

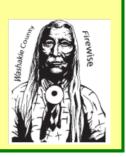
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Wildfire potential in California, Oregon, Nevada, and Southern Idaho will be increasing from what is already considered "above normal." Arizona is going back to "normal."

The good news is the prediction that the Northern Rockies will experience "below normal" wildfire potential for the hot months of 2014. www.inciweb.org has national wildfire activity. You



can follow local fire activity at the Cody Interagency Dispatch Center website.

You can now keep up on daily news and events with Bighorn Basin Firewise. Go to:

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https://www.facebook.com/bighornbasin.firewise

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- * For all of the counties in the basin
- * Firewise fencing does and don'ts
- * Picnic announcements & maps
- * Firewise & your neighbors

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THE BIG HORN BASIN FIREWISE COORDINATORS ARE:

<u>Big Horn County</u>: The County Fire Warden is Brent Godfrey (307) 568-2324. The Firewise Coordinator is Chris Weydeveld, <u>cweydeveld@wytfs.com</u>, Technical Forestry Services, LLC, 6628 W. Riverside Dr. Casper, Wyoming 82604, or (307) 333-1098 (office), (307) 272-9533 (mobile).

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<u>Hot Springs County</u>: No Firewise Coordinator has yet been selected. Contact Jay Duvall, County Fire Warden, at (307) 921-1485, or hscdwarden@gmail.com

<u>Park County</u>: Bernie Spanogle, Firewise Coordinator, can be reached at <u>pcfirewise@gmail.com</u>. or at 307-250-9387. The County Fire Warden is Russ Wenke, <u>rwenke@parkcounty.us</u>, 1131 11th Street, Cody, Wyoming 82414, or (307) 527-8551.

The basin Firewise website is being updated. The next newsletter will have the new address.

If you have general or specific questions about Firewise, two good online sources of answers are: www.firewisewyoming.com and www.livingwithfire.com.

Do you have topics you would like included in future newsletters? Please submit your suggestions and comments to **firewise@wytfs.com**, to Chris Weydeveld at any of the above phone numbers, or by mail to G. Wynn, 824 Country Club Road, Casper, Wyoming 82609.

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This newsletter is provided as a service of your county's Firewise Coordinator. If you choose not to receive future issues, please respond to the E-mail address that delivered it, firewise@wytfs.com, or to Big Horn/Washakie Firewise (6628 W. Riverside Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604) by mail.

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"PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDFIRE" 22003

The "FIREWISE STRUCTURES DESIGN & CONSTRUC-

TION" pamphlet shown here is a **FIREWISE WYOMING**, product, and can be obtained at local Wyoming State Forestry Division District offices, or from the State office at WYOMING STATE FORESTRY DIVISION, 1100 W. 22nd Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002. If you are planning to build or rebuilt a home or cabin, this publication should be one of the first items in your planning file. Included in the publication are tips for:

- 1—Picking a good site location, or using your site in a Firewise manner.
- 2—Structure design details to make your new structure wildfire resistant.
- 3—Landscaping and trees and shrubs best suited for Firewise Wyoming homes.
- 4—Sources of other information that will be helpful in planning your new home or cabin.

FENCES & FIREWISE

Wooden fences attached to or adjacent to buildings can provide a means for wildfire to cross all of your Firewise zones and ignite your home or other buildings.



In a recent Texas wildfire, part of this old wooden fence took the fire right to the structure that once stood in the right portion of the photo.

While well-maintained and painted wooden fences MAY NOT be easily ignited

if kept clear of flammable vegetation and other materials, they WILL burn if ignited. And that can carry fire to any structures they are attached to, or close by.

Plastic fences, with steel posts, generally melt rather than burn, but are not a 100% solution when the fire is hot.

HERE ARE A FEW MORE TIPS:

- ♦ TREAT WOODEN FENCES AS "FUELS," AND DO NOT HAVE THEM WITHIN THE 30-FOOT ZONE OF BUILDINGS.
- ONSIDER YOUR WOODEN FENCES AS IF THEY WERE A BUILDING, AND GIVE THEM THE SAME FIREWISE TREATMENTS AS ANY OF YOU OTHER STRUCTURES.
- ⇒ IF FENCES ARE NEEDED FOR ANIMAL EXCLUSION OR CONTAINMENT, USE METAL FENCING NEAR BUILDINGS.



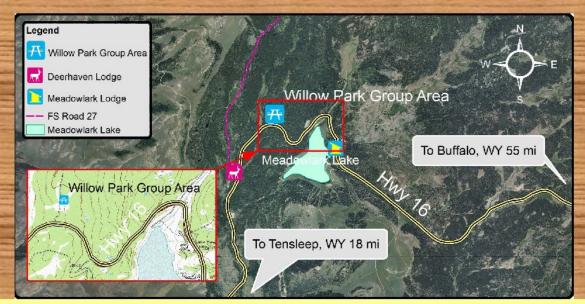


A weathered fence under the eaves—not good.

A house saved only because the firefighters removed a gate.

South Bighorn Mountain Cabin Firewise Picnic

June 28 2014 at the Willow Park Group Area



Research shows properly designed and implemented defensible space treatments around cabins reduces ignitability during wildfire.

What: Annual Big Horn/Washakie County Firewise Picnic <u>Date</u>: June 28, 2014

Time: 11:30 am to 3:00 pm—(see agenda below)

Place: Willow Park Group Area, Bighorn National Forest

Agenda:

10:30 am to 11:30 am—West Tensleep Cabin Owner's Association Meeting.

(Contact Tom Schultz for more information (307) 587-6122.)

11:30 am to 1:00 pm – Lunch barbeque (food and beverages provided by Big Horn/Washakie County Firewise).

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Introduction to the Firewise Communities program; Tour of West Tensleep Project forest management activities; completed cabin home ignition zones; examples of cabins needing treatments; other activities/presentations to be determined.

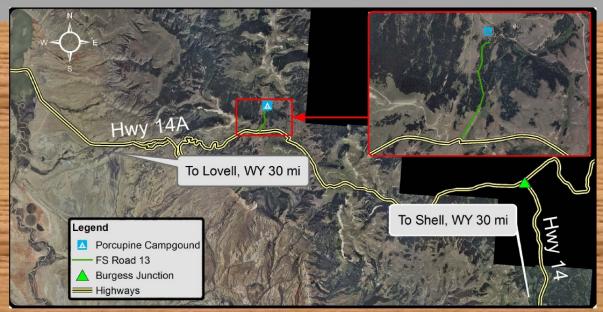
3:00 pm - Adjourn

Lunch provided courtesy of Big Horn/Washakie Firewise and the two County Fire Wardens. For more information contact the Big Horn County Firewise Coordinator at: (307) 272-9533 or (307) 333-2887 Email: Firewise@wytfs.com

If you plan on attending, please RSVP Chris Weydeveld at (307) 333-1098 or firewise@wytfs.com

North Bighorn Mountain Cabin Firewise Picnic

July 12, 2014, at Porcupine Campground Sites 8 & 9



Research shows properly designed and implemented defensible space treatments around cabins reduces ignitability during wildfire.

What: Annual Big Horn County Firewise Picnic

<u>Date</u>: July 12, 2014 <u>Time</u>: 11:30 am to 3:00 pm

<u>Place</u>: Porcupine Campground sites 8 and 9, Bighorn National Forest

<u>Agenda:</u>

11:30 am to 1:00 pm – Lunch barbeque provided by Big Horn County Firewise.

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Tour of forest management activities; completed cabin home ignition zones - defensible space treatments; examples of cabins needing treatments

3:00 pm - Adjourn

Lunch provided courtesy of Big Horn County Firewise, Lovell Fire Department, and the Big Horn County Fire Warden. For more information contact the Big Horn County Firewise Coordinator at: (307) 272-9533 or (307) 333-2887, Email: Firewise@wytfs.com

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A (BIG) LITTLE THING THAT COUNTS

IF YOU HAVE NEIGHBORS CLOSE BY, AND THEY AREN'T FIREWISE, THAT IS A COLLECTION OF FUELS THAT COULD THREATEN YOUR HOMESTEAD DURING ANY WILDFIRE.

WORK WITH YOUR NEAR NEIGHBORS TO MAKE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FIREWISE, ASSISTING THEM WITH FIREWISE TASKS IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO DO THE FIREWISE TASK THEMSELVES.

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