

# How to Protect Our Community From Wildfire

The following precautionary methods will reduce the risk of a wildfire and protect our community. Prevention is the key!

Fire Exit locations are the Tollgate entrance road, the end of Wagon Wheel and the end of Saddle Horn. The Tollgate locks on the gates at Wagon Wheel and Saddle Horn are painted blue and the combination to these locks is:

## **The time to plan for a fire emergency is before the situation develops:**

- Keep emergency numbers visible.
- Decide what you would do and where you would go if a fire came our way.
- Plan at least two escape routes by car and one on foot.
- Fireproof your roof.
- Make sure your address number sign is visible.

## **Some helpful hints:**

- Remove combustible materials from your property to allow a 30 feet non-combustible area surrounding your home.
- Rake and remove the needles , pine cones and other combustible material from the ground area.
- Mow the wild native grasses to a height not over 6 inches.
- Thin the trees so crowns are not touching and limb branches to at least 6 feet. Follow the Planning and Land Use Review Committee (PLURC) guidelines. Removal of living trees greater than eighteen inches (18") in girth at a point thirty six inches (36") above the original ground level of the tree will only be permitted where necessary and will need PLURC approval.
- Enclose your deck to prevent fire from getting underneath.
- Wood piles should be located at least 30 from your home.
- You can remove the debris for a nominal fee at the Fryrear Road Landfill.
- If you choose to burn the debris, burning permits are required, issued without cost at the Sister-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District, downtown Sisters 549-0771. You no longer have to obtain a permit yearly, they are now issued to residents for the period of time they occupy the property.

## **If you are burning the debris, follow these Fire Department Guidelines:**

- Obtain a burning permit - call before burning to assure burning is allowed that day.
- Make sure you have a shovel, charged garden hose or 10 gallons of water at the burning site while burning is in progress.
- Burn only small piles. No larger than 6' x 6'.
- Keep piles in cleared areas with all flammable materials cleared out around the pile for at least 18 feet.
- Burn only one pile at a time.
- No broadcast (field) burning allowed.
- Burn pile(s) are not allowed on Tollgate common areas.
- Discontinue burning if conditions become windy.

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- No burning after dark.
- Fires should be extinguished before leaving the fire area.
- If a fire should burn out of control - **DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL 911.**

Thank you for taking the time and effort in making our community fire safe!