal of the middle section of Wescott's service area which has occurred due to annexation by the city of Colorado Springs. In 2018, Wescott will be composed of the southern portion paying 7 mills and the northern sub-district, generally north of Northgate Boulevard, paying up to a voter-approved total of 21.9 mills. *Map courtesy of <http://wescottfire.org/about-wescott-fire/who-we-are/>.*

Board Chairman Greg Gent stated, "We only provide those to the public after they've been approved." Rusnak continued, "But we have no opportunity to comment on that draft, is that correct, since we don't get a copy until after you've approved?" Burns confirmed, "I believe that's correct; it's a working document still."

**Note:** The Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) regarding special district notices of budgets and

hearings states in Title 29-1-106(1)(b) that a special district

must publish "a statement that the proposed budget is available for inspection by the public at a designated public office located within the boundaries of the local government, or, if no public office is located within such boundaries, the nearest public office where the budget is available; and a statement that any interested elector of the local government may file any objections to the proposed budget at any time prior to the final adoption of the budget by the governing body." DWFPD did not make the final proposed budget available to the public before the Dec. 5, 2017 public hearing for approval of the 2018 district budget and appropriation.

**Note:** C.R.S. 29-1-107. Objections to budget states, "Any elector of the local government has the right to file or register his protest with the governing body prior to the time of the adoption of the budget."

**Note:** C.R.S. 29-1-115. Violation is malfeasance—removal states that "Any member of the governing body of any local government or any officer, employee, or agent of any spending agency who knowingly or willfully fails to perform any of the duties imposed upon him by this part 1 or who knowingly and willfully violates any

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