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Forest Lakes

Firewise Program Kick-off
11 April 2026



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Firewise Program

- Program Objectives
- Elements of a Firewise Program
- Residents Participation
- Next Steps



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Program Objectives

- Creating a Wildfire Safer Community
- Increase Wildfire Understanding
- Increase Neighbor Communication
- Stabilize Homeowner Insurance



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Firewise Program Elements

- Wildfire Risk Assessment
- 3-Year Action Plan
- Firewise Advisory Board
- Application, Execution and Reporting



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Wildfire Risk Assessment

- Conducted with DFFM
- Chris Reed (AZ DFFM Liaison)
- Document Current Conditions
- Create Recommendations



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3-Year Action Plan

- Education and Outreach Goals
- Home Hardening Goals
- Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals
- Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness



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Firewise Advisory Board

- Implementation of the Action Plan
- Education and Outreach Activities
- Annual Renewal Process



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Firewise Advisory Board Members

- Dino Cerchie – FLOA
- Julie Swanson – FLFD
- David Rodriguez – FLFD
- Linda Curry – FLOA
- John Nelson – FLFD Grant Writer
- Jimmy Riggs – USFS BMRD



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Annual Reporting

- Tracking Resident Participation
 - volunteer time & cost
 - quantity of fuels removed
 - 1 hr / yr per resident
- Obtain “Firewise Recognized”



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Resident Participation

- Volunteer Time
 - cleaning yours or a neighbor's lot
- Cost
 - hardening your home / paying contractors
- Fuels Removed
 - cu.ft. taken to Green Waste Site (or burned)



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2026 Incentive Programs

- Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grant 80/20 Cost Split (FLFD)
 - Over 200 lots have been thinned since 2009
 - 41 lots planned for 2025-2026
 - Contact John Nelson for grant application



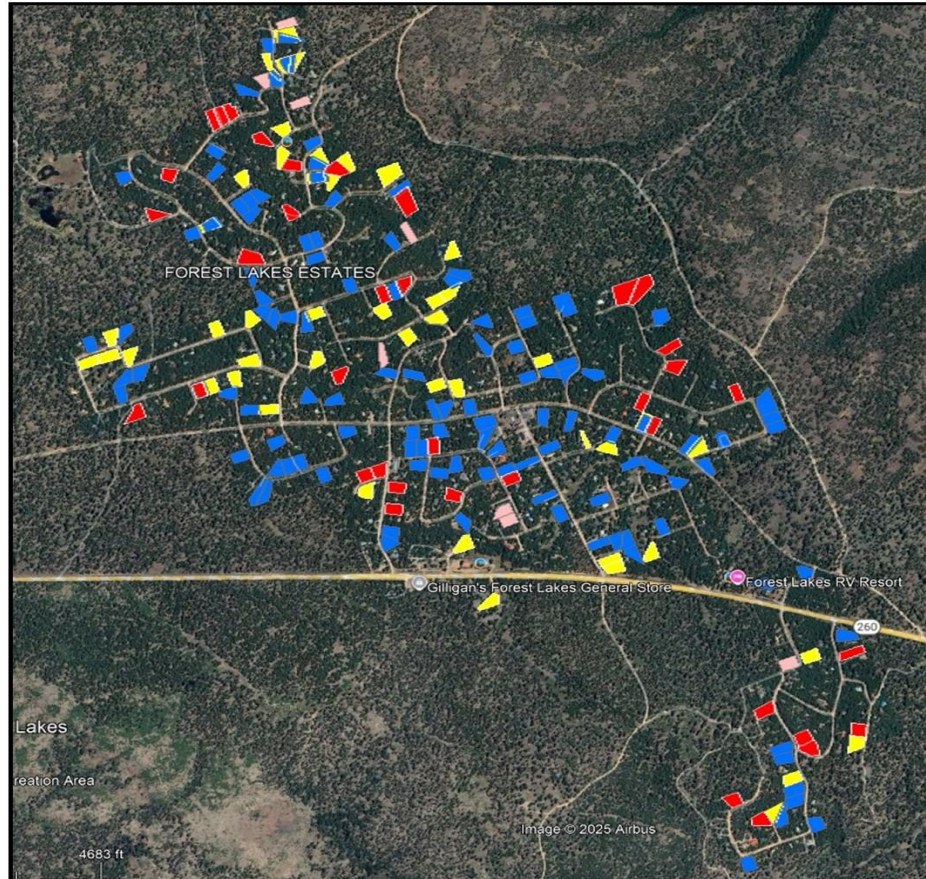
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Forest Lakes Lots Utilizing the Grant as of April 2025

Forest Lakes Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grants Completed

	WF09	118 acres
	WFHF 16	8 acres
	WFHF 20	50 acres
	NFHF 22	40 acres

976 Lots in Forest Lakes
- 216 Treatments completed
760 Properties remaining





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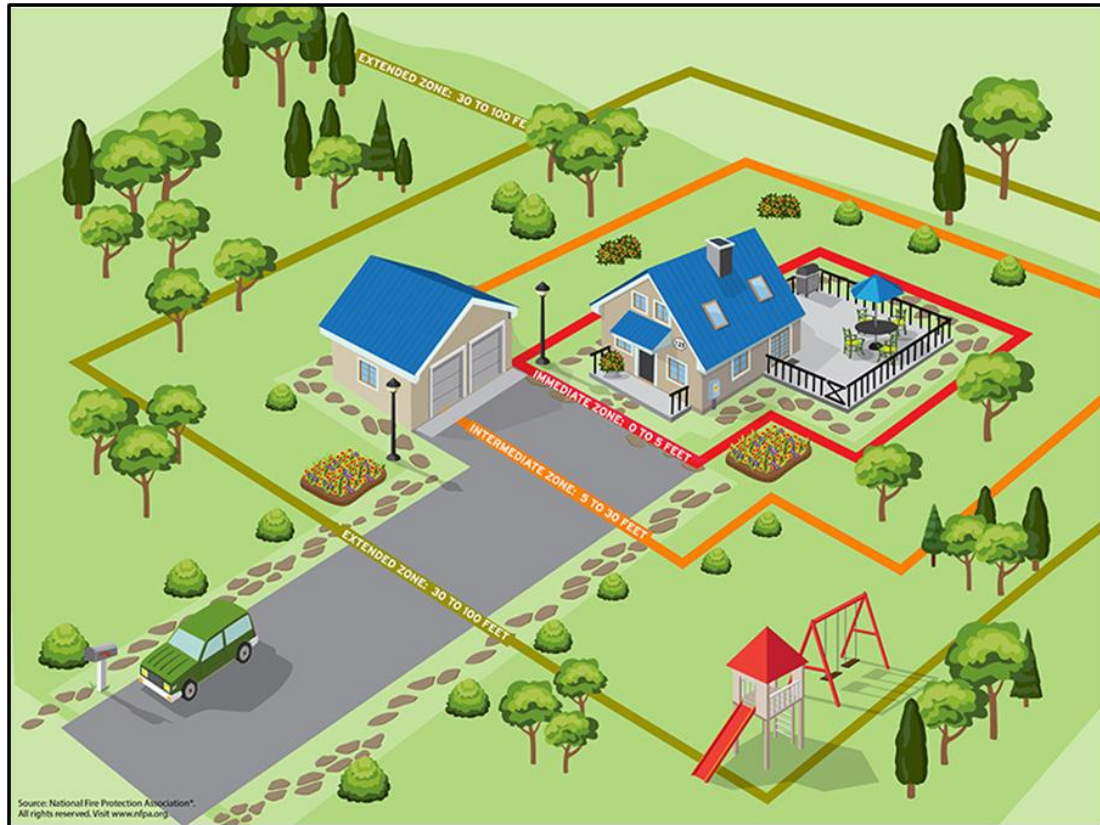
2026 Incentive Programs

- Pine Needles and Downed Wood Cleaning (FLOA)
 - FLOA Raffle for \$100 260 Roadhouse Gift Certificate
 - 10 winner per month May – Sept
 - every load = 1 entry (10 entries max)
 - FLOA members get 2 entries instead of 1

As of end of March - 86 loads to Green Waste Site in 2026



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Firewise Zones

0-5 ft Immediate Zone

5-30 ft Intermediate Zone

30-100 ft Extended Zone



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2026 Incentive Programs

- 0 to 5 ft immediate Firewise zone around house (FLOA)
 - FLOA Raffle for \$100 260 Roadhouse Gift Certificate
 - 5 winner per month May – Sept
 - completed cleanup = 1 entry
 - FLOA members get 2 entries instead of 1
 - New Program for 2026



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2026 Incentive Programs

- Remove all 5” or less diameter ponderosas on your lot (FLOA)
 - Hand Chainsaw or Pruning Saw (your choice)
 - 1 winner per month May – Sept
 - cleaned lot = 1 entry
 - FLOA members get 2 entries instead of 1
 - New Program for 2026



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2026 Incentive Programs

- Haul Off Needles to Green Waste Site for Free (FLOA)
 - Monday, 1 June to Wednesday, 3 June
 - Sign Up for Lot Needle Pickup
 - Pickup for FLOA Members Only
 - Sign Up to be Tractor / Trailer / Loader Volunteer
 - New Program for 2026



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Next Steps

- Complete Action Plan & Application
- Monthly Updates @ FLOA & FLFD Board Meetings



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Questions