



**Firewise Committee Report**  
**March 2023**  
**Bobby Clevenger, Committee Chairman**  
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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 March working on bids for The COSWAP Program.

COSWAP Program - We met the Department of Natural and we told them we will be taking the cash award and possibly working with the Colorado Youth Corps as well. We have met with several forestry contractors and are in the process of collecting official bids. The intent is to award as soon as possible so that the work can start as quickly as the weather permits in the Upper Meadows.

Larimer County Office of Emergency Management has awarded Big Elk Meadows a cash award to purchase fire mitigation equipment for the upcoming season. The equipment will include a large chipper, several battery operated chainsaws that are environmentally friendly, a plethora of hand tools and much needed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for our volunteers. This will allow us to continue work on our fire break in the Upper Meadows, as well as work on some of the homes along Hickory Drive.

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

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Firehouse and by Google Meets.