

The Highlands at Breckenridge Property Owners' Association Newsletter, June 4, 2018

Fire Mitigation Presentation

There is no way to prevent wildfires from starting in our forests, and we have only limited capacity for control and suppression once a fire gains momentum. Advance preparation by you and your neighboring property owners is critical to reducing the risk of total loss of your home and its beautiful forest environment.

On **Tuesday, July 3** from 4pm to 6 pm at the Golf Course Clubhouse in Breckenridge, you will learn more about the current state of our forests, the steps you can take to reduce risk of property loss, and effective preparation for evacuation to save the lives of your family members. All Highlands owners are invited to hear an update from Captain Matt Benedict of the Red White & Blue Fire Protection District ("RW&B"). Additional detailed information on actions that you can take to protect your property can be found through the links below to the Firewise program and the Defensible Space Ordinance of the Town of Breckenridge.

You are encouraged to contact RW&B by email at Mitigation@RWBFire.org to schedule a free wildfire preparedness inspection and obtain specific recommendations, or call them at 970-453-2474 with other questions. The County will once again conduct a roadside chipping program this summer, scheduled for our neighborhood during the weeks of July 30 - August 3, and again during the week of Sept 17 - 23 see <http://www.summitcountyco.gov/885/Chipping-Program>. Prior to removal of any trees, please contact a member of our Board for a quick review, and either the Town of Breckenridge or one of their approved tree contractors for Town approval.

Please RSVP to this email to help us with plans for catering appetizers; there will be a cash bar available.

Town of Breckenridge Code - Voluntary Defensible Space Ordinance:

Go to this link, then scroll down to Policies 9-1-19-22A and 9-1-19-22R:

http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=878&ft=4&find=9-1

Firewise Recommendations -

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>

Summit County Government Chipping Program Guidelines -

<http://www.summitcountyco.gov/885/Chipping-Program>

Yours truly,

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