

RED ROCK RANCH HOA
SITES OF EXCELLENCE FINAL REPORT
March 2021

Executive Summary

Red Rock Ranch HOA, consists of 515 acres with 195 homes on 1-1.5 acre lots, with nearly 600 residents. The HOA lies at an elevation of 7400 feet and is located 1.5 miles west of I25, and 4 miles north of the Air Force Academy in unincorporated El Paso County. The Pike National Forest borders us on the western and southern perimeters; our western boundary lies at the foot of Raspberry Mountain (8600 feet); and approximately 70% of the lots are within a heavily forested, dense scrub oak environment. Our HOA, like most of the State of Colorado, is experiencing a multi-year “severe drought” with a greatly elevated wildfire risk. The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) has characterized our overall wildfire risk as “Severe” for forest and Gambel oak, and “High/Highest Risk” for properties adjacent to Raspberry Mountain/Pike National Forest. This latter high-risk area encapsulates the properties/homes within the Sites of Excellence pilot.

FireWise and Sites of Excellence Program Milestones

- FireWise Committee formed - 2017
- Red Rock Ranch HOA designated FireWise Community - 2017
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) published – 2018
- NFPA Sites of Excellence, Colorado – 2018
- El Paso County/Roads Department collaboration on Right-of Way Clearing - 2019
- NFPA/State Farm Insurance National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day - 2019
- Colorado Fire Adapted Community (FAC) Ambassador Workshop (Durango) – 2019
- NFPA certified Wildfire Mitigation Specialist (Dave Pheteplice) – 2019
- Visit of NFPA CEO Jim Pauley – October 2019
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors initiative - 2020
- Community Wildfire Emergency Preparedness Multi-agency Discussions – 2020
- Northern El Paso County Community Wildfire Evacuation Exercise planning - 2020

Sites of Excellence Pilot Project

The twenty-three (23) properties within the CSFS-designated “high/highest risk” area were selected for the pilot project (Red Rocks Drive , adjacent sections of Limestone Road, Abo Lane, Granite Circle, Forest View Road, Red Forest Road, and Sandstone Drive). The Project goal was 100% homeowner participation in active mitigation around homes (Zone 1 and Zone 2) and driveways. Specific goals for homeowners included: reduction of wildfire risk, improved safety/survivability for residents and firefighters, and broad awareness/education on wildfire threat and risk and emergency preparedness/readiness.

Project Team

The project team consisted of our FireWise Committee, with the active support of the HOA President and Board. All eight Committee members have actively supported the HOA FireWise program since its inception in 2017. The Committee’s established delegation of assignments (communications, data collection, assessors/assessments, chipping coordinator, refreshments) was instrumental in the planning and execution of the pilot project.

Sites of Excellence Pilot Project Participation

In 2019, residents were introduced to the Sites project via a Fact Sheet (printed and emails) and by individual visits to each of the 23 pilot project homeowners to explain the project and answer questions. During the two year pilot duration, nineteen of pilot project homeowners (83%) participated in pilot project mitigation. Despite repeated efforts in 2019 and 2020 (e.g., visits, project materials, FireWise emails), four homeowners (17%) ultimately did not participate. Non-participation was due to: unwillingness an absentee owner, a divorce situation, and obstinate and uncooperative homeowners.

Pilot Project Communication/Outreach

Multiple formats and materials were employed: banners, flyers, brochures, door hangers, posted signs, newsletters, emails. Significant resident interest generated by our door hanger campaign to distribute wildfire prevention/emergency preparedness materials to all 200 homeowners in HOA. Data Collection

Motivation Factors

Inform: *existing threat/risk of living in wildland urban interface, especially one that State Forestry has designated a "high/severe risk", and in a statewide "severe drought".*

Remind: *Regional history of major wildfires (Waldo Canyon (2012) and Black Forest (2013) – both within 20-30 miles of our HOA); severe drought amplifies wildfire risk*

Educate: *wildfire threat/risk/mitigation materials (NFPA/State/Regional/FACNET, fire authorities, insurance industry, etc.); importance of Zone 1 and 2; firefighter access/safety and resident and pet safety; emergency preparedness/evacuation preparation.*

Encourage: *share in/build community (be a good neighbor; mitigate together to survive together)*

Value/Benefits: *intangible - preserve property value , potential for reduced insurance rate; tangible - colorful, long-sleeve FireWise crew shirts (presented after chipping day participation); chipping day team-building (socialize during home-made lunches, snacks, refreshments; all equipped with safety helmets, safety goggles, ear protection, team members in FireWise shirts).*

Assignments/Responsibilities - FireWise (Pilot Project) Team

Assessments: *track/maintain assessments (scheduling, completion) - 1; scheduling, notifying residents – 1; assessors - 2 (1 NFPA certified)*

Mitigation: *requests/notification/scheduling/feedback – 1*

Chipping: *safety procedures/operations (oversight, safety, equipment) – 1; refreshments/home-made lunches – 2*

FireWise-Sites Data/Results

Assessments – 2 *FireWise assessors (1 x NFPA certified), Tri-Lakes Fire Marshal*

2019 – 19 total; 7 *Sites project.*

2020 – 8 total; 6 *Sites project*

Sites Pilot Project 2-year total: 56% assessed (13)

Mitigation – *[3 year total of 46% of all HOA properties – (98)*

2019 – 49 total mitigated [avg of 20 hrs/homeowner]

2020 – 41 total (6 chipped, 2 or more times)

Chipping – *[2019 to 2020: increased number of chipping crew participants; decreased hours per chipping day*

2019 5 x Saturdays (May-Oct), chip day = 7 hours, 6-7 chip team

2020 4 x Saturdays (June, July, August, September), chip day = 5+ hours, 8-10 chip team

Assessment to Mitigation/Chipping - *[correlation established]*

2020 – 56% of properties mitigated, had received an assessment in last 3 yrs

Sites Pilot Project – *[individual homeowner participation (by street) – ranged from 40% to 87%]*

Accomplishments

FireWise program / Sites pilot – contributed to strengthened relationships and partnerships.

-*Regional planning - emergency preparedness and evacuation* (El Paso County, Monument, Palmer Lake, Red Cross, School Districts, police, fire departments)

-*Information sharing - FireWise/Sites and wildfire threat/risk* (NEPCO – regional association of 44 area HOA's; Pikes Peak Wildfire Preparedness Program; neighboring HOA's)

-*Wildfire preparedness collaboration* – (Colorado State Forest Service/CSFS, Pike District Ranger/US Forest Service/USFS; Colorado FAC Ambassador Workshop)

-*Support/advocacy for increased, targeted regional/state wildfire funding* - (El Paso County Commissioners and Colorado Congressional District Representative)

-*Extensive community/regional publicity* – (2019 visit of NFPA CEO (Colorado Springs TV and newspaper interviews/coverage); local/regional newspaper coverage NFPA/State Farm National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day)

-*Priority road right-of-way clearance in 'high risk' FireWise/Sites area* – (joint initiative with El Paso County Department of Transportation that maintains primary roads in HOA)

FireWise/Sites pilot – indirectly contributed to beneficial side effects

-*Wildfire risk reduction*: adjacent camper parking area - USFS/Pike National Forest; hiking/biking trails safety/maintenance (Friends of Monument Preserve)

-*Wildfire Risk Awareness*: Friends of Monument Preserve (forest trails - local/social/USFS)

Strong Collaborative Partnerships

El Paso County - Office of Emergency Management, County Commissioners, Department of Transportation/Roads

Forestry - USFS Pike District Ranger, CSFS State Forester, Coalition for Upper South Platte (forest watershed/ecological health)

Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District – strong Firewise proponent/advocate; purchased wildland fire brush truck and chipper (2020 and provided no-cost chipping and crew for our 4 chipping days. In return, HOA/FireWise donated the NFPA Sites project \$1000 to the Fire District for expanding use of chipper/crew for other area HOAs.

Pilot Project Lessons/Learnings

Strong correlation - assessments lead to mitigation/chipping

Build experienced chipping team - significantly reduces hours expended chipping

Trained/certified assessors – key for increasing homeowner buy-in/participation

Delegation of team roles – crucial, important for efficiency, effectiveness, harmony, sustainability

Informal project conversations are vital – casual, neighbor-to-neighbor tends to increase participation

Photo/imaging – needs detailed planning and assigned responsibilities (image capture, storage/access, retrieval/sharing, etc.).

Future considerations: *use of drone imagery; create photo/image mosaic* for website (progress reporting, next-year project emphases.

Observations/Recommendations:

Tracking mitigated properties, a challenge – some homeowners chose not to participate in FireWise/Sites yet still mitigated/chipped on their own

Persistent, varied communications necessary in dealing with absentee property owners and vacant properties

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Prioritize wildfire relationship building - area Fire Department(s), state and regional wildfire offices/officials

Homeowner Feedback

Widespread, hearty appreciation and thanks for FireWise/Sites Pilot efforts

Individual homeowners very proud of their wildfire mitigation efforts and those of neighbors

Sincerely appreciated continued focus on wildfire risk reduction and emergency preparedness

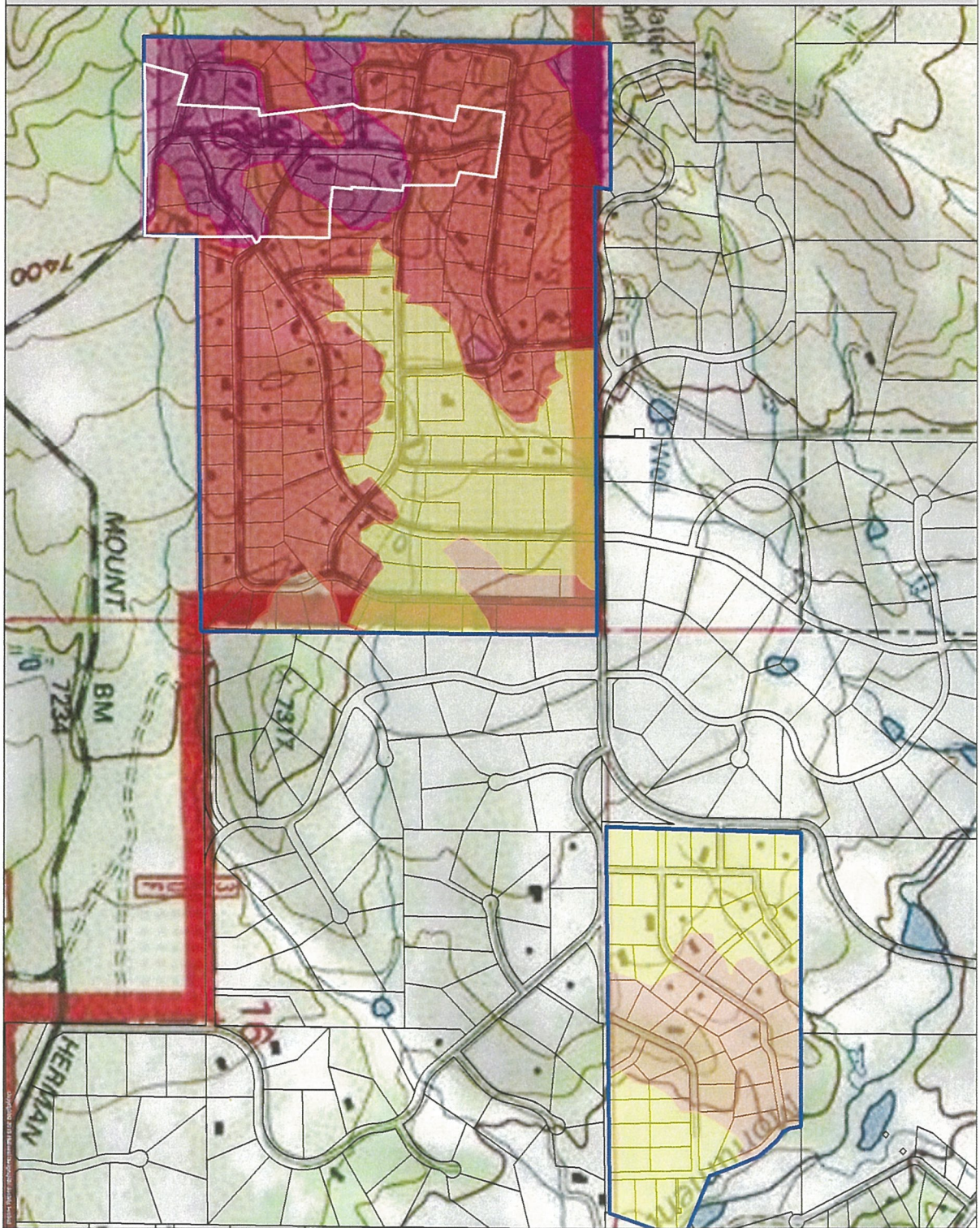
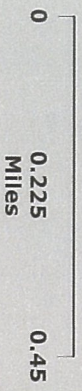
Proud and happy HOA is engaged in NFPA's wildfire prevention and preparedness programs

Red Rock Ranch
Community Wildfire
Protection Plan

Fire Hazard

Legend

- SOE_Boundary
- Red Rock Ranch
- Parcels
- High: Forest 69 ac
- High: Grass 147 ac
- Severe: Forest 66ac
- Severe: Oak 233 ac



Red Rock Ranch 1 of 7 'Sites of Excellence' in national program

FOR THE TRIBUNE

In every destructive wildfire, some communities survive with little damage while many others are devastated. Post-fire studies of the surviving communities reach the same conclusion: proactive mitigation and fuel treatments reduce wildfire intensity and save communities. Locally, there are two cases in point: Cathedral Pines in the 2013 Black Forest Fire and Cedar Heights in the 2012 Waldo Canyon Fire. Both wildfire-mitigated neighborhoods survived when nearby homes burned.

If fuels reduction so obviously saves high-risk neighborhoods, why do so many remain firetraps? Because there is no coordinated wildfire safety effort within the community. When individual homeowners go it alone, they protect their homes, but when the community works as one, the intangible things that brought residents to the woods in the first place — the beauty and sense of community — survive as well.

The idea of community survival motivates Red Rock Ranch, 202 homes



The Coalition for the Upper South Platte crew and its chipper supported the Red Rock Ranch community's mitigation efforts in September. Community efforts in 2018 included fuels reduction for 70 homes, wildfire assessments of nearly 40 homes, two community meetings and door-to-door distribution of information.

Photo courtesy of Dave Betzler

located in dense ponderosa pine and scrub oak south of Palmer Lake, and now, Red Rock Ranch is a part of a national effort to increase community wildfire hazard reduction. The community is one of seven across the country selected as a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise USA Site of Excellence, a 24-month pilot program designed to increase homeowner participation in community wildfire

hazard reduction. Firewise USA, a program of the NFPA in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, and the National Association of State Foresters, teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take action now to save lives and prevent wildfire losses.

Red Rock Ranch became a recognized Firewise

USA site in 2017. With the help of the Colorado State Forest Service and Tri Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, its residents developed a 10-year Community Wildfire Protection Plan and, acting on the plan's recommendations, began fuels reduction around homes and along evacuation routes. In 2018, the community's homeowners donated nearly \$47,000 in volunteer in-kind labor for wildfire hazard reduction. The enthusiastic effort the community put into implementing the plan led to their selection. Sites of Excellence had its kick-off on Jan. 16, when Dave Betzler of the Red Rock Ranch Firewise Committee attended Home Ignition Zone training in San Antonio. The workshop covered the same training given to fire professionals to assess the wildland fuels surrounding a home and the ignitability of the home itself.

"The San Antonio training will definitely strengthen our community home assessment efforts," Betzler said.

NFPA Sites of Excellence will help fund Red Rock Ranch fuels reduction efforts and increase homeowner participation. Reaching homeowners will be one of the first tasks and, unlike many such efforts, it will be a two-way process.

"We won't just be talking to the neighbors," Betzler said. "We want their feedback on their fuels mitigation progress, any concerns, as well as project improvement ideas."

The Red Rock Ranch pilot project will focus on increasing participation of its homeowners. Betzler said his committee "has been working already with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte to evaluate wildfire risks and conduct individual home assessments, and now with Sites of Excellence, we can reach, better inform and assist homeowners in tackling their specific wildfire hazards."

By the end of the two-year project, Red Rock Ranch should be a safer place, but the real result will be the lessons learned. Each of the sites will develop pilot project best practices and lessons learned for NFPA, and for sharing locally and with other communities.

For information about obtaining Firewise USA recognition or Community Wildfire Protection Plans, contact the Colorado State Forest Service Woodland Park Field Office at 687-2921. The Red Rock Ranch CWPP is available on the CSFS website at csfs.colostate.edu/wildfire-mitigation/colorado-community-wildfire-protection-plans.



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Dear Red Rock Ranch Homeowner
June 15, 2019

Exciting news! The HOA was awarded a \$2000 grant for wildfire mitigation and chipping from National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as part of their "Sites of Excellence" initiative. This two-year *Pilot Project* is a great opportunity for homeowners to reduce their wildfire risk and improve resident and neighborhood safety and survivability in the event of a wildfire.

Pilot Project funding supplements on-going HOA mitigation efforts. The project will provide homeowners with the opportunity for a detailed home assessment, recommendations for mitigation and prioritization, and multiple opportunities for chipping, as well as continuing mitigation advice and support.

For the Pilot Project, the geographic focus will be the western portion of our HOA (*Red Rocks Drive, segments of Abo Lane, Red Forest Rd, Forest View Rd, Sandstone Dr, Limestone Rd*). This area borders Pike National Forest and is characterized by Colorado State Forest Service and local Fire Marshal as a 'severe' fire hazard (*see map on Cover Page of our 2018 Community Wildfire Protection Plan on HOA website*).

Here's what Pilot Project includes for individual homeowners:

- Home assessment by trained assessors – FireWise, local Fire Marshal, Colorado State Forest Service.
- Homeowner mitigation recommendations and suggested priorities.
- Multiple dates for chipping (HOA dues must be paid up).
- Regular progress checks and reporting.

These are the benefits of Red Rock Ranch participating in the "Sites of Excellence" Pilot Project:

- Our goal, along with NFPA and Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District, is to increase homeowner wildfire awareness and active participation in mitigation efforts.
- Project funding will broaden and strengthen HOA FireWise mitigation efforts.
- Better-informed property owners with mitigated homes will benefit from increased safety and survivability.
- Mitigated properties may benefit from lower insurance rates.
- Project achievements and successes improve probability of HOA gaining additional funding for wildfire mitigation.

We will track and record Pilot Project achievements. NFPA will use results from all seven 'Sites of Excellence' sites to strengthen the 1,500 FIREWISE USA communities across the U.S.

The attached Fact Sheet is also posted to the HOA website.

For questions or additional information, email rrrfirewise@gmail.com, (*subject line: Pilot Project*).



NFPA Sites of Excellence Pilot Project

FACT SHEET

- **Two year funded initiative: \$1000/year 2019 and 2020**
- **Project emphasis: homeowner mitigation and emergency preparedness**
 - Mitigation around homes: Zone 1 (0-5 feet) and Zone 2 (5-30 feet)
 - Reflective house numbers – visible from both directions
 - Trimmed driveways/roadways (edge to 5 feet)
- **Pilot Project goals:**
 - Reduce wildfire risk for homeowners
 - Improve safety for residents and firefighters
 - Promote homeowner awareness/education - wildfire threat/risk and need for emergency preparedness
- **Pilot Project geographic focus**
 - High/severe wildfire risk area – characterized by Colorado State Forest Service/CSFS
 - Red Rocks Drive and adjacent portions of Sandstone Dr, Limestone Rd, Abo Lane, Forest View Road, Red Forest Road, and Granite Circle
- **Steps to participate in Pilot Project**
 - One - Request Home Assessment – rrrfirewise@gmail.com
 - Trained assessors - FireWise, CSFS, Tri-lakes Fire Marshal
 - Two – Use Assessment recommendations as your ‘mitigation plan’
 - Three - Mitigate Zone 1 and Zone 2, and drag/place mitigation slash at roadside
 - Four - Request Chipping Date – rrrfirewise@gmail.com
 - Scheduled dates: July 27, Aug 24, Sep 21, Oct 12
 - Five – Assist FireWise volunteers on scheduled chipping date
- **Value and Benefits of Pilot Project**
 - Strengthens and expands HOA mitigation efforts
 - Reduces wildfire risk to homeowners
 - Improves safety and survivability for residents and safe access for firefighters
 - Provides much needed funding to supplement HOA FireWise efforts
 - Raises homeowner awareness of wildfire threat
 - Increases homeowner engagement in wildfire prevention
- **For information and questions** - email rrrfirewise@gmail.com - subject line “Pilot Project”.

*Red Rock Ranch HOA
FireWise Committee 6.15.2019*

Our Sites of Excellence Pilot Project is focused on 23 target homes within a severe/high-risk area of HOA. Our project goals are:

1. Comprehensive wildfire education & awareness campaign: regular distribution/display of FireWise materials, signs and banners
2. Full homeowner engagement & participation: assessment and mitigation of each home/property (wildfire risk zones 1 & 2, tree/understory)
3. More resilient homeowners: risk/threat- aware, and better prepared for emergency/evacuation
4. Neighbors and neighborhoods working together: acceptance of shared risks, recognition of individual and collective responsibilities

Challenges:

1. Burdened Homeowners – financial situations, physical limitations, elderly or frail seniors; reluctant/obstinate homeowners; absentee owners/rental properties
2. Resource limitations – insufficient funding for HOA FireWise and target property mitigation and chipping
3. Volunteer availability – personal emergencies, family caretaker responsibilities, physical limitations (retired, injured, aging, etc)

Overcoming challenges:

Burdened homeowners:

- *Intentional focus on each and every homeowner interaction*: caring, respectful, listening, compassionate, non-judgmental;
- *Partner with local church's emergency preparedness team* for no-cost property mitigation of physical/financial constrained homeowners);
- *Respectful and persistent FireWise and neighbor-to-neighbor conversations*, low-key but direct with reluctant/obstinate residents;
- *Direct and official HOA correspondence* (email, written) to an absentee owners/rentals

Overarching approach for Sites of Excellence project: Develop/maintain personal relationships; foster neighbor-to-neighbor assistance; maintain open two-way communications; and recognize homeowner participation and accomplishments (publicity, FireWise and HOA newsletters, website, media articles, project progress reports)

Other Sites of Excellence/FireWise emphases:

Outreach, collaboration and advocacy:

- *Increase Tri-Lakes area/region awareness* (e.g., Northern El Paso County Coalition of Community Organizations/NEPCO with 40 plus member HOAs, Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners/PPWPP multi-county information sharing organization). .
- *Develop/strengthen organizational relationships* (e.g., El Paso County - Office of Emergency Management and Transportation/Roads; County Commissioners); CSFS and USFS; Colorado Stat Representative)
- *Publicize FireWise and NFPA Sites of Excellence efforts*

Red Rock Ranch HOA
FireWise/Sites of Excellence Presentation for NFPA
10/10/2019

- Welcome & Purpose: Program Review & Encourage Wildfire Collaboration
- Outline
 - NFPA Remarks - Jim Pauley, Tom Welle
 - Program Review:
 - RRR FireWise & Sites of Excellence
 - What's Working/Needs Improvement
 - Summary
 - Remarks: Rep Carver, CSFS/Dave Root, CUSP/Michelle Connelly, TLMFPD/Jamey Bumgarner, USFS/Oscar Martinez
- *[Weather permitting]*
 - NFPA Tour – FireWise/Sites of Excellence
 - Lunch @ Casa Fiesta

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FireWise/Sites of Excellence Presentation for NFPA (2)

- Program Review - Overview
 - RRR HOA: 515 acres, 212 lots (1-3 acres), 195 homes, approx 575 residents
 - Description
 - Heavily forested, dense scrub oak,
 - Bordered by Pike National Forest/Mt Herman & Raspberry Mountain
 - *CSFS characterization - Red Rock Ranch Wildfire Risk*
 - “Severe” Forest and Gambel Oak; “High/Highest Risk” (WUI/CO-WRAP)
 - Program Milestones
 - FireWise Committee (2017)
 - CWPP (2018)
 - Designated FireWise Community (2017)
 - NFPA Sites of Excellence - Colorado (2018)
 - NFPA Certified Wildfire Mitigation Specialist – Dave Pheteplace (2019)

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FireWise/Sites of Excellence Presentation for NFPA (3)

- NFPA FireWise & Sites of Excellence
 - Mitigation Inspections – 39 (25% of HOA)
 - 2018 / 20 2019 / 19 (7 SOE)
 - CUSP software consistent w/NFPA 1144 Guidelines
 - Mitigation & Chipping – 105 [84 unique] (40% of HOA)
 - 2018 / 56 2019 / 49
 - Average mitigation 20+ hours homeowner
 - Chipping – most visible FireWise activity; guidelines for homeowners, signs on slash piles
 - 5 days (2018) Chipping crew: 5-6 volunteers (FireWise/homeowners approx. 7 hours/chipping day)
 - 4 days (2019) Crew: 8-12 FireWise/homeowners (approx. 5-6 hours/day)

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FireWise/Sites of Excellence Presentation for NFPA (4)

- NFPA FireWise & Sites of Excellence (con't)
 - Neighbors Helping Neighbors – *Sites of Excellence initiative*
 - Neighbors assist mitigation for those with financial, physical, age limitations
 - Right of Way/ROW Clearing
 - Initial County ROW effort - stopped by residents' concerns
 - Sites of Excellence initiative begun: clearing of two corner/intersections
 - More communications with neighbors

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FireWise/Sites of Excellence Presentation for NFPA (7)

- Remarks - NFPA Meeting Participants
 - State Representative Terri Carver
 - Colorado State Forest Service Dave Root
 - Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District Fire Marshal Jamey Bumgarner
 - Coalition for Upper South Platte/CUSP Michelle Connelly
 - US Forest Service Pikes Peak District Oscar Martinez
- Discussion / Q & A
- NFPA Tour - Red Rock Ranch FireWise/Sites of Excellence

RED ROCK RANCH HOA

NFPA WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY - May 4, 2019

On May 4, Red Rock Ranch HOA, a FIREWISE USA community and Colorado's site for NFPA Sites of Excellence project, will distribute comprehensive wildfire education and awareness and emergency preparedness information to each of our 202 homeowners.

Our 360 acre, 202 home HOA is at 7400 feet elevation. We are in a wildland-urban interface (heavily forested, dense concentrations of scrub oak), bounded on two sides by national forests, bordering 8-9000 foot mountains. Our area is characterized as a 'severe' wildfire risk. Our major and continuing challenge, *and the purpose for our 4 May wildfire awareness effort*, is making homeowners aware and engaged in reducing the threat of wildfires.

In community partnership with Kiwanis Club/Key Club students (PRHS & LPHS), our FireWise adult volunteers will guide and oversee hand delivery of brightly colored plastic hanger bags, imprinted with Red Rock Ranch FireWise Committee, and containing wildfire risk/threat, emergency preparedness, and evacuation awareness materials as listed below:

NFPA: FireWise Communities: HOW TO HAVE A FIREWISE HOME; FireWise USA: HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WILDFIRES

Colorado State Forest Service: Quick Guide Series Fire 12012-1 – PROTECTING YOUR HOME FROM WILDFIRE: Creating Wildfire-Defensible Zones

El Paso County, Office of Emergency Management: HOW TO PREPARE FOR A WILDFIRE

Colorado Project Wildfire: Colorado Property & Insurance Wildfire Preparedness Guide

Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District: wildfire and emergency contact information

RRR FireWise Committee: 2018 FireWise Newsletter; Home Assessment and Mitigation/chipping registration/contact information; FireWise guidelines for property mitigation; and FireWise Committee contact information

Each wildfire education/awareness bag will include HOA President cover letter that highlights State Farm/NFPA sponsorship, emphasizes lifesaving value of the educational materials, and contains fire/emergency contact information as well as critical homeowner FireWise registration instructions.

Key Club students, Kiwanis Advisors, FireWise members and HOA volunteers will meet 9:30AM on May 4 at HOA pavilion. HOA President will give event overview and distribution assignments (2 students per section) with distribution scheduled from 10AM to 1130. FireWise adults/Key Club Advisors will drive students to assigned locations and pick them up after distribution.

May 4 awareness effort will benefit homeowners and families, delivering actionable safety/survivability information. HOA will benefit from expected increase in homeowner participation in FireWise activities. Homeowner preparedness should also improve fire firefighter safety and effectiveness.

The \$500 State Farm grant will purchase:

250 plastic bags - \$225 [250 @ 0.52 ea = \$130/\$55 design/\$40 freight/tax -- Monarch Merchandising 18760 Jackson Creek Pkwy 80132]

1 outdoor banner (6 ft x 3 ft) - **\$171** [\$126/\$25 design/\$20 shipping/tax --Tri-Lakes Printing, 15706 Jackson Creek Pkwy 80123]

250 flyers (color paper/color printing) – \$45 -- Staples Jackson Creek Parkway 80132)

Refreshments/snacks - \$55 (Key Club students, Kiwanis Advisors, FireWise members)

Project schedule: April: collect materials; order bags/banner; finalize Key Club participation; May 3 – bag materials/arrange for distribution; get refreshments; May 4 – organize Key Club distribution routes, supervise homeowner distribution; enjoy refreshments.

May 6 – Send Red Rock Ranch HOA Thank You Letter to State Farm; send summary event press release to local news media.

EVENT PLANNING

Key Club students (8-10) & Key Club Advisors (4-6)

Firewise adults (8-10)

Schedule:

April: collect all materials; order bags/banner; finalize Key Club/Kiwanis participation
Email announcement to all HOA residents on plans and purpose of Wildfire Preparedness
Day activities (mid-April, 1 May)
May 3 – bag materials/arrange for distribution; get refreshments
May 4 – organize/assign delivery segments (students and adults), refreshments, walk w/students;
complete deliveries

RRR Delivery Segments/Roads:

2/3 students AND 1-2 adults per segment. All meet 9:30 at Pavilion, refreshments; assign students & adults to delivery segments; adults drive students to segment starting points and stay w/students throughout distribution, and drive/escort students back to Pavilion

1. FOREST VIEW RD (Red Forest/Forest View to Red Rock Ranch Drive) - 23
2. RED FOREST (Forest View to Sandstone) - 29
3. LIMESTONE & PIXIE PARK - 27
4. PIKE VIEW WAY, SIERRA VISTA, EL RANCHO, MESA VERDE, RANGE VIEW - 51
5. SPRUCE & STONE VIEW (to Sandstone) - 25
6. SANDSTONE, ASPEN WAY, RED ROCK DRIVE (LIMESTONE to RED FOREST) - 23
7. GRANITE CIRCLE, ABO LANE, SANDSTONE / LIMESTONE loop - 32
and RED FOREST & FOREST VIEW to RED ROCK DRIVE



PHOTO CAPTION: Red Rock Ranch Volunteers set to deliver wildfire preparedness materials to homeowners.

NFPA/STATE FARM Wildfire Preparedness Day – MAY 4 betzler13@gmail.com

The **May 4 National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day** is a nationwide activity sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association and State Farm Insurance to increase awareness of the wildfire threat and promote community preparedness.

Dave Betzler, chair of the Firewise committee: **"Thanks to State Farm and its \$500 grant, we were able to collect and distribute vital wildfire preparedness materials to all homeowners."**

Red Rock Ranch's aggressive wildfire awareness and mitigation program has earned them **designation as a Firewise USA community** and recent **selection as the Colorado site for NFPA Sites of Excellence** two year, nationwide pilot project.

The Wildfire Preparedness Day was planned as a service project. Nearly 25 volunteers, as well as guests Mayor Don Wilson of Monument, Tom Welle NFPA Program Manager, and Tri-Lakes Fire Marshal Jamey Bumgarner, enjoyed morning snacks and refreshments courtesy of a donation from State Farm Patrick Hall Office. Volunteers were organized into teams, and given delivery bags, safety instructions, and basic delivery do's and don'ts. **Deliveries of wildfire materials to all 194 homes were completed safely within two hours.**

Red Rock Ranch

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

WHAT

Help Granite Circle neighbor, Maggie Williamson, mitigate overgrown driveway, roadway and yard and significantly reduce her wildfire risk

WHY

Maggie is willing and eager to mitigate but task is too large and too difficult for her

WHEN

Tuesday, September 17, 8:30AM to 12:30PM

WHO

Your Granite Circle neighbors and FireWise volunteers

WHERE

18013 Granite Circle

HOW

Become a Neighbor helping Neighbors on September 17th

Wear gloves and eye protection

If possible, bring lopper and weed eater

Help reduce wildfire risk for a neighbor, and for Granite Circle

CLOSING REMINDER:

>Our Red Rock Ranch wildfire risk is REAL and SEVERE.

>Neighbors Helping Neighbors is direct and important way to improve Granite Circle neighborhood mitigation by reducing the wildfire risk for your neighbor.



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