FOREST LAKES FIRE DISTRICT 2024 HEALTHY FOREST INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Awarded by

AZ Dept of Forestry and Fire Management





GRANT FUNDS HAVE HELPED MAKE OUR COMMUNITY LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO FIRE DANGER BY REMOVING EXCESS FUELS

Forest Lakes Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grants Completed

WF09 118 acres

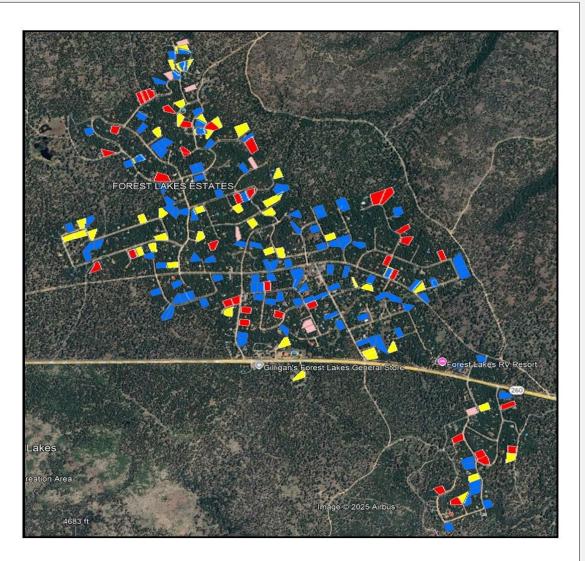
WFHF 16 8 acres

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NFHF 22 40 acres

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In Process

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

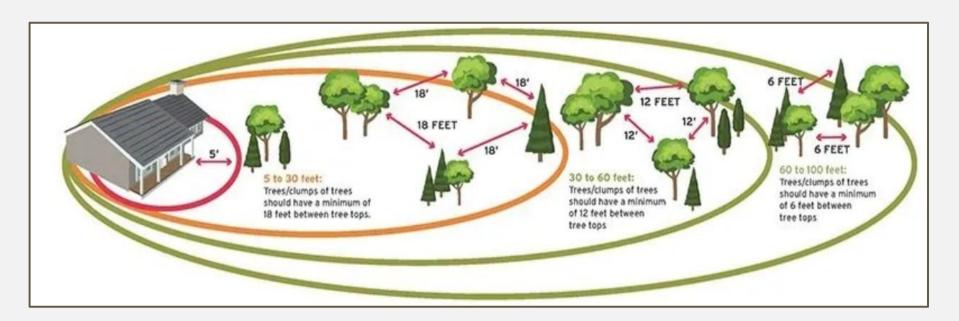


GRANT PROGRAM PARAMETERS

- 41 acres, 80% cost reimbursement up to \$4000 total cost (\$3200 max reimbursement)
 - Tree and slash removal only; no needle cleanup
- Applicants must qualify: Property must require treatment in order to meet Firewise guidelines
 - Must not have been treated previously with grant funding
 - Chief Rodriquez evaluates each property before and after treatment
- Applicants must sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Program details are at https://flfdaz.com/firewise
- 40 interested owners have already responded via email to john@jnservices.net
 - 15 have submitted MOUs and have priority
 - Future applicants will be wait-listed

TREATMENT REDUCES HAZARDOUS FUEL LOADS

- Reduces fire danger for owner and neighbors
- May have an impact on future insurance costs



Firewise Guidelines: 70-80 trees per acre

COMPARING TREE DENSITIES FOREST LAKES VS TREATED NATIONAL FOREST



RECENT EMAIL FROM JON ORONA, DISTRICT FORESTER

"I want to commend and thank the Forest Lakes Fire District, Forest Lakes Owner Association, and the overall Forest Lakes Community on the excellent work they have completed to reduce wildfire risk and fuels within the wildland urban interface. Although there is more work to be done, I'm confident this group is up to the task at hand. I greatly look forward to hearing of more progress and success in the coming years."