

# Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Checkpoint

You have received this because you live in an area that is highly susceptible to a fast-moving wildfire. Please answer the following question:

Can your home survive a fast moving wildfire? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If the answer to this question is NO, please answer the following questions:

1. Have you reduced fuels around your home and created an adequate defensible space?
2. Most homes catch fire from ember showers produced during a wildfire event. Have you eliminated areas around your home that will readily ignite from flying embers?
3. Do you have construction features that will resist ignition when exposed to fire or radiant heat?
4. Does your driveway have adequate width and distance from heavy fuels allowing you to escape or fire apparatus to access your home during a wildfire event?
5. Do you have an address posted that is visible from the street?
6. Do you have an escape plan in place in the event the order is given to leave your home?

If your answer to ANY of the above questions is “NO” please review the list on below and contact a representative from your local Fire Department, San Juan Public Lands, FireWise Council or Colorado State Forest Service.

***“Homeowners have the primary responsibility for protecting their home from wildfire.”***

## Contact Information

Pagosa Springs Fire Protection District - 970-731-4191

FireWise of Southwest CO (Archuleta County) – 970-398-0305

Pagosa Springs Ranger District (US Forest Service) 970-264-2268

Colorado State Forest Service – 970-247-5250

## Defensible Space and FireWise Annual Checklist

- Trees and shrubs are properly thinned and pruned within the defensible space. Slash from the thinning is disposed of.
- Roof and gutters are clear of debris.
- Branches overhanging the roof and chimney are removed
- Chimney screens are in place and in good condition
- Grass and weeds are mowed to a low height
- An outdoor water supply is available, complete with a hose and nozzle that can reach all parts of the house.
- Fire extinguishers are checked and in working condition.
- The driveway is wide enough. The clearance of trees and branches is adequate for fire and emergency equipment. (Check with your local fire department.)
- Road signs and your name and house number are posted and easily visible.
- There is an easily accessible tool storage area with rakes, hoes, axes and shovels for use in case of fire.
- You have practiced family fire drills and other details are known and understood by all family members.
- Attic, roof, eaves, and foundation vents are screened with a 1/8" metal screening and in good condition.

***Note: this checklist was obtained from the Colorado State Forest Service's publication number 2012-1, Protecting Your Home from Wildfire, Creating Wildfire Defensible Zones.***