

Ridings said that Falcon Fire Protection District Marshal Vernon Champlin "has really gone above and beyond coordinating all the fire districts to have a unified fire code." Champlin met with the Housing and Building Association on Sept. 16 to discuss some of the final pieces of the fire code, which will be voted on by the Wescott board in October before submitting it to the Board of County Commissioners.

The High Forest Ranch homeowners association hosted a picnic and collected over \$10,000 in donations for Wescott to thank the firefighters for holding the

fire line at the northwest corner of the Black Forest Fire in June. Ridings said the people's thanks were "very heartfelt." He added, "(The High Forest Ranch fight) was probably one of the best operations that I have been a part of in Colorado firefighting."

**Financial reports**

Marshall presented the bank balances, which totaled \$1.6 million as of Aug. 31: People's National Bank \$59,000, Colorado Peak Fund \$179,000, ColoTrust Fund \$439,000, and Wells Fargo Public Trust Fund \$965,000. The district has expended 74 percent of its annual budget, which is

"slightly ahead" of the 66 percent it should be at for the end of August, but this is due to the maintenance and station repairs reported last month.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Drive. Meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of the month. The public is always welcome. Information: 488-8680.

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*Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, Sept. 25*

## District awaits sheriff's response on coordination effort

By Bernard Minetti

Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD) Chief Christopher Truty noted that the district is "continuing to work with the El Paso County sheriff" regarding the "changes" that he had recommended to the county in the wake of coordination failures in the Black Forest Fire fighting effort. Truty also said at the Sept. 25 meeting that he had assumed the duty of spearheading this effort for the North Group fire agencies, which consists of TLMFPD, Wescott, Black Forest, Larkspur, Falcon, Air Force Academy, Palmer Lake, and Cimarron Hills, and that the districts had basically asked him to pursue communications with the county.

"We have yet to see actually any response from El Paso County as far as them implementing anything," Truty said. He added that the district was also working with Douglas and Teller County agencies in this regard.

**Expansion of district boundaries**

Truty noted that he and Black Forest Fire Chief Bob Harvey decided to propose an assimilation of properties into their respective districts. The result for TLMFPD would be a \$55,000 increase in tax income. The in-

crease or decrease for Black Forest was not mentioned. The result of the discussion was TLMFPD Resolution 13-003, which was unanimously passed at this meeting. It must be voted on again at next month's meeting to become law. The affected boundaries that would become part of TLMFPD are defined in the resolution.

The resolution proposes district "inclusion within its boundaries of the real property generally bounded by County


Line Road to the north, Black Forest Road to the east between County Line Road and Walker Road and Stepler Road to the east between Walker Road and Hodgen Road, Hodgen Road to the south between Colorado Highway 83 and Stepler Road and Walker Road to the south between Stepler Road and Black Forest Road, and Colorado Highway 83 to the west."

The entire resolution is available at the TMFPD office



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