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Wildfire Prevention

Wildfires can cause major environmental, social and economic damages. The loss of timber, wildlife habitat, homes and even lives may result from a devastating wildfire. The wildfire that does not start is the one that does not have to be fought.

Prevention is the key in helping to reduce the number of human-caused fires — one of the most important goals for the Florida Forest Service. Even though Florida is the lightning capital of the world, arson and escaped debris burning are still the two main causes of wildfires in Florida.

Florida's fire-dependent ecosystems and year-round fire season pose a challenge to wild land firefighters in their attempt to continually educate Floridians and visitors about wildfire danger in Florida. The Florida Forest Service has several education and mitigation programs aimed at reducing all types of human-caused fire.

The Florida Forest Service (FFS) responded to 36 wildfires in Taylor County during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, a slight decrease over the previous year.

FFS Forest Area Supervisor Jack Smith credited the reduction in fires to continued fire prevention efforts and adequate rainfall.

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Lot clearing isn't just tree and stump removal. It's an essential part of land maintenance, vegetation management, and site preparation.

Lot clearing provides safe, stable soil on which you can build, install landscaping, and more.

Here are some of the most common reasons why lot clearing is so important for your lot and commercial areas:

- Safety purposes: Dead trees and rotting wood pose a threat and hazard not only to you and your family but also to your surrounding neighborhood. Dead trees and heavy branches can cause property damage, injury, and death. Lot clearing services can help you eliminate this danger.
- Improves soil health: Overgrown plants, trees, and weeds contribute to soil erosion. Soil erosion can cause your home's foundation to shift, putting you and your family at risk.
- **Reduces the risk of fire**: Overgrown vegetation, especially dead plants and rotting tree stumps, can increase the risk of spreading wildfire. Lot clearing can help to protect the structures and plots of land nearby.
- **Reduces pests**: Pests like to make their homes in areas where there are lots of plants and dead trees. Structures around areas with dead plants and trees are more likely to experience a pest infestation. Lot clearing can help to reduce this risk.
- Enhances aesthetics and land value: Lot clearing services remove unsightly and unwanted plant life, which not only enhances the beauty of the land itself but also increases the value of the plot and the value of your house. Lot clearing also increases the land's usability, which comes in handy for landscaping, camping, building and just simply enjoyment of nature.

The information above is to keep you informed of what we need to do in the coming months / year (2021).

Econfina Preserve Property Owners Association is going to help in the effort of protecting lives and property and at the same time bringing your property values up.

We are putting a plan together to benefit all property owners while continuing to improve the common areas in our community.

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Our plan is easy, we will provide the equipment and the labor to clean your lots at a much lower price then anyone in the market. We will be able to provide a professional service in the cleaning of your lot and we will make it affordable, our plan is to allow you to pay in three payments within a six-month time frame. The money collected will be placed back into the association; with those funds we will be able to improve the common areas without any extra annual dues assessed to you.

To inquire, please call the President or e-mail for an estimate on your individual lot.

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