

## 2023 Woodside Park Firewise Action Plan

### Education and Outreach

*Saws and Slaws* is a community effort like the old-fashioned barn raising—many hands make the job go quickly and efficiently. A neighbor's property that needs mitigation and is beyond the homeowner's ability to accomplish is volunteered. Trees are marked for removal and volunteers from the neighborhood arrive in the morning with chainsaws to take down those trees, de-limb, and in some cases buck trunks to manageable lengths. In the afternoon, more volunteers arrive to drag slash to curbside and stack cut logs. The homeowner helps by providing lunch, snacks, and drinks for the work crews. Slash is either chipped on site or hauled away. This is a large operation that requires a lot of organization and plenty of willing volunteers. The result is a mitigated property and a lot of community spirit.

2023 – meet with original founders of *Saws and Slaws* from nearby Firewise community to organize and plan program for Woodside.

2024 – gather and accumulate necessary equipment and information to implement program, including educating Woodside homeowners regarding the program and sending out questionnaires to seek appropriate homeowner properties

2025 – hold at least one *Saws and Slaws* event

### Annually/ongoing

1. Send bimonthly emails to homeowners on topics to include: Firewise tips, emergency evacuation checklist, creating a Firewise home, etc.
2. Maintain two fire danger signs and notify community of fire bans and red alert days
3. Present fire safety information at HOA meeting
4. Distribute “welcome packets” with wildfire literature to all new residents
5. Addition and maintenance of forest management and home hardening library to Woodside HOA website
6. Encourage purchase of reflective address signs

## Fuel Reduction

Vegetation fuels exist along many of the evacuation roadway easements and need to be mitigated. Specifically, this requires clearing the growth along the roadways that may prevent safe evacuation in the event of a wildfire.

2023 – inform Woodside homeowners of fuels issue on easements; identify areas to be mitigated and maintain list of properties

2024 – contact homeowners to remove trees and other growth along the easements of their properties or seek volunteers and assistance through local resources (i.e., regional grants, CORE, CUSP, etc.) to remove fuels

2025 – complete fuels removal from easements along evacuation routes

## Evacuation Planning

Woodside currently has only one major evacuation roadway out of the community.

2023 – research additional options for evacuation (i.e., secondary roadways, refuge PODS)

2024 – develop plan (to include evacuation of horses/pets) for evacuation with other agencies (i.e., Front Range Animal Evacuation Team (FRAET), Fire-Adapted Bailey, USFS Community Wildfire Protection Plan, local fire departments)

2025 – distribute evacuation plan information to Woodside community