



SUMMIT PARK A FIREWISE COMMUNITY

CALL TO ACTION

The Summit Park Fire & Safety Committee is looking for 80 or so proactive home and absentee lot owners to participate in a 24 month *Sites of Excellence* pilot program sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This project is designed to increase resident participation in active wildfire risk reduction through a focused approach. This is blueprint to establish details for building a national strategy for stimulating defensible space and a fuel management agenda at a grass roots level.

Over the next two years we will need to complete identified mitigation tasks within 30 feet of every home, based on recommendations from individual assessments. The Summit Park Fire & Safety Committee, with oversight from the NFPA, will nurture enthusiasm, set realistic targets and provide guidance for participating home and lot owners. Our community objective is to promote neighborhood awareness and show examples of reduced home ignition potential. Some financial support may be available through the Summit Park HOA incentive programs. This is a community effort supporting a national agenda.

We recognize that these are lofty goals, however, in order to effectively move the needle on wildfire preparedness and increase the ignition resistance of individual homes and communities, this is the type of effort that needs to occur.

Research related to how homes ignite and post-wildfire assessments tell us that the majority of home ignitions during a wildfire are from embers and small surface fires. Since 2002, the **Firewise USA® program** has encouraged residents across the county to take action at the home and surrounding area to reduce the chances of their home igniting. Residents have invested millions of dollars in volunteer hours and cash investment in this work and have made significant accomplishments.

Over the last decade, while progress has been made, extreme fire conditions have shown us that we all need to do more. In 2019, **Firewise USA®** is challenging seven active sites across the country to do just that. Based on the science we have, and the fires we have experienced, we must have more residents engaged and doing more of the right work in the right places.

We must increase the ignition resistance of our homes and our communities if we want to change the results of these wildland urban disasters.

Summit Park is very fortunate to have been given this opportunity. If you would like to take advantage of this program and be pro-active in the defense of your home e-mail

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Pilot Participants:

- Summit Park, UT
- 7-R Ranch, TX
- Coal Bank Ridge , VA
- Crystal Lake Club, WI
- Flowery Trail, WA
- Forest Highlands, AZ
- Red Rock Ranch, CO