



Firewise Committee Report
September 6, 2022
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Charter: The Firewise Committee works in support of the community in helping to develop fire mitigation strategies for the community, as well as each individual homeowner in Big Elk Meadows.

Members: Bobby Clevenger – Chair, Collin Isenhardt, Cynthia Ray, Elaine Murphey and Jim Murphey

Firewise Committee Meeting

A meeting was held on Sunday September 4th, 2022, at the picnic, to discuss the action items facing the group for upcoming fire season. Items on the agenda were:

- COSWAP Program
- Chipper Program
- Home Mitigation Program
- Common Area Mitigation/ LTP Committee involvement

Primary goals for the year:

1. Preparations for the COSWAP program
2. Continue work in the upper horse pasture behind Hickory
3. Improve Homeowner involvement with Fire Mitigation

COSWAP Program - The committee held a Q&A session for the membership to answer any questions about the COSWAP Program and the SWIFT Teams at the Labor Day picnic at the Firehouse. We had a sign-up sheet for members to gain more information about Big Elk's home mitigation program. We received 23 signatures and will be following up with each of them over the coming weeks.

Chipper Program – Several requests were received for more information about the home chipper program. Follow up to commence within the next few weeks.

Home Mitigation Program – In the last Board meeting the Board acknowledged that homeowners have permission to remove trees and slash up to 200 feet of common land directly behind their property. The removal must follow Firewise guidelines. The homeowners must properly notify Operations of the area they will be working.

Common Area Mitigation/LTP Involvement – Met with Common Area Committee and we will start working the fence line up in the horse pasture. Several options are being considered for fencing.

An inventory of “problem trees” in the common areas is currently underway by the Firewise Committee,

New item:

Insurance companies are contesting liability. We need to make sure we are protected as to what we request and enforce related to fire mitigation. Defensible Space Packet. Governance Committee to review.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd at 9:00 am. Our next workday is September 10th and September 24th at 8:45 am.