



MOVING MITIGATION FORWARD IN SOUTHWEST COLORADO

FireWise of Southwest Colorado

2017

Education



A Banner Year for Community Wildfire Prep Day!

14 Events! Workshops, Chipping and Mitigation projects, Movie Night, WUI Checkpoints, and a Social

5 out of 150 State Farm/ NFPA awards for \$500 came to SW Colorado

1750 Volunteer Hours * 40 acres treated * 200 residents reached



Mitigation 101 Workshop at Aspen Trails

Learning about chainsaws and chainsaw safety, pile burning, defensible space, evacuation planning and more!



Falls Creek Ranch – A Working Ranch

Cutting and Hauling Slash

80 residents participated, 12 acres treated



Falls Creek Ranch

Burning and Chipping



Vista de Oro – Partnering with Fort Lewis Mesa

100% participation from residents for the second year!



WUI Checkpoints in Archuleta County

FireWise and Pagosa Fire talk to residents in Loma Linda and Alpone Lakes as they leave their single egress subdivisions



A Night at the Movies in Pagosa

Watching Wildfire Videos and Eating Popcorn



Cedar Mesa Ranches (Montezuma)

Three weeks of dropping off slash – one full week to burn it all in the air curtain burner!



Wingspread (Montezuma)

A little help from some friends goes a long way. Firefighters from a prescribed fire training exchange in Chama, NM helped cut and pile shrubs and trees for a day.



North Mancos POA (Montezuma)

Cleaning up dead pinyon trees from Ips beetle infestations



Missionary Ridge Fire, 2002



Weber Fire, 2012



Long Mesa Fire, 2002

Celebrate National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day and Remember the Fires that have Impacted Our Communities!

Living with Wildfire Social! Sat. May 6, 4 -7pm @ J.Fargo's

- First hand accounts of local fires
- Tidbits of local fire history and risk
- Highlights of 2017 roadside thinning projects
- Socialize with Wildfire experts
- Firewise door prizes! Cash Bar! Appetizers!

Contact Amanda Brenner @ mcfirewise@gmail.com or call (970) 364- 3473 (FIRE) for more info.



Living with Wildfire Social (Montezuma)

Sharing experiences with wildfire and evacuation

Orienting New Ambassadors

LA PLATA

Eagles Ridge
Electra Lake
Forest Lakes
Lake of the Pines
Lake Purgatory, Unit 2
Rafter J
Rockwood Village
Ute Pass

MONTEZUMA

Cedar Crest
Shiloh Ranch

ARCHULETA

Aspenwood Condos
Meadows 4



Planning



Community Assessments

Community Wildfire Protection Plans

Firewise Communities



Community Assessments

□ La Plata County

■ The Ranch



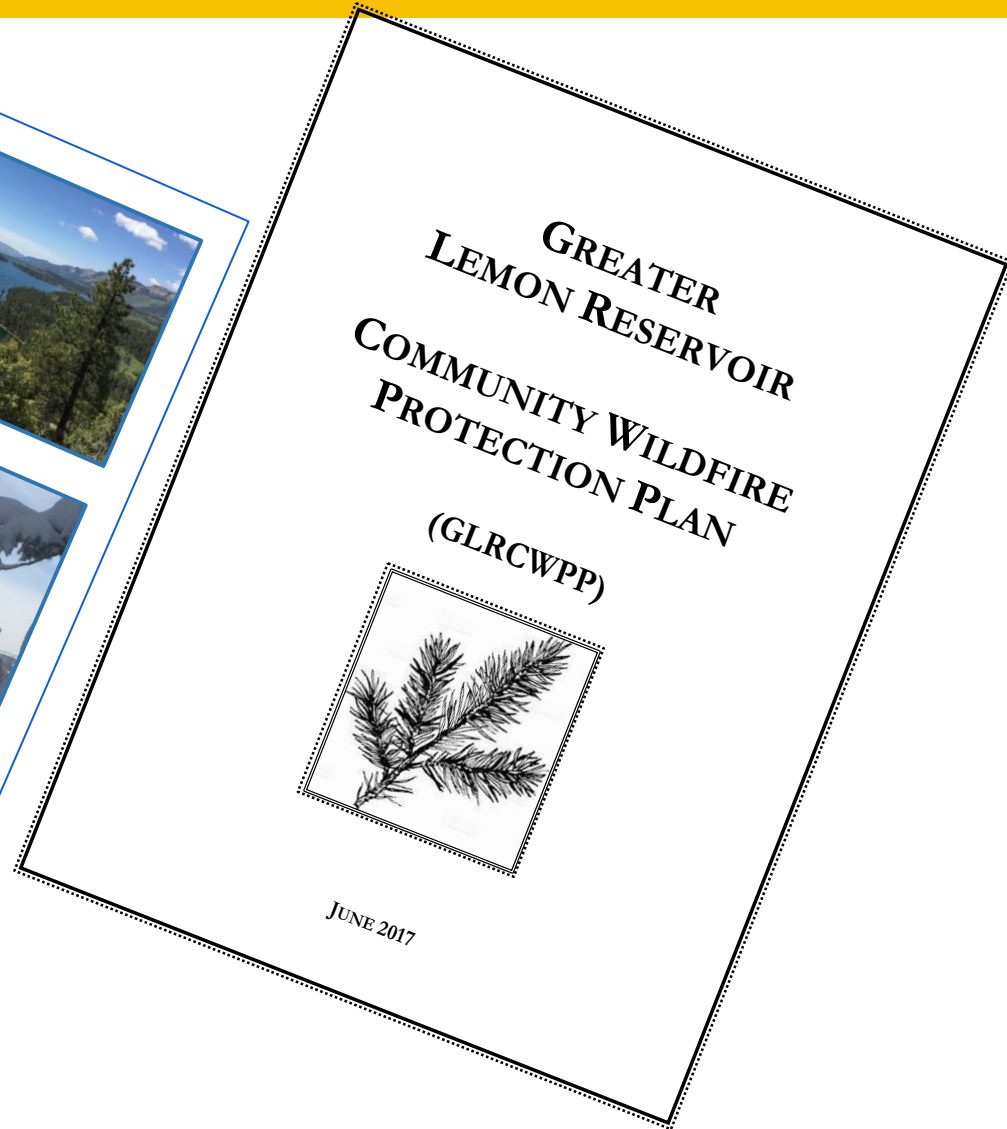
□ Montezuma County

■ North Mancos POA

■ Sundance/Cassidy



Community Wildfire Protection Plans



Congrats to Cedar Mesa Ranches and Wingspread on Firewise USA recognition!



Implementation

Cost-Share Program

Vallecito Air Curtain Burner

Chipper Rebates





Cost-Share Program

- ❑ **About 160 site visits**
- ❑ **44 resulted in cost-share projects**

- ❑ Included site visit by a Home Ignition Zone Specialist
- ❑ Every homeowner provided with a written assessment
- ❑ If pursuing the cost-share program, resident received a scope of work and trees/shrubs were marked for removal
- ❑ In 2017, our main Cost-Share program was only available to communities with a Neighborhood Ambassador

Cost-Share Program



Cost-Share Program

2017 Cost-Share Project Summary -- All Programs --

	La Plata	Archuleta	Montezuma	Total
Participants	21	24	10	55
Acres Treated	74.32	56.75	98.12	229.19
Total Project Costs	\$ 94,261	\$ 81,391	\$ 76,566	\$ 252,188
Cos-Share Award Amount	\$ 47,413	\$ 42,901	\$ 56,177	\$ 146,491

Vallecito Air Curtain Burner

...A New Partnership with PRID

PRID bought ACB
for the community

From June – Oct
FireWise rented
the ACB

Open 18 days

203 lods of slash
dropped off

955 volunteer
hours -- \$25,000
value



Chipper Rental Rebate Program 2017

No. of Participants	78
Total Acres Treated	525.5
Amt. of Rebates	\$ 21,114
Total Chipper & Mitigation Costs	\$ 87,896
Total Volunteer Hours	3,079 (\$ 80,000 value)

Chipper Rebate Program



Dolores Watershed and Resilient Forest Collaborative

Discussing the huge beetle problem on the west side of Montezuma County in the Lake Canyon area



NPA Tour

It was a full day tour – Falls Creek Ranch, Rockwood, Vallecito, and Deer Valley Estates – joined by partners from CSFS and USFS and PRID

Celebrating Success!

Smokey was so proud of Becca and Jim!



Rebecca Samulski, Asst. Director



Jim Tencza, Ambassador, Timberdale Ranch

Recipients of the 2017 National Wildfire Mitigation Award

Passing the Torch

