WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN

For Derek Chow & Jan Gordon Residence 191 Alder Lane Docket: SPRW-05-022 Inspection date: 1/27/2005

Prepared for: Derek Chow & Jan Gordon 191 Alder Lane Boulder, CO 80403 Phone: 303-448-1580

Prepared by: Cory Secher - Forester

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Knowledge to Go Places

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The one deck will be constructed of wood materials and supported by timber posts. The deck will be open and isolated from the surrounding landscape with decorative stone over a fiberglass weed barrier.

The property will not contain a propane tank. Utilities for the property will be from a pole that enters the property from Alder lane approximately 50 feet from the west. The septic field is located 50 feet to the northeast of residence.

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DEFENSIBLE SPACE ZONES AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

The site has a dominant overstory consisting of ponderosa pine (Pinus ponderosa) with a ponderosa pine (Pinus ponderosa) understory component. The area is predominantly fuel model 9 with ground fuels consisting of grasses and forbs. Fuel model 2 is represented by open grown pine stand. Trees are widely spaced with few understory shrubs or regeneration. Ground cover consists of mountain grasses, and or needle and small woody litter. This model occurs in open grown and mature ponderosa pine stands. Fuel model 9 is represented by closed canopy stands of ponderosa pine and mixed conifer. Understory may consist of small trees and shrubs, grasses, and moderate concentrations of down, dead woody litter. There is no sign of any current insect and disease problems on the property at the time of inspection.

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Zone 1 - Starts at the foundation and extends out 15 feet in all directions from the outside edge of the structure(s). Zone 1 is broken down into three segments:

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Zone 2 - This zone extends out from Zone 1C, and acts as a transition zone between the heavily thinned areas near the house to the existing forest setting. It extends down slope between 100-170 feet depending upon slope steepness. Zone 2 also extends on either side of the structure a minimum of 100 feet and behind the house between 70-100 feet assuming no boundary restrictions. Tree spacing begins as in Zone 1C and gradually decreases as you approach the outer edge of the zone. Thinning and crown spacing becomes greater in areas of steep slopes. Ladder fuels and poor quality, suppressed and/or diseased trees, 6 to 8 inches in diameter, make up the majority of the removals. The remaining mature trees will be pruned to a height of 10 feet at the intersection of Zones 1 and 2 with limbing reduced in height to 6 feet as you approach Zone 3. If there are any questions pertaining to slope and the changes in thinning spacing and distance regulations please refer to <u>www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS/</u> and find the *Quick Facts 6.302* <u>Creating Wildfire Defensible Space.</u>

Zone 3 - This zone extends out from Zone 2 to the edge of the property. It may extend out to areas that are not part of the immediate mitigation efforts. In this zone, a few thicker clumps of trees are acceptable, as well as some unpruned trees near the outer edge. Thinning in this zone adds some protection, but is aimed more at forest health. Trees that are of poor quality or form, or have insect or disease infestations, should be removed. Slash in this zone can be lopped and scattered and/or piled for wildlife use.

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- For burning permits, check with your local fire protection district.

MAINTENANCE AND RECCOMMENDATIONS

As detailed in fact sheet 6.302, <u>Creating Wildfire Defensible Zones</u>, an important factor that determines a structure's ability to survive wildfire is defensible space. Defensible space is a maintained area around a structure where fuels

(flammable materials) are modified to slow the possible spread of wildfire to the structure, as well as from the structure to the surrounding areas. Defensible space provides a place where structure protection and fire suppression operations may occur. Wildfire hazard mitigation work breaks up fuel continuity, potentially decreasing a wildfire's intensity, and for more effectiveness should be completed beyond a home's defensible space, zone 1 and 2, area into zone 3.

In addition to the above recommendations, several other measures can be taken to make your home more fire safe and add an additional measure of safety for your family. While not required through site plan review, the following measures should be undertaken to maintain the home and defensible space in the future.

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- Keep firewood at least 30 feet away from buildings; clear weeds and grass from around pile
- Do not stack fresh cut wood against live trees this could invite unwanted insects
- When possible, maintain an irrigated green space; mow grasses 6" to 8" high
- Connect, and have available, a minimum of 50 feet of garden hose with an adjustable nozzle
- Have an emergency evacuation plan in place (included in wildfire mitigation plan)
- Be aware of fire danger; check the Boulder Fire Weather website at www.crh.hoaa.gov/den/fireindx.html
- Keep driveways and property address marked with reflective easy to see signs
- · Maintain screens on foundations, soffit vents, roof vents, and attic openings
- Get rid of unnecessary accumulations of debris and trash from yards
- · Keep tools such as shovels, rakes, ladders, and axes available and ready for use
- Clean debris from the roof and gutters at least two times annually
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DEFINITIONS

Aspect - Exposure. The direction a slope faces.

Canopy - The cover of branches and foliage formed collectively by crowns of adjacent trees.

Crown - Branches and foliage of a tree.

Dominant fuel type - Matter that would carry a fire, found on the ground.

Fuel Model – A number system that identifies the types of fuels found on the property that will directly influence fire behavior

Fire danger - An assessment of both fixed and variable factors of the fire environment, which determine the ease of ignition, rate of spread, difficulty of control, and the fire impact.

Fire hazard - The potential fire behavior for a fuel type, regardless of the fuel type's weather-influenced fuel moisture content or its resistance to fireguard construction. Assessment is based on physical fuel characteristics, such as fuel arrangement, fuel load, condition of herbaceous vegetation, and presence of elevated fuels.

Fire management - The activities concerned with the protection of people, property and forest areas from wildfire and the use of prescribed burning for the attainment of forest management and other land use objectives, all conducted in a manner that considers environmental, social and economic criteria.

<u>Fire risk</u> - The probability or chance of fire starting determined by the presence and activities of causative agents. <u>Fire season</u> - The period(s) of the year during which firs are likely to start, spread and do damage to values-at-risk sufficient to warrant organized fire suppression; a period of the year set out and commonly referred to in fire prevention legislation. In B.C. the fire season is considered to extend from April 1 to October 31.

Fuel continuity - The proximity of fuels to each other. Helps determine if a fire can sustain itself.

Forest ecology - The relationships between forest organisms and their environment.

Forest health - A forest condition that is naturally resilient to damage; characterized by biodiversity, it contains sustained habitat for timber, fish, wildlife, and humans, and meets present and future resource management objectives.

Ladder fuels - Fuels that provide vertical continuity between the surface fuels and crown fuels in a forest stand, thus contributing to the ease of torching and crowning.

Limb (verb) -To remove the branches from a tree.

<u>New forestry</u> - A philosophy or approach to forest management that has as its basic premise the protection and maintenance of ecological systems. In new forestry the ecological processes of natural forests are used as a model to guide the design of the managed forest.

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BOULDER COUNTY LAND USE DEPARTMENT

January 28, 2005

Mr. Eric Philips Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator Boulder County Land Use Department P.O. Box 471 Boulder, CO 80306 Fire Mitigation Plan Approval Stamp Area

Dear Mr. Eric Philips,

Enclosed is a copy of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan for Docket # (), for the Derek Chow & Jan Gordon property. The property address is 191 Alder Lane. My initial inspection was on 1/27/2005.

Derek Chow & Jan Gordon plans on building a large addition to his existing residence. The contact number is 303-448-1580. Derek Chow & Jan Gordon has been informed to contact you for the final inspection once the work has been completed.

If you have any questions regarding the Fire Mitigation Plan please contact me at 303-823-5774.

Sincerely,

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Cory Secher Boulder District Field Forester Forest Health & Fire Mitigation Consultant State Programs & Cost-Share Coordinator <u>csecher@lamar.colostate.edu</u> (303) – 823 - 5774



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Dear Derek Chow & Jan Gordon,

Upon your request the Colorado State Forest Service has completed your Wildfire Mitigation Plan per Boulder County Land Use regulations for your property located at 191 Alder Lane. We have submitted a copy of this plan to Boulder County Land Use the day we sent this plan to you. Please review the plan for changes that may have occurred due to Boulder County regulations.

The next step in this process is to remove all trees marked with blue spray paint. Trees that do not have blue marking on them should be pruned 6-10 feet from base of tree or 1/3rd the height of the tree; which ever is less. Once trees have been removed and pruned please call for an appointment of inspection. Either Boulder County Land Use or the Colorado State Forest Service must inspect all Site Plan Review properties before final plan approval is granted.

We have enclosed an invoice for our services and would like payment within one month of the date it was written.

We thank you for your compliance and look forward to assisting you in the future. If you have any questions regarding the Site Plan Review process please contact your local Land Use Department, Eric Philips - Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator at 720-564-2625 or if you have question regarding the Wildfire Mitigation Plan or forest health please call Cory Secher at 303-823-5774.

Sincerely,

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Corv-Secher **Boulder District Field Forester** Forest Health & Fire Mitigation Consultant State Programs & Cost-Share Coordinator csecher@lamar.colostate.edu (303) - 823 - 5774

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FAX COVER SHEET

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Date: 1/18/2005 FAX No.: (303) 823-5768 To: COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE Attention: CORY SECHER From: KAREN SIEFERT

Number of Sheets: 4 including this sheet

Message: CORY, WE ARE STILL IN THE DESIGN PROCESS, SO SOME OF THIS IS NOT QUITE DECIDED YET BUT I ANSWERED WITH WHAT I THINK WILL HAPPEN. PLEASE CALL ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS. THANKS, KAREN

If you do not receive the indicated number of sheets or you cannot read them, please call (303) 447-0850.

FROM :KSIEFERT HJACOBSON 01/14/2005 11:47 FAX ND. :3034471185 CSFS BODIST

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DIRECTIONS FOR FILLING OUT FORM:

Please fill out as complete as possible and fax to Cory Secher at 303-823-5768 or mail to 5625 Ute Highway, Longmont CO 80503-9130.

Any Bolded categories will be filled in by the CSFS representative at the time of initial site visit and tree marking for the defensible space. If you have any questions about this form please contact Cory Secher at 303-823-5774 or by email at <u>csecher@lamar.colostate.edu</u>.

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Inspection Date:	1-27-05
Landowner name:	DEREK CHOW / JAN GORDON
Mailing address:	191 ALDER LANE
City, State. Zip:	BOULDER, CO BO304
Site address:	191 ALDER LANE
Phone number:	(303) 448-1580
Road access:	ON ROAD (Directions from main access road)
Docket Number:	NOT ASSIGNED AN SRR # YET (SPR. LU, Etc.)
Section:	23
Township;	1 NORTH
Range:	1
Legal Description:	LOT 407, PINEBROOK HILLS UNIT 7, LOCATED IN SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP I NORTH, RANGE 71 WEST OF THE GTH P.M., COUNTY OF BOULDER, STATE OF COLORADO

NON NEW DECKS

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		EXISTING - PLXWOOD	How was additions
	Soffits type:	NEW-CEMENT BOARD	(Piywood/hardboard/cement board)
	Siding material:	STUCCO (NEW) BAIST	(Cement/hardboard/log/stucco/stone/wood)
	Windows (#):	- 45 (approximate	number of windows)
	Windows Size:	MED/LARGE On average: s	small/medium/large)
	Windows Frames:	METAL CLAD	(Wood/aluminum/aluminum clad)
	Windows Aspect:	SOUTH / WEST	(Dominant viewing direction)
	Window Construction	LOW E @ SOUTH+NEST	T(Tempered glass/e-coating/etc.)
	Door Material:	WOOD	(Wood/steel/fiberglass/composite)
1	Deck material:	NOOD (EXISTING)	(Wood/composite materials)
1	Deck Description:	OPEN	(Enclosed/open)
)	Deck support type:	TIMBER POSTS	(Timber posts/logs/steel/concrete/stone)
5	Deck buffer material:	None	(Crushed rock/gravel)
(Deck weed barrier:	NONE	(Fiberglass/polyester)
	Structure SOR FT	5315 62 FT + (BKIS	(Total square feet of structure)
	Utility Location:	HOLE - NEST (~ 50)	(Pole/buried: Direction from structure)
	Structure aspect:	SOUTH / WEGT	(Dominant facing direction/view)
)	Leach field:	50 / NORTH-EAST	(Distance from house, and direction)
2	Cistern:	NONE	(Distance from house, and direction)
	Cistern Type:	N/A	(Domestic Cistern or Fire Cistern)
6	Cistern size:-	N/A	(gallons)
	Well (if applicable):	- N/A	(Distance form house, and direction)
-	Propane Tank location	NONE	(Distance from house and direction)

Other : HYDRANT LOCATED AT STREET IN FRONT (50' PROM HOUSE)

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FPD:	Pucbruk hill
Dominant fuel type:) (Grass/forbs/shrubs/slash/etc)
Dominant overstory	r. Ponde_
Co-dominant oversi	tory: Ponde.
Fuel model type:	9
Slash disposal:	CHIPPED/HAUGD (Chipped/hauled/burned/lop-scatter)
Aspect:	SW (Direction of slope)
Slope:	~ 5%
Elevation:	6400± (feet)
Building site:	top I Stope (Chimney/saddle/valley/ridge/mid-slope)
Site moisture:	fort.
Natural fire barrier	: Inel brenk SW ~ Jor + - Alder Ln.
- Insect & Disease Di	egnosis:
Lot size (acres):	ADTE My (Acres) = 75 gener
Number of Structures	s: 1 (All structures to be present
Existing Structures:	I (HOUSE W/ ATTACED GAPAGE) (House/barn/garage/etc.)
New Structure:	2ND FLOOR ADDITION (House/Barn/new addition/etc.)
Driveway length:	40' (EXISTING) (Actual length in feet from road to home)
Driveway trees remov	ved: PEW (now/many/none) - expand drivenny.
Home buffer material	(Stone/crushed gravel/decorative stone)
House design:	SIMPLE (simple/complex)
Roof Design:	SIMPLE (simple/complex)
Roof material:	ASPHAUT SHINGLES (Asphalt shingles/concrete tiles/meral)

