

WILDFIRE MITIGATION FIELD TOUR



FIELD TOUR:

See examples of four completed wildfire mitigation projects on BLM, county, HOA common area, and private property. Learn about mitigation efforts in Edgemont Highlands and grant opportunities in the Florida Watershed.

DATE & PLACE:

TUESDAY SEPT 19
3:30-5:30 PM

📍 CORNER OF CR 240 AND
HIGHLANDS BLVD

Carpooling is encouraged as there is minimal street parking. There will be some walking between sites. Accommodations for those with limited mobility available upon request.



Please RSVP by 9/12 or for
additional questions contact
info@wildfireadapted.org



EMERGENCY RESOURCES

Southwest Colorado is in the midst of quite the fire season! It can be difficult to find accurate information about the fires that impact you, so below are a few resources to follow along. For wildfire preparedness and evacuation resources visit [Wildfire Adapted Partnership's website resources here](#). Click on the photo's below to sign up for Nixle or Code Red. These emergency alert systems send you only pertinent information tailored to your home address such as when to evacuate and evacuation drills.

Wildfire Updates:

[Watch Duty \(Phone app\)](#)

[Inciweb - Incident Map](#)

[BLM - Southwest Colorado](#)

[San Juan National Forest Facebook](#)

[Durango Interagency Fire Dispatch Facebook](#)

[Pagosa Fire Protection District Facebook](#)

[Upper Pine Fire Protection District Facebook](#)



ARCHULETA COUNTY GRANTS

Wildfire Adapted Partnership (WAP) is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a Community Wildfire Defense Grant from the USDA Forest Service, to further our efforts to protect lives and property from wildfire. This program aims to implement the three goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy. Wildfire Adapted Partnership has been the primary

source of wildfire education and mitigation assistance for private landowners in southwest Colorado for over twenty years and this award will allow WAP to expand efforts in Archuleta County.

Here are some of the programs available to property owners in Archuleta County:

- **Neighborhood Ambassador Program** Residents volunteer to be the lens for their community, share wildfire information and help protect their community.
- **Wildfire Risk Site Assessments** Receive an assessment of homes and properties which include a scope of work with detailed recommendations.
- **Cost Sharing programs** Partial reimbursements to offset the cost of performing wildfire mitigation to protect homes, communities, and forests.
- **Chipper Rebate Program** Partial reimbursements for renting a chipper or hiring a contractor to chip woody slash
- **Community Assessments** Develop a community risk assessment that includes both short- and long-term action items.

To read the full press release visit www.WildfireAdapted.org/updates. If you have questions, please contact the Archuleta County Coordinator Bill Trimarco, at btrimarco@wildfireadapted.org.

MONTEZUMA COUNTY COORDINATOR



Wildfire Adapted Partnership would like to welcome the newest member of our team, Montezuma County Coordinator Elizabeth James. Elizabeth joined WAP as the Montezuma County Coordinator in July of 2023. She holds a BS from the University of Montana in Ecological Restoration and brings to WAP over a decade of experience working in the wildlands of the intermountain west. She is excited to be putting down roots in Montezuma County and working within her community to share her knowledge about wildfire she gained through her time working as an ecologist and wildland firefighter. In her free time Elizabeth enjoys wandering aimfully through the desert with her partner and two dogs. You can reach Elizabeth at ejames@wildfireadapted.org. Welcome to the team Elizabeth!

PROGRAM UPDATES

Chipper Rebate Program

WAP's Chipper Rebate Program is open through December 31!

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. For questions, please email chipper@wildfireadapted.org.

[Chipper Rebate Program](#)

Home Risk Site Visit

WAP's Site Visits 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. For all questions email us at info@wildfireadapted.org.

[Site Visit Sign Up](#)

Homeowner Grant Opportunity

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 in La Plata County 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 more information visit the La Plata County website below.

[County Website](#)

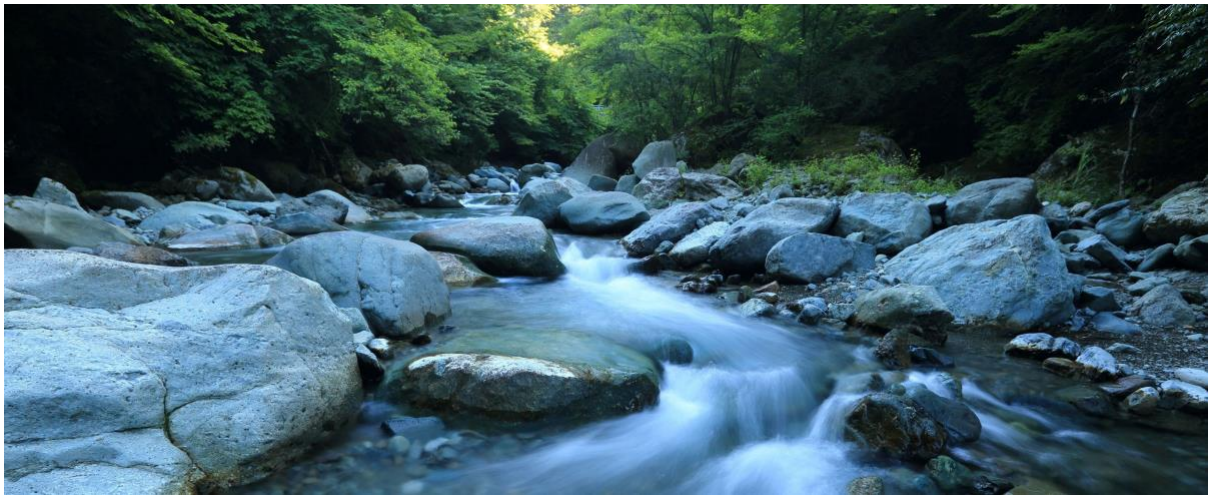
REMINDERS

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. [Playing with fire \(mitigation\)](#)
 2. [Hundreds of thousands of Colorado homes are at risk of burning in wildfires, per report](#)
 3. [Quartz Ridge, Bear Creek fires among several burning in the area](#)
 4. [The real story behind that photo of a weirdly unscathed house in the rubble of Lahaina](#)
 5. [Rep. Lauren Boebert visits La Plata County](#)
 6. ['Leveled the town in ash and soot': University of Northern Colorado graduates organize and aid in recovery efforts after Maui wildfires](#)
 7. [3 strategies Maui can adopt from other states to help prevent dangerous wildfires](#)
 8. [Confronting the Wildfire Crisis](#)
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