

residents and encouraged a "community approach to mitigation," helping get residents plugged in with the work already in progress in coordination with several homeowners associations. Grant money awarded to the district assists homeowners paying for contractors to do mitigation with 50-50 matching funds for in-kind work, which can include technical advice on fuels mitigation provided by Wescott as well as homeowners' hours of work.

Burns said the Black Forest Merger Committee has not met since prior to the Black Forest Fire, but both districts are working to coordinate their standard operating procedures.

Assistant Chief Scott Ridings presented the May and June run reports. Calls increased by 15 percent from last year to 364 calls for May and June. These numbers do not include the Black Forest Fire, for which final numbers were not available, nor a building fire that occurred out of the district. Both were mutual aid calls and will not count as financial losses that occurred within the Wescott service area.

Ridings reported that the ladder truck needs an upgrade to the "jake" brake, a diesel engine braking mechanism, so that it is no longer underpowered and can stop safely on hills. This is an unexpected expense of \$7,000 to \$8,000, but there was board consensus to take the money out of the periodic preventive maintenance budget instead of reserves.

#### Financial report

Marshall said the district's financial balances as of June 30 totaled \$1.5 million: Peoples National Bank \$65,000, Colorado Peak Fund \$179,000, ColoTrust Fund \$439,000, and Wells Fargo Public Trust \$906,000.

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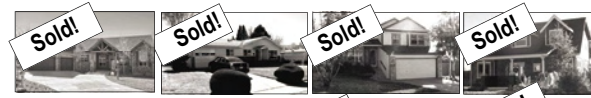
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