

Cold Creek Canyon Firewise USA® Update

June 2023



Are we ready for the next Wildfire? The Firewise USA® volunteer program is all about preparing our community for the next wildfire. If we prepare, we will help battle the fire and save lives and homes. Wildfire is coming, are we ready?

Our next meeting is 5PM Saturday August 12th at our fire station.

Benefits of being a Firewise USA® Community?

- Qualify for \$2,000 to \$2 million grants. We show we are invested in our community and we get priority when applying for a grant.
- We are prepared when the wildfire hits us.
- Help Firefighters in advance of them arriving to defend our homes.
- Possible insurance reductions in the near future. The NV Legislature is working on requiring insurance companies to offer reductions to Firewise USA sites. NDF has more current details.

What is required by our Community?

- In one year, our entire Community combined would need to do 110 hours of activities. One Community project, or meeting, can easily fulfill 30 hours. Also, any resident's hours spent landscaping or protecting their home goes toward these hours. (e.g., 6 hours by Resident + 30 hour Project = 36 hours)
- Activities are Community projects like vegetation removal from lots, removal of combustible materials and brush next to our homes, Community meetings, dumpsters brought in to gather debris, and other risk reduction activities.
- Learn how to protect our homes and do something to defend our homes. For example, the dangers of wildfire and ember collecting next to our homes, falling off our roofs onto wood piles, and shielding areas with metal screens.

Next steps:

1. NDF/CCFD need to complete our Wildfire Risk Assessment for Cold Creek Canyon. Under review now. (by August)
2. Create a Committee of Volunteers of Residents. We need 5 volunteers for the Committee. (by August)
3. Create a 3-year Action Plan using the NDF/CCFD Wildfire Risk Assessment. This plan is easy and simple to create and includes Outreach/Education, vegetation removal, and prioritizes actions listed in assessment. (by October)
4. Conduct an Education Outreach event. (by October)
5. Complete our volunteer hours. (by October)
6. Submit an application and have it reviewed by NDF. (by November)
7. If approved, we receive a Certificate of Recognition (by December)

Only question left to answer is if we are ready for a wildfire? More information?

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