



**Firewise Committee Report**  
**October 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 October 2nd, 2022 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
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan

**Action Items:**

COSWAP Program – Work in progress on setting up site areas for the SWIFT teams. Still scheduled for April, 2023

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 – Several home Firewise surveys has been conducted over the past few weeks with positive responses from homeowners. Most are looking for assistance in getting the trees and brush removed from around their homes. We will be working on programs to try to offer this assistance by next Spring

Common Area Mitigation/LTP Involvement – Working alongside the Common Area Committee, an area of small diameter trees was taken down for use on the buck fence that is to be placed in several areas in the upper meadows, particularly where ATV/Bike traffic from Johnny Park is accessed. The clearing also helped with providing a more stable path for vehicles to gain access to remove slash from the fire break area.

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

Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Board will need to designate Board contact for Plan. Duties include: “Primary development of CWPP and decision making – community risk and value assessment, development of community protection priorities, and establishment of fuels treatment project areas and methods.” **Board Discussion**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 6th at 9:00 a.m. No workday has been planned for October to date.