as a result of heavy snowfall on the 26 miles of interior roads that required plowing. She confirmed that Saguache County had agreed to pay to plow four miles of the road if Gunnison County would agree to plow the portion of the subdivision that it borders. The association has agreed to contribute $10,000 annually; however, the association voted against plowing the interior roads in 2008. She expressed an understanding that this request could not be fulfilled in 2008.

Assistant County Manager Crosby stated that the County had made improvements on portions of the road, and that those improvements would facilitate plowing. She opined that the private sector has an important place in our economy, which is why the association elected to retain the contractor for plowing the interior roads. She noted that wind issues will increase the plow route by up to four hours, and that pre-existing equipment and personnel issues preclude fulfillment of this request during 2008; however she stated that she would give the request consideration during future years. Ms. Hatton agreed that waiting until 2009 would be beneficial so that the association could move a problematic road.

Moved by Commissioner Starr, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to deny the request from the Gold Basin High Country Road Association for snow plowing services for the winter of 2008-2009. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE *2003 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE* WITH AMENDMENTS WITHIN THE CRESTED BUTTE FIRE DISTRICT, AND AMENDMENTS TO THE *CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS:* Planning Director Joanne Williams, Assistant Planning Director Neal Starkebaum, City of Gunnison Fire Marshall Dennis Spritzer, Colorado State Forest Service District Forrester Brian Ayers, and Crested Butte Fire Protection District representatives Scott Wimmer and Rick Ems were present for discussion.

Planning Director Williams explained that she had been working closely with the CB Fire Protection District to present the provided amendments to the Crested Butte Fire Protection District Guidelines and Standards for Board approval, as well the 2003 International Fire Code for adoption. She indicated that the Planning Commission approved the amendments in May of 2008, with the understanding that the Public Works Department and the CB Fire Protection District had reached agreement related to road and bridge standards. She also confirmed that Assistant County Manager Crosby has previously stated her agreement with the proposed document to Planning Director Williams and County Manager Birnie.

CB Fire Protection District representative Ems stated that the proposed amendments, agreed upon by the Planning Commission without holding a Public Hearing, were primarily driven by insurance companies. The amendments would enforce defensible space around homes and mandate sprinklers in newly constructed homes, as well as those remodeled homes adding 50% or 1,000 square feet to the structure, that are not hooked onto a central water supply; these sprinklers were estimated to cost the homeowner approximately $1.85 to $3.00 per square foot. He also informed the Board that sprinklers can limit damage and allow occupants additional time to escape a burning structure, but that sprinklers are not designed to extinguish a house fire.

Planning Director Williams felt that mandating sprinkler installation during the building phase could help to avoid catastrophe for any persons moving into a residence that does not otherwise receive fire-protection service. Emergency Manager Scott Morrill informed the Board that these types of measures have been proven to save lives and limit property damage. City of Gunnison Fire Marshall Spritzer confirmed that these amendments would not have an impact on the Gunnison Fire Protection District; however, he also informed the Board that the 2012 International Fire Code is expected to mandate residential sprinklers for all residences.

Colorado State Forest Service District Forrester Ayers stated his support of these amendments and felt that defensible space mitigation measures were ideal to adopt County wide since the means and the ability to enforce already exist.

Moved by Commissioner Starr, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to adopt the 2003 International Fire Code as amended, and the Guidelines, Standards and Fees for the Review of Fire Protection, with proposed inclusions by the Crested Butte Fire Protection District, for new subdivisions, PUDs, or any other buildable parcel of land within the Crested Butte Fire Protection District. Commissioner Starr thanked the CB Fire Protection District members for their patience, and he also thanked County staff for their work on this project. He felt that this adoption was vital due to increased density and those diseases relevant to evergreen and aspen forests. Motion carried unanimously.

BREAK: The meeting recessed from 9:56 until 10:17 am.

SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION REQUEST; ELKTON PLACER ON CR 734; 14.84 ACRES; RANDI AND ANTHONY STROH, REPRESENTED BY RUFUS WILDERSON: County Planner Cathie Pagano, property owners Randi and Anthony Stroh, and attorney Rufus Wilderson were present for discussion. Commissioner Starr left the room and recused himself from the discussion, along with any subsequent vote at the end of the discussion, based on a potential conflict of interest.