



**WILDFIRE
ADAPTED
PARTNERSHIP**

"Joining together to Protect Lives and Property"

Loma Linda HOA Board Meeting FireWise updates for April 2019

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-New FireWise USA signs are available to replace the old one's

-FireWise Bulletin Board at the mail boxes has been updated.

-Mail Box Shelter Interior Solar Security Light has been recently installed.

-A Wildfire Adapted Partnership Strategic Planning meeting is scheduled for June 24-29th. The exact date and time is to be determined—if you have any thoughts and ideas, please let us know.

-At our last Wildfire council meeting, three insurance company representatives (State Farm, Farmers and Allstate shared their thoughts and answered questions from the Ambassadors from the five counties in SW Colorado.

-Wednesday, April 10, 2019 there will be an Archuleta County Resiliency Initiative meeting at the Community Building at 6:00. From the initial workshop, the number one challenge for our region and community is Wildfire.

-Friday, April 12, 2019 there is a County Ambassador meeting at the Public Library from 9:30 to 11:30—Bill Trimarco County, WAP Coordinator to chair.

-Wednesday, April 17th. Wildfire Adapted Partnership Board meeting in Durango from 10:00 to 12:00.

-Saturday, April 20, 2019 there will be an HIZ (Home Ignition Zone) Workshop at the Community Library at Mancos from 9:00 to 5:00. A great way to get a real vision of the

challenges we are facing as residents living in and WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) WildFire Ecology.

-Peggy has made up and distributed six FireWise Evacuation Packets.

-At our last monthly Ambassador meeting, Peggy discussed having another evacuation drill for Loma Linda. Our Fire Chief, Randy Larson appeared to be in support.

-Monday, April 29, 2019 there will be a Watershed Assessment Vulnerability Evaluation (WAVE) Presentation at the County Extension Office at 10:00 a.m. to help identify threats to resources and recommend restoration strategies during the post wildfire recovery.

Sidebar: One of the major challenges is from debris flow and erosion/water quality.

-SATURDAY, MAY 4th IS WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS DAY---This year the County WAP Coordinator and County Firewise Team planning to have a HALF DAY COMMUNITY EVENT for the Elderly or Disabled PLPOA residents who are unable to clean up their property to make their home more wildfire resistant.

Sidebar: This year's Wildfire Preparedness Day is a community wide activity focusing on PLPOA elderly or disabled residents.

Sidebar: Next year we may have the opportunity to select another community to assist. It is all about teamwork!!! Working together we can make a difference.

Sidebar: We also may have a Wildfire Preparedness Day for the residents of Loma Linda on a Saturday in May to be announced.

Forest Health and Wildfire Realities:

-Most of the homes that are lost from wildfire are from the brands generated from firestorms that fall on combustible surfaces in, on and/or around the home in Zones 1 and 2.

-Driveways also may need to be opened up and mitigated on both sides to allow fire equipment and personnel to have the defensible space necessary to work in a safe environment. Spot fires are always a concern when trying to address initial attack.

-The current weather patterns are misleading. This region is still rated as being in a severe drought.

-To maintain a healthy forest, trees need to be thinned to help provide limited moisture and nutrients to fewer trees per acre. This will also reduce insect and disease problems.

FIREWISE AWARENESS INFORMATION



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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS HALF DAY
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MOST APPRECIATED.**

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BOARD ARE IN THE INFORMATION BOXES BEHIND THE
DISPLAY BOARD**