



**Firewise Committee Report**  
**May 2023**  
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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 April working on reviewing plans for The COSWAP Program. There was also discussion on how homeowners on Hickory can prepare for participating in the program. We have begun speaking with the homeowners and will continue to provide them with more information. We are also addressing the view for the folks on Hemlock and have a volunteer working this item.

We held a kickoff meeting for the fire mitigation season and to review the COSWAP plans. We sent a photo of the 11 attendees to Larimer County. After the meeting, Larimer committed to buying the equipment and was looking for that community support.

COSWAP Program –Patriot has given us their first phase work schedule and they will be starting on **May 22nd to June 6<sup>th</sup>**. Patriot will be on site the 19<sup>th</sup> in the morning for questions as well as a site review. The committee has already started contacting the homeowners on Hickory Drive to see what work, if any, they would like done behind their homes at that time. All de-limbed logs from downed trees are going to be set aside along the road for anyone in the community to take if wanted.

A meeting was held the first week of April with the purchasing department of Larimer County Office of Emergency Management who has awarded Big Elk Meadows. The meeting reviewed the equipment we listed; 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. We are hopeful to have the equipment on our *first workday, which is scheduled for Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>*. We are working on storage for the equipment and do have a few options that need work.

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 within Firewise or Bobby Clevenger.

Our first workday is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd at 9:00. Meeting at the firehouse to decide where we may want to work that day as it will be weather dependent.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Firehouse and by Google Meets.