

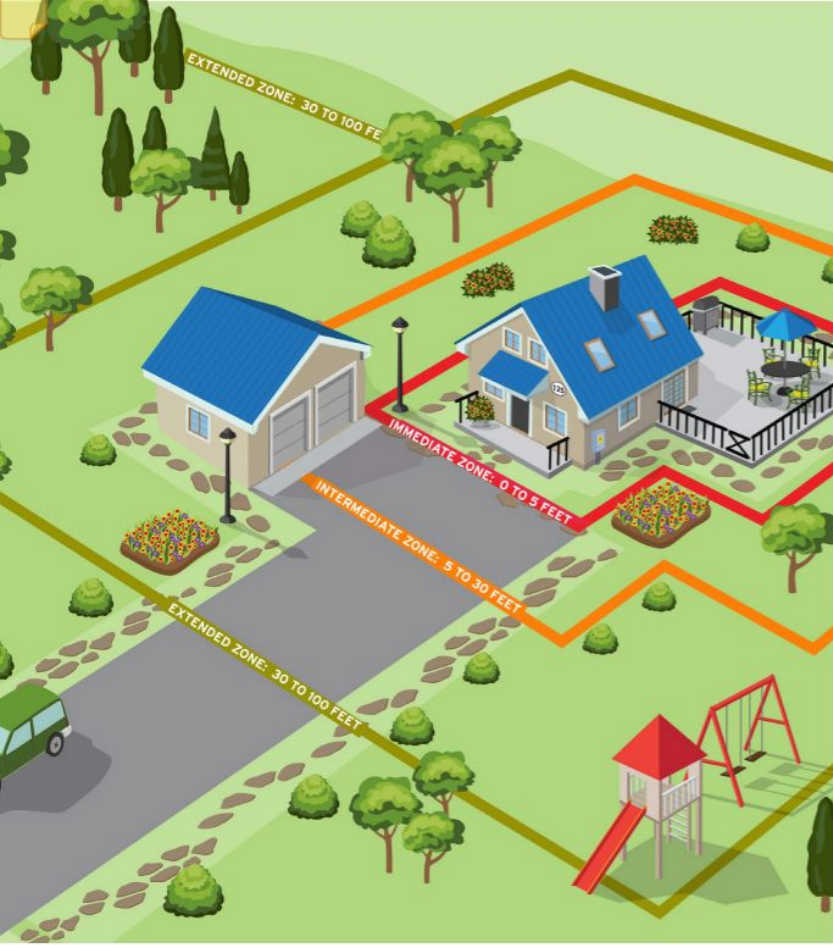
Firewise

Willowbrook Meadows HOA

Video/Image of Apsen Acres Fire



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Science-based Recommendations for Individual Homes

Home Ignition Zone (HIZ)—includes home and 0–100 feet from the base of a building or furthest attachment (e.g., deck).

Recommendations within HIZ:

- Use fire-resistant materials for roofs, walls, windows, decks
- Remove anything that can burn that is right next to the home
- Maintain home and landscape



Creating an Ignition-Resistant Community



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Features of an Ignition-Resistant Home



- Noncombustible siding all the way to the ground
- Rock mulch close to the house
- Paved walkway and driveway to break up vegetation
- Plants spaced to reduce fire spread
- Neighboring home is also ignition-resistant

How to become recognized as Firewise

Organize - Create a **board or committee** of volunteers to represent your community. Identify a **resident leader** who will be the program point of contact. (done!)

Plan - The board or committee defines the boundaries of the site and obtains a community **wildfire risk assessment**. (done!) From the risk assessment, create a multi-year action plan to identify and prioritize actions to reduce ignition risk to homes (TBD)

How to become recognized as Firewise

Do - Each year, neighbors complete educational and risk reduction **actions** identified in the plan. (TBD)

Tell - When the above criteria have been met, the Resident Leader **applies for recognition** through the **Firewise Portal** describing educational and mitigation work in the site. Each year, **sites renew their status** by reporting their activity. (TBD)

Becoming Firewise

It's about being “wise”

Getting recognized isn't a statement that we have mitigated everything, it's a recognition that we have a risk which we are working to mitigate.

Firewise Committee

Jonathan Fair - Resident Leader
- 1645 N Badger Ln

Chandler Morehardt - Summit County
- 313 N Chipmunk

Michael Molloy - HOA Board Member
- 363 Chipmunk Circle

Steve Lipsher - Summit Fire & EMS
- 456 Bighorn Circle

Bob Peskac
- 361 Chipmunk Circle

Firewise Other Notable Callouts

Hannah Ohlson - Summit Fire & EMS - Firewise Regional Coordinator
- 248 E Coyote

Judi Kodner Casey - Firewise Member for Mesa Cortina

Firewise Wildfire Risk Assessment

- Conducted by our own resident Hannah Ohlson in July 2026
- Outlines the boundary of the HOA and properties
- Provides and initial assessment of the current overall state of the area
- Gives recommendations for actions to complete

Initial Assessment Summary

Homes at this site are fairly close together, but most have seen decent upkeep. The tight spacing of homes means that the intermediate and extended zones overlap for most properties, creating overlapping hazards. For this reason, home to home ignition is a possibility for the tightly spaced homes. Most have good class A roofs with no debris. Few have gutters, but all of the gutters present are metal. Almost all homes have wooden siding. Few homes have side skirting. Most homes have wooden decks/fences that are touching the home with many fences going from home to home. Immediate zones primarily have short grasses right up to the wooden siding/fences/decks. Intermediate zones vary with species, but the primary hazards are low branches/ladder fuels/tree spacing. Extended zones are overlapping over different properties and the roadway. Focus should remain in the immediate and intermediate zones.

Initial Assessment Recommendations

Most homes have wooden siding. Ensuring that grasses and bushes are alive and trimmed is extremely important. Ideally, these homes should have rock/ground next to this ground level siding and metal side shifting. More ladder fuels could be mitigated (Juniper below/near trees removed, low branches limbed, trees trimmed near roofs and thinned where applicable)

Next Steps

- Create a 3 year plan
- Present to the HOA during the annual meeting
- Coordinate actions based on the plan