



**Firewise Committee Report**  
**February 2024**  
**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:**

**Storage Container** – The storage container is in place, and we will be painting it in the Spring. There are still a few things that need to be removed but we are storing all the chainsaws and PPE for our mitigation work there. We also have the Red Cross emergency supplies stored up there. We plan on marking the building appropriately. We expect to start storing the chipper in there as well to get it out of the weather.

**COSWAP Program** – A meeting with Patriot tree was held at the firehouse in January to talk about the remaining work on the COSWAP program. They expect to be working in the May to June timeframe focusing on removing the trees and brush they took down last season behind the homes on the east side of Hickory and working on the thinning on the south side of Hickory. We are researching to find out if we can get more Grant money for the program.

**Larimer County Office of Emergency Management.** – We are applying for another grant with Larimer County for more fire mitigation equipment. The grant is for \$10k again and is due in March. Larimer OEM has a hub meeting scheduled for Thursday February 22 at their offices in Johnstown. This will be to discuss communications to hub locations in the County.

Our next workday is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 25th 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, April 7th at 9:00 am at the Firehouse and by Google Meets.