

Cold Creek Canyon Firewise USA® Update

August 8th, 2024 4-6PM, Fire Station 82



Nikil Narkhede, NDF Coordinator, and Eric Antle, Deputy Administrator, tour our Cold Creek community following the meeting at the firehouse to look at the needs of our community.

Action Items

1. Immediate fire danger concerns
 - a. Continue removing vegetation next to the road through the community and up Bonanza Peak
 - b. Repair road to Wheeler Pass and Willow Creek for fire fighting access
 - c. Schedule fuel reduction landscape work, provided and funded by NDF
2. Improve signage for surrounding area
3. Seek available funds through grants for Cold Creek, (i.e. WUI grants)
4. Pond repair; erosion of the dam and dredging the Clark County pond for continued use in fire fighting activities

5. Create evacuation plan and alert system for our community
6. Report fuel reduction hours on the form provided under the Firewise tab on our community website www.coldcreekcanyon.org or txt Rob Loomis 541-510-5033

Minutes:

- Participants:
 - **NDF:** Nihil Narkhede, Eric Antle
 - **Residents:** 16 residents of Cold Creek in attendance
 - **Firewise Committee:** Rob Loomis, Bill Wolfe, and Liz Baechler
- Discussion
 - We discussed Firewise as a useful program to provide a unified voice in order to bring various resources and agencies together to help us minimize fire danger.
 - We discussed grants, and the need for assistance, NDF indicated that they would provide 3 grant writers in order to help us apply for these valuable grant funds.
 - We discussed the importance of removing combustible materials away from the house, so that there is a 5 foot perimeter which is non-combustible
 - We discussed the increase of Firewise participation in our community and the website as evidence that our community is invested in reducing fire risk.
 - NDF acknowledged the hard work of our residents in clearing combustible material from our properties and a willingness to continue investing agency resources in Cold Creek.
 - Next meeting will be scheduled for late October or early November and will be posted on the website.

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