



## Volunteer Commitment Form

Below is a list of volunteer responsibilities that Ambassadors carry out. *Please check off the tasks that you are willing to complete and return the form to your county coordinator.* You are also asked to sign the liability waiver and return it to your county coordinator as well. Ambassadors do not need to complete every task on the list. Every subdivision and homeowner's association are unique with its own challenges and solutions. Therefore, Ambassadors need to review this list and select only the tasks that are realistic and doable.

### Public Education/Mitigation

- ☐ Plan occasional informational events for your subdivision inviting an expert speaker(s) on wildfire and/or emergency preparedness.
- ☐ Inform residents/neighbors about the [Wildfireadapted.org](http://Wildfireadapted.org) website.
- ☐ Be an example of a home site where defensible space has been created.
- ☐ Provide the residents in your subdivision with the wildfire mitigation contractor list kept by the Colorado State Forest Service
- ☐ Attend the bi-monthly Fire Council meetings and/or educational events and take information back to your neighborhood, homeowner association, subdivision, etc.
- ☐ Plan a neighborhood mitigation day, week or month to remove and dispose of slash.
- ☐ Promote the development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan or Community Assessment for your subdivision or neighborhood.

### Pre-Wildfire Planning with Your Local Fire Department/District

- ☐ Make contact with your local Fire Department/District so they are familiar with you and what you can offer. Get to know them and be a resource.
- ☐ Share important information about your subdivision including a map of the following:
  - Locations of homes and other structures
  - Road layout
  - Possible water supplies such as ponds, creeks and cisterns, including ownership (i.e., private or public)
  - Location(s) of heavy fuel loads (thick forest, lumber piles, stump piles, etc.)
  - Location of hazardous materials (paint, oil for roads, gasoline storage, etc.)
  - Location(s) of above- and/or below-ground propane tanks
  - Location(s) of power lines and power poles and the name of the electric company
  - Location(s) of gas lines and name of gas company
  - Location of homes with pets and livestock
  - Location of homes with out-of-state owners
  - Location of homes with residents who have special needs (disabled, elderly, etc.)
  - List of homeowners who do not have a landline with their cell phone number



- \_\_\_ Make a list of all possible locations for distribution of wildfire information in the event of a wildfire (e.g. bulletin boards, public gathering places, etc.).
- \_\_\_ Develop an evacuation plan.

### **Communication – General**

- \_\_\_ Work with local residents to ensure their addresses and street signs are visible.
- \_\_\_ Establish an email/phone tree to notify residents in your subdivision of pertinent wildfire or emergency information.
- \_\_\_ Assemble contact information for homeowners with addresses, phone numbers (work, home, cell, emails).
- \_\_\_ Update all information annually.

### **During a Wildfire Event**

- \_\_\_ Call 911 if you witness a wildfire. Provide information the 911 operator may request.
- \_\_\_ If you are evacuated, please go to the official evacuation center and be a contact person for local fire fighters/entities when and if asked.

***Your role during a wildfire event is to ensure your own personal safety and to evacuate if necessary.*** Remember ~ the best time to make contact with your fire department is before an event happens!

### **Actions you want to take in the next 90 days:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Questions?**

*Please contact your county coordinator or call the FireWise office  
at*

*970-385-8909*

*or visit us at*

[Wildfireadapted.org](http://Wildfireadapted.org)

or

701 Camino del Rio, Suite 306, Durango, CO 81301

Office Hours: Tuesday 9-1 and Thursday 1-4



## **WAIVER, RELEASE and INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

### **Wildfire Adapted Partnership Release of Liability/Waiver**

IN CONSIDERATION for being permitted to participate as a volunteer with the Wildfire Adapted Partnership Neighborhood Ambassador Program, which is operated under the umbrella of the **Wildfire Adapted Partnership's (WAP)** non-profit status, I agree to the terms of this Liability and Waiver. This Release and Waiver of Liability (the release) executed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) by \_\_\_\_\_ ("Volunteer") releases WAP, a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado and each of its directors, officers, employees, and agents. The Volunteer desires to provide volunteer services for Wildfire Adapted Partnership (collectively called Nonprofit or WAP) and engage in activities related to serving as a volunteer. Volunteer understands that the scope of Volunteer's relationship with Nonprofit is limited to a volunteer position and that no compensation is expected in return for services provided by Volunteer; that Nonprofit will not provide any benefits traditionally associated with employment to Volunteer; and that Volunteer is responsible for his/her own insurance coverage in the event of personal injury or illness as a result of Volunteer's services to Nonprofit.

1. **Waiver and Release:** I, the Volunteer, release and forever discharge and hold harmless Nonprofit and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind of nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from the services I provide to Nonprofit. I understand and acknowledge that this Release discharges Nonprofit from any liability or claim that I may have against Nonprofit with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from the services I provide to Nonprofit or occurring while I am providing volunteer services.

2. **Insurance:** Further I understand that Nonprofit does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide me with financial or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability benefits or insurance. I expressly waive any such claim for compensation or liability on the part of Nonprofit beyond what may be offered freely by Nonprofit in the event of injury or medical expenses incurred by me.

3. **Medical Treatment:** I hereby Release and forever discharge Nonprofit from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first-aid treatment or other medical services rendered in connection with an emergency during my tenure as a volunteer with Nonprofit.

4. **Assumption of Risk:** I understand that the services I provide to Nonprofit may include activities that may be hazardous to me including, but not limited to field/outdoor activities involving



inherently dangerous activities. As a Volunteer, I hereby expressly assume risk of injury or harm from these activities and Release Nonprofit from all liability.

5. **Photographic Release:** I grant and convey to Nonprofit all right, title, and interests in any and all photographs, images, video or audio recordings of me or my likeness or voice made by Nonprofit in connection with my providing volunteer services to Nonprofit.

6. **Other:** As a Volunteer, I expressly agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Colorado and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado. I agree that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release is deemed invalid, the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Release shall not be affected. By signing below, I express my understanding and intent to enter into this Release and Waiver of Liability willingly and voluntarily.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Or parent/guardian if under 18)

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Date

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Participant's Printed Name