



CORDILLERA
Metro District

WILDFIRE MITIGATION INSURANCE RESOURCES

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WILDFIRE MITIGATION RESOURCES

The Cordillera community's wildfire mitigation efforts span open space property and private property. Working in close coordination with the Eagle River Fire Protection District and Eagle County Emergency Services, the Cordillera Metro District (CMD) implements a multi-year fire hazard reduction plan on community open space property.

On private property in Cordillera, homeowners are tasked with vegetation management and the development of defensible space around their home. With assistance from Eagle County's Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator, the Cordillera Property Owners Association (CPOA) administers Cordillera's Residential Wildfire Mitigation Program, which includes free home inspections on a three-year schedule and the development of structural and vegetative health mitigation prescriptions.

Cordillera Wildfire Mitigation Resources

- Letter from Hugh Fairfield-Smith, Eagle Valley Wildland Fire Management Officer
- Cordillera's Current Firewise Certificate
- Cordillera Wildfire Mitigation Project Map: Overview (2022-2027)
- Cordillera Wildfire Mitigation Project Map: Complete (2022-2023)
- Cordillera Wildfire Mitigation Project Map: Planned (2024-2027)
- CPOA Residential Wildfire Mitigation Resolution (2023)

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CPOA Community Development Administrator

Eagle County & Statewide Wildfire Mitigation Resources

- Eagle County Office of Mitigation & Wildfire Protection
- Eagle County REALFire Program Information
- Construction Guidelines for the Wildland Urban Interface
- Colorado State Forest Service's Home Ignition Zone Guide



From: Hugh Fairfield-Smith, Eagle Valley Wildland Fire Management Officer
Re: Large-Scale Wildfire Mitigation Efforts in Cordillera and Eagle County
To: Home Insurance Providers and Underwriters

In 2019, Cordillera Metropolitan District (CMD) and Eagle Valley Wildland (EVW) began working to reduce the risk of wildfire in the Cordillera boundaries. This effort began with small tactical fuel breaks near homes and infrastructure. This effort continued in 2020 and 2021, treating land where possible and continuing what had been started in the project's early stages.

In 2022, large-scale fuel treatment was implemented in the form of fuel breaks and thinning areas near the Divide and portions of the Territories. This treatment was designed to reduce the risk of fire moving quickly up surrounding drainages and into the Cordillera community.

In 2023, CMD and EVW treated more than 450 acres of land and implemented more than 13 miles of tactical fuel breaks. These fuel breaks essentially surround the Cordillera boundary to give firefighters the best possible tactical advantage. Other areas of treatment included large-scale surface fuel reduction near homes and open space owned by CMD.

In 2022, EVW and CMD drafted a five-year mitigation plan for wildfire protection in the area. This effort was funded by CMD and EVW through Eagle County. Plans for this effort include treating all available land in CMD boundaries by 2025. In 2026, EVW and CMD plan to move into a maintenance cycle to ensure proper mitigation continues.

The EVW treatment process takes a scientific approach to landscape location justification. We consider models including rate of spread, flame length, suppression difficulty, home location, evacuation information, burn times, and spotting distance. We then apply this information to assess available land and to rank in priority areas that have the highest likelihood of catastrophic wildfire.

Using the Interagency Fuels Decision Support System, we now have reports of target locations in Cordillera that previously scored into the extreme category and are now showing LOW risk of catastrophic wildfires after fire mitigation efforts.

This treatment methodology goes beyond the Cordillera boundaries and extends throughout Eagle County. EVW takes a community approach to wildfire reduction.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Fairfield-Smith", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Hugh Fairfield-Smith | hfairfield-smith@eagleriverfire.org

2023

NATIONAL FIREWISE USA® PROGRAM
CERTIFICATE
OF RECOGNITION

The National Fire Protection Association acknowledges that

Cordillera

located in Edwards , CO

has successfully completed the Firewise USA® program's annual requirements for 2023
and is a participating site in good standing throughout the 2024 calendar year.



James T. Pauley, President, NFPA



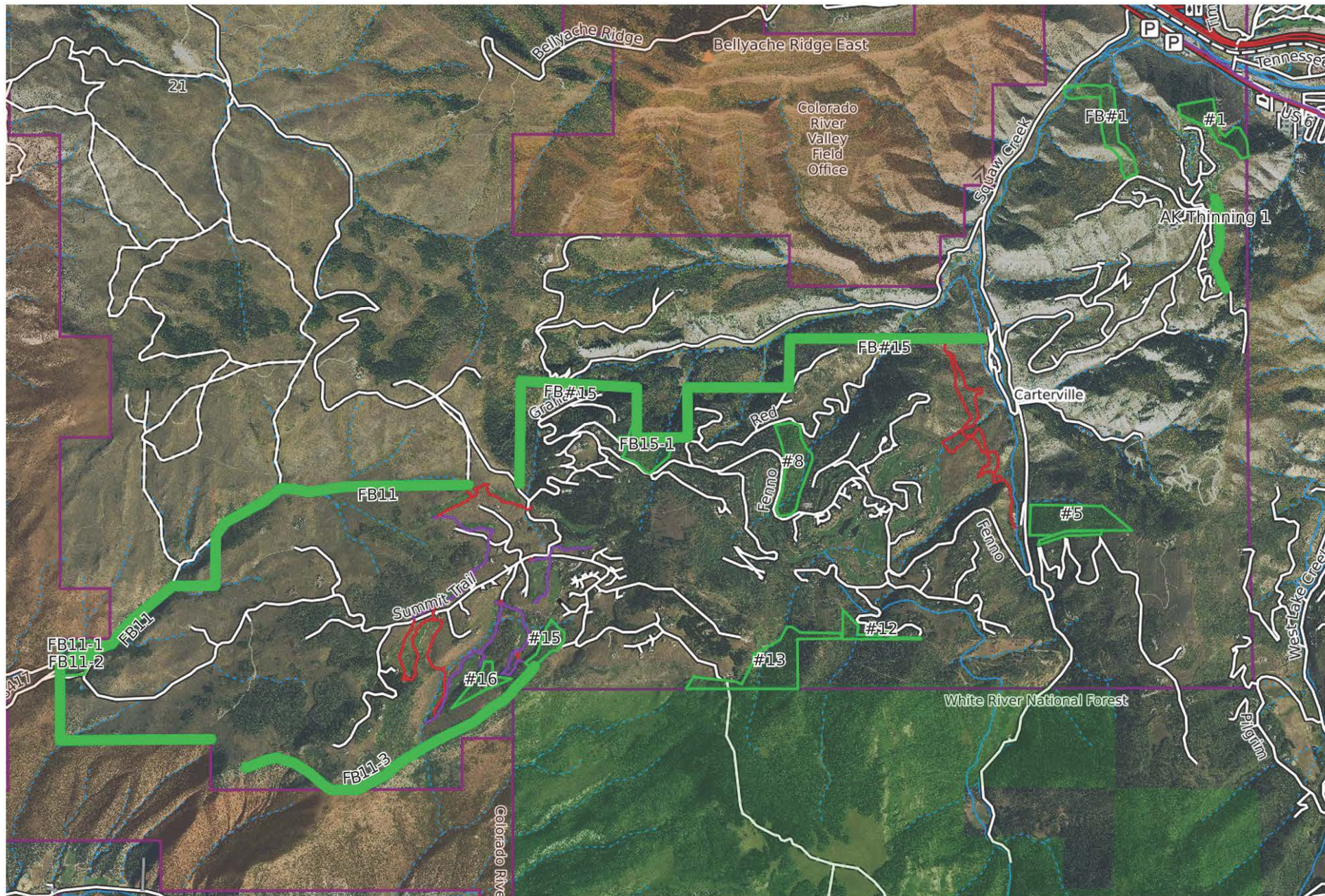
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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

November 3, 2023

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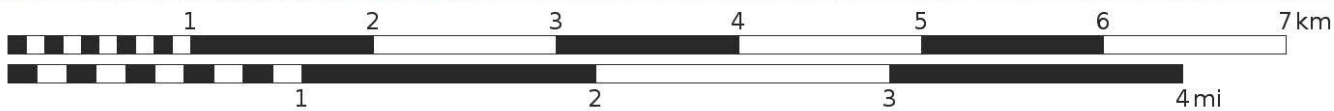
Cordillera Wildfire Mitigation Complete Projects: 2022-2023



Completed Projects

WGS84

UTM Zone 13S

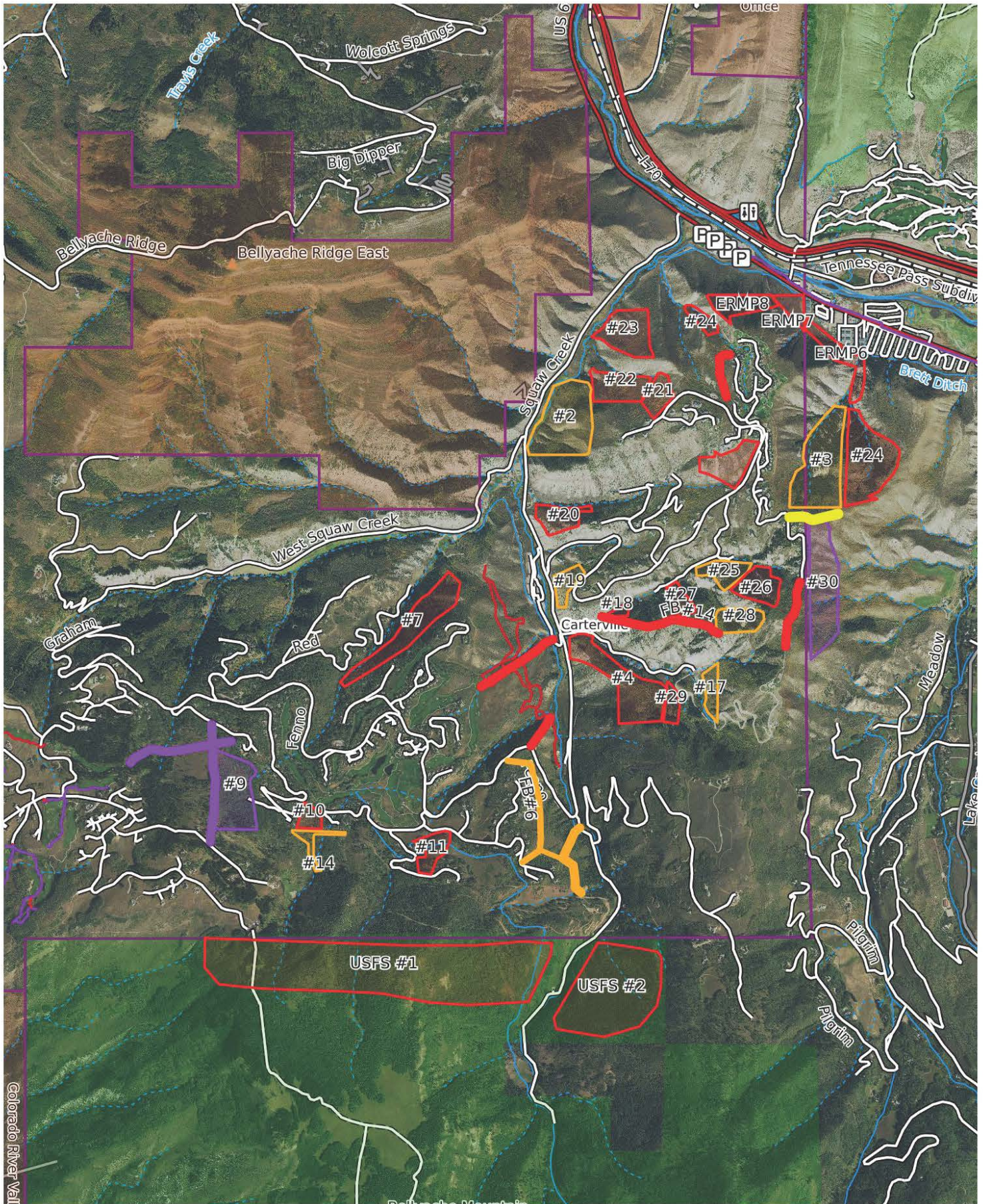


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Cordillera Wildfire Mitigation Projects Planned: 2024-2027



Planned Projects
WGS84
UTM Zone 13S




CORDILLERA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2023 AMENDED & RESTATED RESIDENTIAL WILDFIRE MITIGATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2007, the Cordillera Property Owners Association ("the Association") adopted a Wildfire Mitigation Resolution which set forth mandatory wildfire mitigation regulations to protect the homes and property of Cordillera Property Owners ("Owners") from wildfires; and on March 16, 2009, adopted an Amended and Restated Wildfire Mitigation Resolution; and on April 18, 2014, adopted an Amended and Restated Wildfire Mitigation Resolution (collectively referred to herein as the "Residential Wildfire Mitigation Resolution") and

WHEREAS, the Association has determined that initial concerns regarding residential wildfire mitigation have been addressed on privately owned properties, as specified in the Residential Wildfire Mitigation Resolution, such that the community should be now in a maintenance stage.

WHEREAS, the Association feels that continuation of a modified Residential Wildfire Mitigation program is in the best interest of the safety of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORDILLERA PROEPRTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING AMENDED AND RESTATED RESIDENTIAL WILDFIRE MITGIATION RESOLUTION:

1. Residential Mitigation Required: Owners shall be responsible for compliance with wildfire vegetation management on their properties in accordance with all applicable standards specified by the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and the Eagle County Community Wildfire Protection Program. Properties will be assessed by the Association, Eagle County and/or the Colorado State Forest Service on a periodic basis, by neighborhood.
 - a. Owners of assessed properties found out of compliance shall be notified that they are not in compliance.
2. Hazard Trees: A hazard tree shall be any species or variety of tree which is dead or substantially dead and determined to be either a wildfire fuel hazard and/or a safety hazard to people or improvements.
 - a. Owners of properties upon which a Hazard Tree(s) is discovered shall be notified in writing about the hazard trees and shall have thirty (30) days to either mitigate the issue or to submit written proof of intent to mitigate such as a contract with an appropriate vendor.
3. Burning: Open burning of slash and debris shall be prohibited unless specifically approved by the General Manager of the Association. Burning may be approved when normal means of disposal of slash and debris are not applicable due to location and/or terrain, as determined by the General Manager at his/her discretion.
 - a. Approval to openly burn slash and debris shall be contingent on approvals from Eagle County and the Eagle River Fire Protection District. The Association, through the General Manager or by Board action may revoke authorization at any time and for any reason.

4. Fire Bans: The General Manager may ban open fires when at his/her discretion weather and fuel moisture conditions present a safety concern for the community. This decision is not dependent on the presence of other fire bans. A fire ban will include any open fire in fire rings, fire pans, charcoal grills, and fireworks.
5. Mitigation Standards: Mitigation shall comply with applicable specifications from the Eagle County Community Wildfire Protection Program and the Colorado State Forest Service and the Cordillera Design Review Board ("Cordillera DRB").
6. Landscaping at Homes Built Prior to 2004: It is recognized that this resolution affects homes built prior to the Eagle County Wildfire Regulations (April 2004) and that the landscaping for these homes, particularly the landscaping in Zone 1, was permitted by the Cordillera DRB, yet is contrary to current regulations. Zone 1 is the most important part of the wildfire mitigation program when it comes to protecting the home and fire fighters. When conducting hazard assessments for the purpose of this Resolution, the Association, Eagle County and/or Colorado State Forest Service may advise property owners about landscaping done prior to 2004 and provide the Owner with recommendations, BUT the owner shall not be required to remove this landscaping.
7. Failure to Comply: Notice hereunder and any other notices will be handled in accordance with the Association's then current Policy Regarding Covenant and Rule Enforcement.
8. Property Assessments: The Association, Eagle County, Colorado State Forest Service and/or Eagle Valley Wildland may periodically conduct assessments of Cordillera properties within neighborhoods or when observations from staff or other owners necessitate assessments of such properties.
9. Prior Resolution: This resolution supersedes and replaces in its entirety all prior and previously adopted Residential Wildfire Mitigation Resolutions.
10. Effective Date: This resolution shall take effect thirty days following the date and time of its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 29th DAY OF Sept., 2023.

CORDILLERA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

CPOA Board President

Melissa Murphy



EAGLE COUNTY & STATEWIDE RESOURCES

Office of Mitigation & Wildfire Protection: www.EagleCounty.us/WildfireMitigation

Eagle County's Office of Mitigation and Wildfire Protection aims to reduce the impact of wildfires and other disasters by taking action before they occur. The office's website page includes helpful resources and information about a variety of mitigation actions that homeowners can take to help protect themselves, their property, and the environment. It also includes information about wildfire hazard ratings for new building permits, a list of wildfire mitigation contractors, and a collection of links to additional wildfire mitigation resources.

Eagle County REALFire Program: www.REALFire.net

REALFire® is a wildfire risk reduction program developed in partnership with representatives from the insurance industry. The program provides free property assessments to educate residents about how their home and landscaping may be susceptible to wildfire. It also offers participants the opportunity to take specific actions on their property to reduce wildfire risk. Once recommended mitigation actions have been taken, REALFire can provide a certificate that can be shared with insurance providers or realtors. The program is managed by Eagle County in collaboration with the Vail Board of REALTORS®.

[Construction Guidelines for the Wildland Urban Interface](#)

This comprehensive guide illustrates current Eagle County Wildland Urban Interface Building code requirements as well as wildfire mitigation practices that are recommended in all construction projects. This guide is to be used by builders, architects, and homeowners who are required or who wish to utilize construction techniques that are proven to decrease the likelihood of ignition during a wildland fire event.

Colorado State Forest Service's Home Ignition Zone Guide: bit.ly/COHomeIgnitionZone

The Home Ignition Zone offers guidance on how residents can prepare their home for wildfire. It includes an overview of wildfire mitigation concepts, information on wildfire risk in Colorado, easy-to-follow steps, and checklists to address vulnerabilities with the home and reduce fuels to create defensible space. This guide is produced by the Colorado State Forest Service, the lead state agency on providing wildfire mitigation assistance to residents.

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