

Gold Ridge Forest

Your Association Newsletter

March 2020

Defensible Space Inspections begin June 1st

The Gold Ridge Forest POA has been selected as one of the first locations on the Vegetation Management Program defensible space inspection list for 2020. ALL properties in Unit 3, Garnet Rd., Diamond Dr., Diamond Court, Pearl Rd. and Lava Lane have been identified. See detailed maps along with check list.

President's Message Joan Fuquay

SPRING IS HERE AND SO IS YOUR First 2020 GRF NEWSLETTER. 2020 arrived in a rush of activity at your Board of Directors. We have a fine crew with which to work and every director is doing their part to provide the services you should expect.

Kevin Monsma, our treasurer, is keeping us updated on our budget so we stay within those limits. When possible, we are getting several bids for projects and services. That is no easy task sometimes, because it can be difficult to have tradesmen come "all the way" up here to bid on projects. Among other endeavors, we are planning on repairing the pool deck and making that area ADA compliant with ramps and necessary equipment. We also anticipate having the walkways sealed and a new surface for the tot lot.

Bob Ritzman is preparing for pool season with new job applications, employee packets and staff training. We are also reviewing pool rules and ways to enforce them. We anticipate the opening to be Memorial Weekend. If you know of anyone interested in being a pool attendant, please have them contact Karen for an application.

Marie Zandona-Harger is heading up the Architecture/CCR Compliance Committee. Unfortunately, because we have been short staffed in the past, we have not followed up well and some of our properties need a little more attention. The emphasis on fire safety has made it very clear that we all must do our part to make our own properties compliant with the CC&Rs. After all, we did agree to them when we purchased our houses and lots, and it is in our best interest to maintain and enhance our property values.

Dominique Smith has been working tirelessly for several years now to clean up our green belt and create a more firesafe community forest. He has worked with contractors to clean the undergrowth and to remove dead trees. To this end, he is actively participating in the Firesafe Council, and as you will see later in this newsletter, has been participating in the grant acquisition process with the Council along with Sherry Hawk and Pat Schoggins. Keep reading for more great news on all their endeavors.

**Next Board meeting -
Wednesday,
March 25th
7:00 pm at the
Lodge**

Board of Directors

President
Joan Fuquay

VP/Secretary
Architecture
Marie Zandona-Harger

Finance
Kevin Monsma

Greenbelt
Dominique Smith

Recreation
Bob Ritzman

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I have spent many hours trying to figure out the new legislative changes we have encountered and how to incorporate them into our governing documents. Those documents, by the way, are still undergoing updates and are being made current. The CC&R Committee has finally completed their review of that document and is in the process of preparing to present it to the board. After a few more steps in the process, the new documents will be mailed to you for your approval.

So, for now, enjoy your spring, pray for rain and snow, and prepare to have a wonderful summer in our forest wonderland.

Defensible Space Ordinance

INSPECTIONS BEGIN IN JUNE 2020



Join us for a free lunch and education session hosted by the Pollock Pines - Camino & Gold Ridge Forest Fire Safe Councils

Presentation by the
El Dorado County Vegetation Management Program

Originally scheduled March 28, 2020

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Gold Ridge Forest Clubhouse 4101 Opal
Trail, Pollock Pines, CA**

This event Postponed

Some of you may have already received your first letter with a deadline of June 1st for fire hazard reduction and defensible space clean up. Inspections will begin in our area at that time and we want to be sure you are prepared.

For more information on the Defensible Space Ordinance, visit:
<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement>

Come get connected and join us to discuss the County's defensible space ordinance, local vegetation management projects, clean up events and free programs

For questions, please contact Sherry Hawk at (707) 888-9331 or email
GoldRidgeForestFSC@yahoo.com.

The upcoming Board of Directors Election has two positions open for election for terms expiring for the current Finance Director, Kevin Monsma and the current Vice President/Secretary/CC&R Director, Marie Zandona-Harger. Both are eligible to run for a second consecutive two-year term 2020-2022. After the election the newly formed Board of Directors will determine all offices, (President, Vice President, Finance, Greenbelt, Architecture, CC&R) which will be announced at a later date.

Save the Date!
Saturday, July 11th Annual Membership Meeting
at the Lodge.
Board of Director Election Results to be Announced



Gold Ridge Forest is accepting applications for part time seasonal pool staff.
Application Deadline is April 20, 2020. Interviews TBD.

The pool is open from May 23, 2020 (pending weather), through
Labor Day, September 7th.

Contact the office to request an employment application.
Phone 530-644-3880
Fax 530-644-0845
office@goldridge.org

4101 Opal Trail, Pollock Pines, Ca 95726



Greenbelt Update Dominique Smith

GRF is currently awaiting a window of opportunity for both the weather and the crew availability from Garrett Forest Management to begin clearing the following Greenbelt Areas:

- C-12 Between Amber Trail and Zinc Dr.
- C-13 Between Zinc Dr. and Zircon Dr.
- C-14 Between Zircon Dr. / Zinc Dr. / Mica Ct.

Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association

CANDIDATE SOLICITATION NOTICE

Board of Directors Election

Results to be announced at the July 11th, 2020 Annual Membership Meeting

All eligible members of the Association are invited and encouraged to become candidates for election to the Board. In order to become a candidate, you must notify the Association Office in writing, by hand delivery, by mail, or, the notification may also be e-mailed to the Association at office@goldridge.org

Submit to the following address:
Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association
4101 Opal Trail
Pollock Pines, CA 95726

Your written notification of your desire to be a candidate (and any Director Election Statements described below) **must be received by the Association no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2020.** Each eligible member whose written notification is timely received by the Association shall automatically be a candidate.

Election packets will be mailed to GRF members 30 days prior to the voting deadline. Completed ballots must be mailed to the Inspector of Elections address included in the packet, and must be received by the Inspector of Elections no later than 5:00pm on Friday, July 10th, 2020. This election is for two (2) board member positions; each with two-year terms from July 11, 2020 through July 9, 2022. The officer positions are to be determined by the board of directors. There shall be no nominations from the floor at the annual membership meeting.

Candidates may, but are not required to, submit (to the address listed above) a Director Election Statement that demonstrates interest and experience for the Board of Directors. Director Election Statements may not exceed one side of a single 8-1/2 x 11-inch page. All Director Election Statements that are timely received will be reproduced as submitted and will be included with the ballot package which will be mailed to all **Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association** members. By submitting a Director Election Statement, you accept full responsibility for its content and agree to indemnify the Association and its agents and representatives for any and all damage arising from and related to any such content.

It is each member's responsibility to confirm that his or her written notification of desire to be a candidate and Director Election Statement were received by the Association.

In order to be eligible to become a candidate, a member:

- 1-MUST NOT** Be delinquent in payment of regular and special assessments,
- 2-MUST NOT** Be a joint owner of the same property of someone serving on the board at the same time,
- 3-MUST NOT** Be an owner Less Than 1 Year,
- 4-MUST NOT** Have a past criminal conviction that would either prevent the association from purchasing the fidelity bond coverage required by Section 5806 should the person be elected, or terminate the association's existing [fidelity bond coverage](#) as to that person should the person be elected. ([Civ. Code §5105\(c\)\(4\)](#)).

NOTICE OF DUTY TO REMOVE AND ABATE WASTE, HAZARDOUS VEGETATION AND COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL BY JUNE 1, 2020.

Dear El Dorado County Property Owner,

Your property is included on the Vegetation Management Program defensible space inspection list for 2020.

This notice is being sent as a courtesy reminder of your responsibilities as a property owner for fire hazard reduction and creation of defensible space. The El Dorado County Vegetation Management Program defensible space inspection criteria and deadlines are included in this letter. Please read this notice carefully.

Please check our website for postings of community meetings regarding this notice:

<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement>.

FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION and DEFENSIBLE SPACE DEADLINE - JUNE 1

In accordance with El Dorado County Ordinance 5101, Chapter 8.09, improved parcels and designated unimproved parcels located in unincorporated El Dorado County are required to perform fire hazard reduction and defensible space clearance of at least 100 feet from all habitable structures by June 1 of every year.

DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTIONS

Once El Dorado County Vegetation Management Program staff begins conducting defensible space inspections, failure to meet the Vegetation Management Program requirements may result in citations, fines and/or forced abatement for noncompliance.

HELPFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION

- “Sample” Inspection Form (Cal Fire’s Notice of Defensible Space Inspection) - Included with this letter is a sample inspection form which lists the criteria that will be assessed on properties during defensible space inspections.
- Wildfire is Coming. Are you Ready? Flyer - Defensible space requirements and home hardening information for property owners.
- ReadyforWildfire.org - Online resources to prepare for wildfire.
- Start Neighbor to Neighbor - If there is a concerning property in your neighborhood, start by talking to the property owner or collaborating with existing efforts through Fire Safe Councils. They may already be working with the property owner to resolve the issue. Inviting a neighbor to learn more about fire hazard reduction and defensible space often yields the best results.
- El Dorado County Fire Safe Councils - Learn about fire safe activities occurring in your community <http://www.edcfiresafe.org>.

El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) - Complete a burn permit application by calling 530-621-7501 or online at: <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/AirQualityManagement/burnpermit>

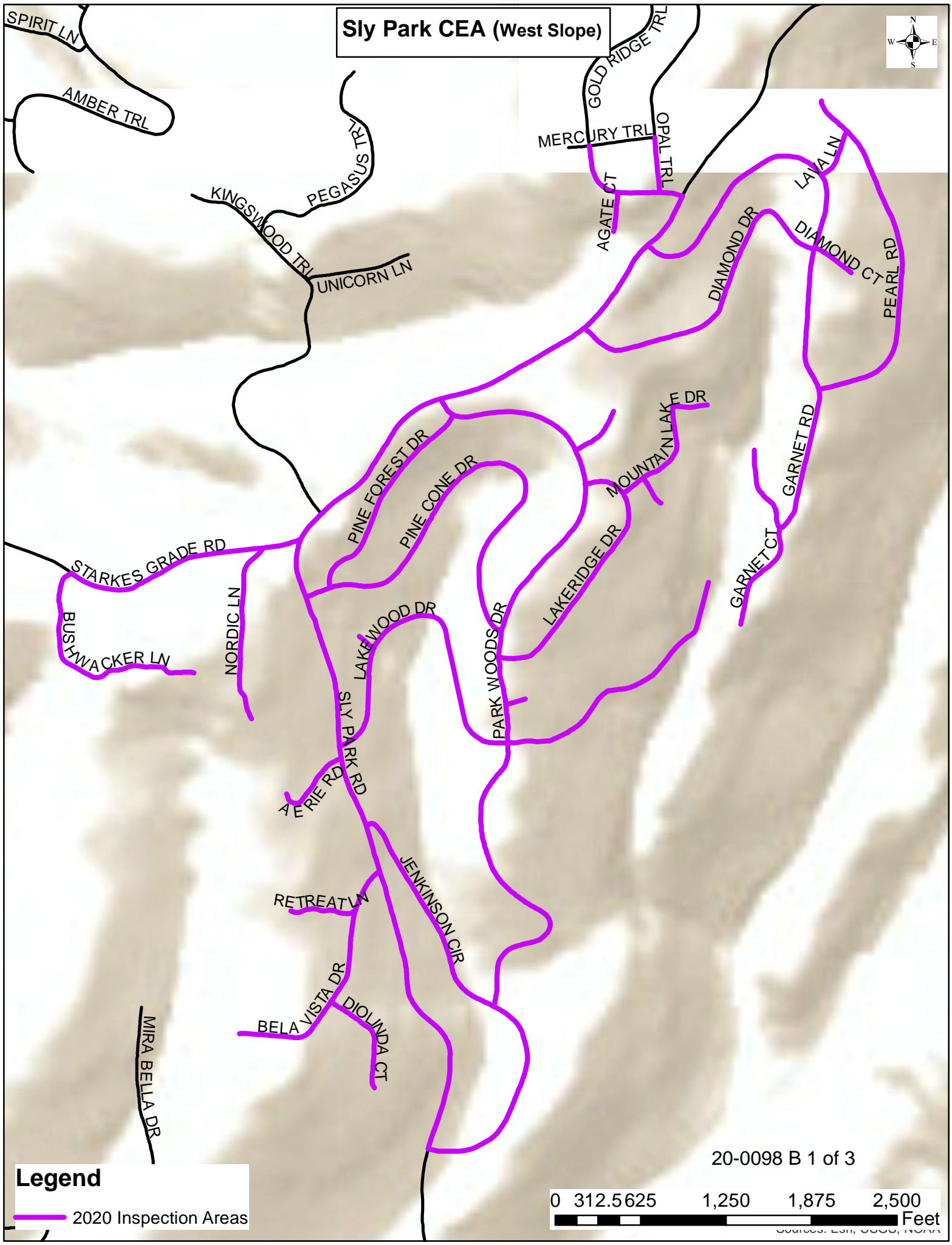
For more information and frequently asked questions, please visit our website at www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement or call 530-621-4663.

Sincerely,

John Wilcox

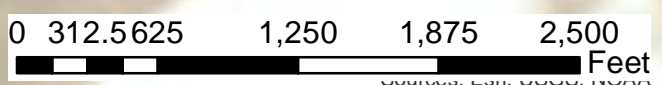
John Wilcox, Administrative Analyst

Sly Park CEA (West Slope)



Legend
— 2020 Inspection Areas

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Source: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ



NOTICE OF DEFENSIBLE SPACE INSPECTION

An El Dorado County representative has inspected your property for fire hazards.
You are hereby notified to correct the violation(s) indicated below. Failure to correct these violations may result in a citation and fine.

OWNER/TENANT:	INSPECTION ADDRESS:		
INSPECTOR NAME:	CONTACT NUMBER:	Inspection No. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	No Violations Observed <input type="checkbox"/>

CHECKED BOXES INDICATE VIOLATIONS

Zone 1 / Within 30 feet of all habitable structures (Refer to illustration below):

- A.** Remove all branches within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe outlet, pursuant to PRC § 4291 (a)(4) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(2).
- B.** Remove leaves, needles or other vegetation on roofs, gutters, decks, porches, stairways, etc. pursuant to PRC § 4291 (a)(6) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(1).
- C.** Remove all dead and dying trees, branches and shrubs, or other plants adjacent to or overhanging buildings, pursuant to PRC § 4291 (a)(5) and 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(2).
- D.** Remove all dead and dying grass, plants, shrubs, trees, branches, leaves, weeds and needles, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(1).
- E.** Remove or separate live flammable ground cover and shrubs, pursuant to PRC § 4291(a)(1) and BOF General Guidelines item 1.
- F.** Remove flammable vegetation and items that could catch fire which are adjacent to, or below, combustible decks, balconies, and stairs, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(4).
- G.** Relocate exposed wood piles outside of Zone 1 unless completely covered in a fire-resistant material, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(a)(3).

Zone 2 / Within 30–100 feet of all habitable structures (Refer to illustration below):

- H.** Cut annual grasses and forbs down to a maximum height of 4 inches, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(B).
- I.** Remove fuels in accordance with the Fuel Separation or Continuous Tree Canopy guidelines (see back), pursuant to BOF General Guidelines item 4.
- J.** All exposed woodpiles must have a minimum of 10 feet clearance, down to bare mineral soil, in all directions, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(C).
- K.** Dead and dying woody surface fuels and aerial fuels shall be removed. Loose surface litter, normally consisting of fallen leaves or needles, twigs, bark, cones, and small branches, shall be permitted to a maximum depth of 3 inches, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(b)(2)(A).

Defensible and Reduced Fuel Zone / Within 100 feet of all habitable structures (Refer to illustration below):

- L.** Logs or stumps embedded in the soil must be removed or isolated from other vegetation, pursuant to BOF General Guidelines item 3.

Other Requirements:

- M.** Outbuildings and Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) storage tanks shall have 10 feet of clearance to bare mineral soil and no flammable vegetation for an additional 10 feet around their exterior, pursuant to 14 CCR § 1299.03(c)(1).
- N.** Address numbers shall be displayed in contrasting colors (4" min. size) and readable from the street or access road, pursuant to 2016 CFC § 505.1.
- O.** Equip chimney or stovepipe openings with a metal screen having openings between 3/8 inch and 1/2 inch, pursuant to 2016 CBC § 2113.9.2.

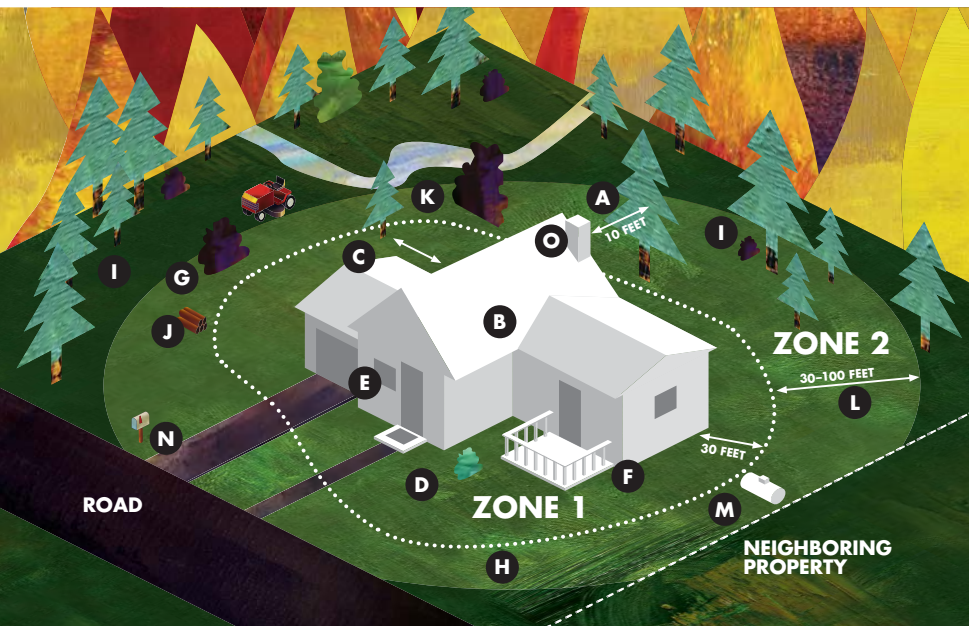
COMMENTS:

LEARN MORE:



IMPORTANT

All violations marked must be addressed by the owner/tenant. A re-inspection of the property will occur on or after _____



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WWW.READYFORWILDFIRE.ORG

100 feet of Defensible Space is required under the Public Resources Code (PRC) 4291 and El Dorado County Ordinance 5101, Chapter 8.09.

For more information and to ensure your property is in compliance, visit:

www.edcgov.us/Government/CAO/VegetationManagement

