



Genesee

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

January 25, 2021

Dear Bitterroot Lane Homeowner(s):

As you are likely aware, the Genesee Fire Protection District (GFPD) has partnered with the Forest Stewards Guild to update our Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). A CWPP is an in-depth analysis of the wildfire risk to a community. The analysis is comprised of three components: public education, mitigation, and operations. As part of the process to understand the overall risk to the community and address each of these three components, evacuation modeling was conducted under various weather and fire behavior scenarios. The models that were produced clearly demonstrate the need to address the limited egress out of our community.

Evacuation concerns are not new to our community but knowing about a risk is not enough. We, as a community, must evaluate all of our options to improve public safety. As such, GFPD and the Genesee Foundation have jointly contracted with Baseline Engineering of Golden to conduct a feasibility study to determine the feasibility of constructing an emergency evacuation route out of the southern portion of the fire protection district. Specifically, a route originating near the water plant, and three from Bitterroot Lane. Some of the routes being considered are viable, others are not. Once we get a report from Baseline, and determine which routes, if any, are viable from a grade, land ownership, and cost perspective, we will be contacting homeowners in the impacted area and soliciting comments.

Be assured that this is just the initial step in examining emergency evacuation routes from Genesee, and we will be contacting residents near routes determined viable for their input and comment at the conclusion of the study.

You can learn more about our CWPP update along with reports, as they are completed, on our website, www.geneseefire.org. Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions at 303-526-1230 ext. 3.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J-Puffett'.

Jason Puffett
Fire Chief