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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Fire Council Meeting: March 19 at 5:00 - Hybrid - at La Plata County Fairgrounds; Lightner Room or to register on Zoom visit

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdOqupjliG9D9BaL3Jl2KzXZDqVka1TA0>.

For more information contact agraf@wildfireadapted.org

Montezuma Ambassador Meeting: WEDNESDAY April 17th at 5:30. More information to follow.

Archuleta Ambassador Meeting: April 9th at 9:30. Contact Bill for more information at btrimarco@wildfireadapted.org

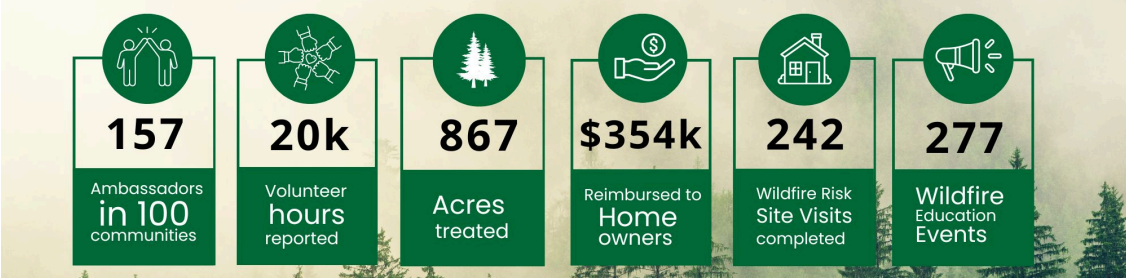
Archuleta County Landowner Basics 101: Every Tuesday in April at 6:00. See more details below.

Home Ignition Zone Workshop: April 13 from 9-4 at La Plata County Fairgrounds and local homes. See more details below.

Forest Lakes Wildfire Community Preparedness Day: Saturday May 4, 2024 from 10 - 2 at the soccer fields near FLMD Admin Building. Join us for a free workshop including chainsaw safety, defensible space, and home hardening. Volunteers needed and for more information contact Ryan at rcook@wildfireadapted.org

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2023 Accomplishments Snapshot



Wildfire Adapted Partnership is proud to present our 2023 Accomplishments Report. WAP works hard every year to help residents of southwest Colorado protect lives and property from wildfire through wildfire education and mitigation incentive programs. Our Neighborhood Ambassadors continue to be the backbone of our organization as they organize and promote wildfire preparedness in their communities.

It is through our volunteers, partnerships, and committed staff that WAP is able to accomplish so much. We are proud to present our 2023 Accomplishments Report and show how collective action makes a huge difference. To view the full Accomplishments Report, click the button below.

[2023 Accomplishments Report](#)

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On February 13, 2024 Kendra Brewer from Southwest Seeds Inc. presented at the Montezuma Ambassador Meeting. She discussed seeding landscapes for beauty, health, and wildfire mitigation and offered great insight into native seed options including information on flammability and forest health. View the presentation video, seed mix descriptions, and the slide show below.

Seeds Presentation

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HOME IGNITION ZONE WORKSHOP

Join Wildfire Adapted Partnership for the free HIZ workshop to learn how to identify a home's wildfire vulnerabilities.

 13 APRIL, 2024

 9 AM – 4 PM

 2500 MAIN AVE,
DURANGO, CO 81301

The two primary determinants of a home's ability to survive a wildfire are a structure's ignitability and quality of the surrounding defensible space. These two factors create a concept called the Home Ignition Zone (HIZ), which includes the structure and the area around it. Learn about the HIZ and how to increase a structures survivability at this free workshop.

Agenda

The first half of the day will take place at La Plata County Fairgrounds. Following a 1 hour break for lunch, participants will travel to homes for a mock Wildfire Risk Site Assessment. We ask that all participants commit to the full day.

Register

Scan the QR code to register or visit <https://forms.gle/MYrGPcQmR327GRAq9>



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PROGRAM UPDATES

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Wildfire Chipper Rebate Program is closed until Spring 2024.

For questions, please email chipper@wildfireadapted.org.

Chipper Rebate Program

Home Risk Site Visit

Home Risk Site Visits are CLOSED for the season and will reopen in Spring 2024. If you are in La Plata County, you may still be eligible for a free Wildfire Risk Site Visit (see link below). For all questions email WAP at info@wildfireadapted.org.

La Plata County Site Visit

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2024 LANDOWNER BASICS 101

Are you a landowner in Archuleta County? Do you want to learn to be a good steward of your land? Come join us for a series of workshops every Tuesday in April to understand what you can do to be mindful of our resources and manage your land with the best management practices.



April 2nd - Weed Management

ARCHULETA COUNTY WEED AND PEST MANAGEMENT

April 9 - Water Rights



COLORADO
Division of Water Resources
Department of Natural Resources



April 16 - Living with Wildlife

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE



April 23 - Forest Fire Mitigation and Evacuation Planning



April 30- Range and Soil Health

EVERY TUESDAY IN APRIL
6:00PM

CSU EXTENSION OFFICE
ARCHULETA COUNTY
344 HWY 84, PAGOSA SPRINGS, CO 81147

QUESTIONS: PLEASE CALL
970-264-5931 OR EMAIL
ROBIN.YOUNG@COLOSTATE.EDU

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WILDFIRE MITIGATION TAX INCENTIVE

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If you had actual out-of-pocket expenses for wildfire mitigation in 2023, you may qualify for a taxable income subtraction and a tax credit on your Colorado state taxes. The subtraction can be for 50% of your expenses up to a \$2500 subtraction. In addition, if your federal taxable income is less than \$120,000, you can also claim up to 25% of wildfire mitigation expenses up to \$2500. Landowners will need to submit a Subtractions from Income Schedule (DR 0104AD) and a Colorado Individual Income Tax Return (DR 0104).

If you received any kind of reimbursement from WAP for your mitigation, that amount cannot be counted. There are other details and limitations, so please click the tab below to learn more.

CO Tax Incentives

WILDFIRE RESILIENCY CODE BOARD

The Wildfire Resiliency Code Board is a state-wide board which aims to enhance community safety and resiliency from wildfires through the adoption of codes and standards. To learn more and give your public comment visit their [website here](#).



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