



Firewise Committee Report
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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

Several meetings were held in January working on The COSWAP Preparations.

COSWAP Program - We met the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Corrections to review the award for the coming fire mitigation season. We were informed that due to changes in requirements to work in the program, the SWIFT teams are able to the full manpower load they need to service DNR, as well as other communities. They offered us a cash reward or a longer term with the Colorado Youth Corps, or a combination of both. If we take the cash award, VFDBEM would be responsible for managing the contractors if hired. We have met with several contractors who are willing to do the job and will be going out to bid. We must let DNR know quickly what our direction will be, but we are leaning toward getting professional help instead of teenagers.

Home Mitigation Program – We are still planning on working on the East side of Hickory river this season and if anyone is interested, they should contact someone with Firewise or Bobby Clevenger.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 23rd, walking the fire break area with a potential contractor.