



Upcoming Meetings

Archuleta Ambassador Meeting: April 27th at 9:30 am at the Ruby M. Sisson Library in Pagosa Springs. For more information contact Bill at btrimarco@wildfireadapted.org

Montezuma Ambassador Meeting: April 18th at 5:30 pm at the Mancos Library
For more information contact Samantha at storres@wildfireadapted.org

Montezuma County Fire Mitigation Workshop: April 22nd at 1:00-5:00 (social to follow) at Summit Lake Community Church 36501 HWY 184, Mancos, CO 81328

WIIN Grant Public Meeting: April 18th at 5:30 hybrid meeting on Zoom and at La Plata County Admin, 1101 E 2nd Ave, Durango

Fire Council Meeting: May 16th at 5:00 pm at the La Plata County Fairgrounds Lightner Room

WIIN Grant Public Meeting: May 1st at 5:30 at Upper Pine River Fire Protection District Office. 515 Sower Dr, Bayfield

Wildfire Prep Day: May 6th, 2023

FIRE MITIGATION WORKSHOP

Earth Day is on Saturday April 22 and from 1:00-5:00 pm there will be a Fire Mitigation event for landowners at the Summit Lake Community Church. The event will feature multiple hands on mitigation workshops with a social at the Dolores River Brewery following. Workshops include defensible space, chainsaw safety, slash management and burn piles, stacking for chipping, and funding opportunities. This is a collaborative event between WAP, DWRF, the USFS, FACO, and CSFS.

For more information please email Montezuma County Coordinator Samantha Torres at storres@wildfireadapted.org. We hope to see many of you there!

Fire Mitigation for Landowners

Saturday, April 22, 2023 - EARTH DAY!
Summit Lake Community Church
36501 Hwy 184, Mancos, CO 81328
1 PM to 5 PM Social to follow
@ Dolores River Brewery

Workshop topics:

- Defensible space
- Chainsaw 101 - Hands on!
- Slash management & burn piles
- Stacking for chipping
- Funding & cost share opportunities
- Meet other landowners!

Questions?
Contact Danny Margoles - 952-457-8586
coordinator@dwrfcollaborative.org




Scan QR code to register

Suggested \$10 registration fee. Use link or QR code to register: <https://FireMitigationApril2023.eventbrite.com>








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HOMEOWNER GRANT OPPURTUNITY

Ready to improve your home's defenses against wildfire? Get a free wildfire risk assessment and take advantage of first come first serve grant funding that can reimburse part of the cost to improve our ecosystem health and decrease

your properties risk.

Funds are available to private landowners within in the mapped program area who complete a free home wildfire risk assessment and hire a contractor to complete wildfire mitigation on their parcel. Once mitigation is completed, the program may reimburse the homeowner up to 50% of the project.

For property owners in the WIIN geography, there will be informational meetings presented by grant partners and public land managers on April 18th at 5:30 at La Plata County Administration Building located at 1101 E. 2nd Ave, in the Board Room and on May 1st at 5:30 at the Upper Pine Fire Protection District Office.

[Click here to learn more and check for eligibility.](#)



FUNDING FOR
Wildfire Mitigation

Do you own land in the area of County Roads 240, 245 or 243 surrounding Lemon Reservoir? (Project area is in pink to the right)

Attend a public meeting to learn about grant funding to reduce your wildfire risk and improve our community's resilience.

Who
If you live in the [WIIN grant](#) area, you are invited to attend and hear presentations (and ask questions) from grant partners and public land managers.

When

- April 18th, Tuesday at 5:30 pm
- May 1st, Monday at 5:30 pm


Where

- April - Zoom and La Plata County Admin, 1101 E 2nd Ave. Durango
- May - Upper Pine River Fire Protection District Office

Why
Grant funding for up to 50% reimbursement is available first come first serve so we can work together to prepare for wildfire.

Visit online to learn more: [BIT.LY/FIREFUNDS](https://bit.ly/firefunds)

EPA





May is national Wildfire Preparedness Month and May 6th is national "Wildfire Prep Day" where communities gather together to complete mitigation work to protect homes and communities from wildfire. If you are an Ambassador or are interested in taking part, please plan ahead with your HOA's and neighbors. If you have questions please email info@wildfireadapted.org

Click here to view WAP's [2019 Wildfire Prep Day Story Map](#)

For more information on Wildfire Prep Day visit the [NFPA website here.](#)

MARCH 2023 FIRE COUNCIL

At the March 2023 Fire Council Meeting, guest speaker Andrew Hawk discussed biomass utilization. Andrew is helping improve regional biomass management at Phoenix Recycling through new composting facilities and local outreach. Andrew is an expert at biomass utilization and he helped found Timber Age Systems. For more information about wood utilization and new programs in the area, please view the recording of the [Fire Council meeting here.](#)

PROGRAM UPDATES



Chipper Rebate Program

WAP's Chipper Rebate Program is open!

Individuals are eligible for a 50% reimbursement (maximum \$250) and HOAs/communities are eligible for a 50% reimbursement (maximum \$1,500) of chipping expenses. All reimbursement applications must provide a completed copy of the application below, copy of all invoices/receipts, and two photos of the chipping activity. [Click here for more information.](#)

For all questions please email us at chipper@wildfireadapted.org.

Home Risk Site Assessments

WAP's Site Assessments are open!

Have a Wildfire Adapted Partnership coordinator visit you and do a wildfire risk assessment of your home. Our coordinators will walk around your property with you and discuss what steps you can make to be better prepared for wildfire. You will receive a write up of everything you need to know to take the next steps in your wildfire preparedness journey as well as important materials to help guide you in your efforts. These visits generally take 60-90 minutes. [Click here for more information.](#)

For all questions email us at info@wildfireadapted.org.

REMINDERS

Volunteer Hours

Thank you to our Neighborhood Ambassadors and volunteers for all your hard work! Please remember track your hours at wildfireadapted.org/time-report

Cost Share

Cost share projects are currently available in select areas. Please reach out to your [County Coordinator](#) to find out if you're eligible.



Articles of Interest

1. [Fire chiefs urge prevention and legislation to protect Colorado communities](#)
2. [Colorado wildfire investigators would get funding, trained dogs under new bill](#)
3. [Wildfires and hail storms cause insurers to raise premiums and drop customers in Colorado](#)
4. [Forest Service Professionals Prepare for a Prescribed Burn](#)
5. ['Careless' homeowner started Park County wildfire, sheriff says](#)
6. [Colorado's 2023 wildfire season has begun. Here's how counties are responding.](#)
7. [AI wildfire detection bill gets initial approval in Colorado](#)
8. [Amid extreme climate and natural disasters, is California still a desirable place to live and vacation? Experts weigh in.](#)

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