

Firewise Monthly Educational Community Meeting July 18th, 2026

Documents available at <https://flfdaz.com/firewise> to view the Forest Lakes Firewise Program related information and forms.

Program Update

- As reported in our June Meeting, Forest Lakes is now a Firewise Recognized Community!!
- Our plaques will go in the Clubhouse each year left of the door.

Future Forest-Related Talks

- Working with the Forest Lakes Garden Club and DFFM on Forest Health Talks.
- We need to start thinking of ourselves as stewards of the forest and not just residents.

DFFM (Dept of Forestry) looking for input on Insurance Issues

- Good information sent in from residents that have had issues with insurance being dropped or greatly increased. Information is being compiled. To submit your feedback, please contact creed@dffm.az.gov with cc: cerchie1@gmail.com and webmaster@flfdaz.com. All data provided should be fact-based and specific to your personal situation.
- IBHS (Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety) has additional requirements for homeowners. Will be compiling this information to see what is different from Firewise requirements. Thanks John Nelson for meeting with this group in Payson.

Firewise Status

- As of the end of June Forest Lakes Firewise program has generated a total investment cost of \$272,007, or eight times the Firewise requirements with loads, and hours. See slides for details.

CCWP - Community Wildfire Protection Plan

- Report broken into five chapters. Will cover more of these topics in future meetings.
- Flagstaff added "Post-fire Recovery" to respond to after-effects.
- Calculating Risk includes Hazard and Vulnerability. We can influence Intensity (forest thinning/burns, USFS, FLFD response), Exposure (firewise 0-5ft, 5-30ft), and Susceptibility (home material choices). We would like our community to have more credit from insurance agencies for "intensity" markers as our fire departments do a tremendous job keeping fires to a minimum. The risk factor should drop with all our efforts.
- Graph shows the fires are kept to smaller sizes from 2000 to 2025. The trend shows the same probability but smaller fire intensity.
- June-August is the peak fire season.

0-5 ft \$100 Gift Card Winners for June (5 for June and 4 Carryover from May):

- No winners this month
- 13 possible winners next month if inspections take place
- Two failed inspections due to screen size, skirting, wood stacked next to buildings, and under decks, branches too close to roof

5" Diameter or less Ponderosa Tree Removal Project raffle entries:

- Ben and Susan Jordan won the pole saw!! Congrats!

Community Questions and Answers

- Katie Root asked how to get our insurance companies to see the data on our firewise efforts and data. Dino: there was a working group (including insurance companies) discussing the data. They have seen this data. Community Safety is another aspect which we should focus on. If we do this, the insurance companies will follow. Forest Lakes is unique being right in the middle of National Forest. The Forest Service is working the insurance angle.

Call-to-Action for Residents (reminders):

- Attend these monthly educational meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month May-Sep following the FLOA community board meetings.
- Fill out a [tracking form](#) after you rake your pine needles in Spring and Fall as necessary and anyone that may be coordinating a group clean-up activity to track the volunteer hours.
- Work on your property for the "0-5-feet" and "5" or less" programs and request inspection to be entered into the monthly drawings. Find this and other forms at: <https://flfdaz.com/firewise>