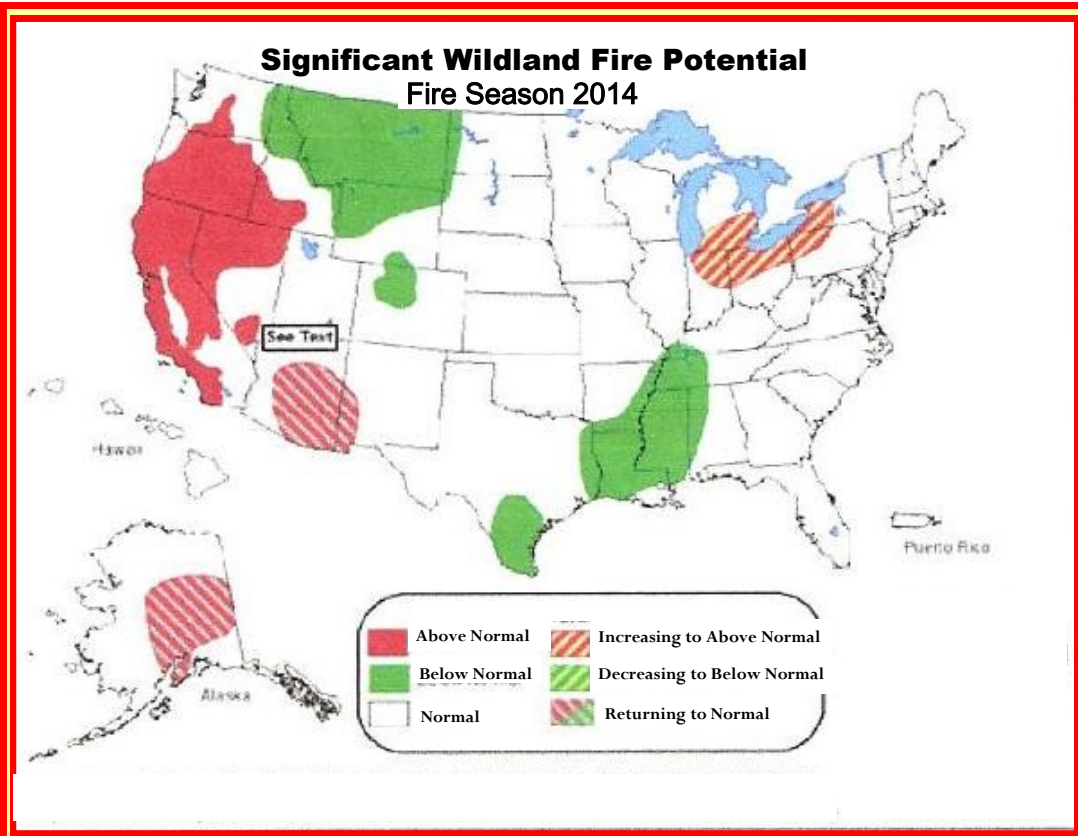




# BIGHORN BASIN FIRESMART

BIGHORN BASIN FIRESWISE COMMUNITIES



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](http://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: <https://www.facebook.com/bighornbasin.firewise>



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## 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.
- ◇ CONSIDER YOUR WOODEN FENCES AS IF THEY WERE A BUILDING, AND GIVE THEM THE SAME FIREWISE TREATMENTS AS ANY OF YOUR OTHER STRUCTURES.
- ◇ IF FENCES ARE NEEDED FOR ANIMAL EXCLUSION OR CONTAINMENT, USE METAL FENCING NEAR BUILDINGS.



A weathered fence under the eaves—not good.

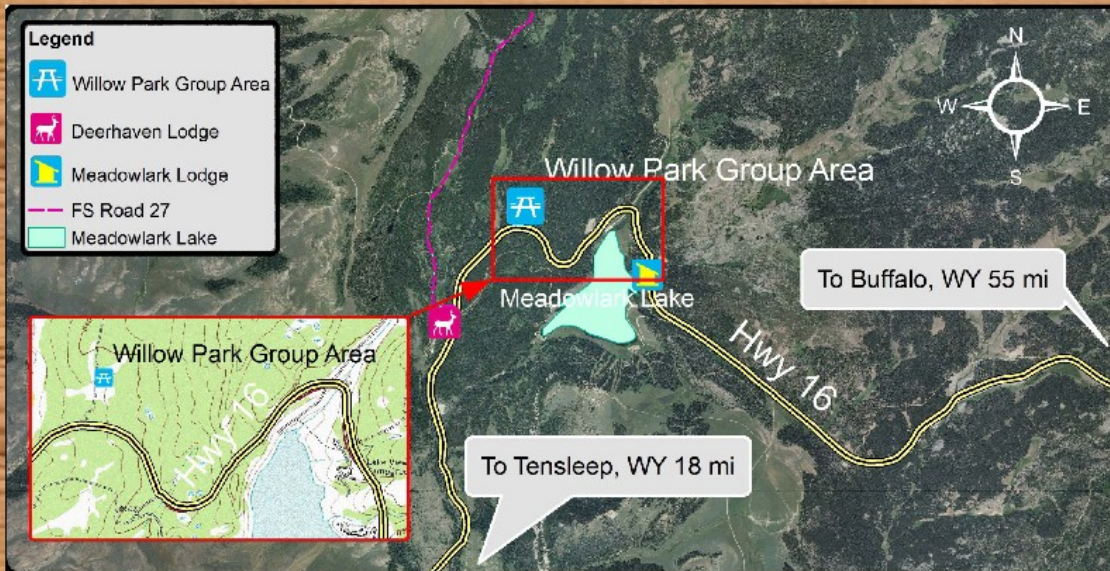


A house saved only because the firefighters removed a gate.



# 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

**Date:** 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

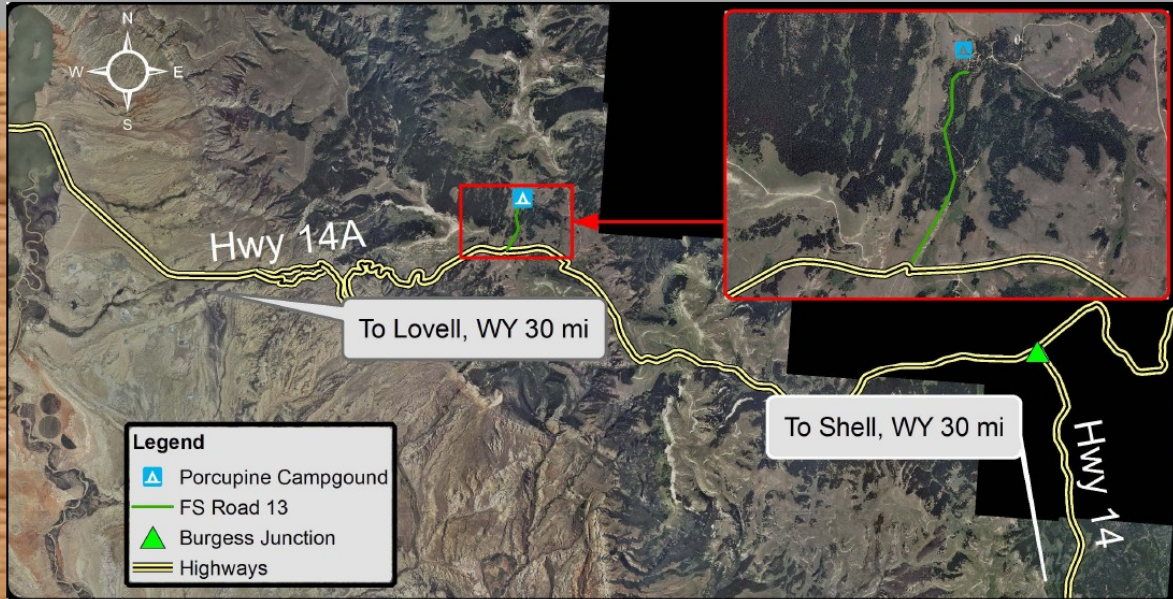
**Lunch provided courtesy of Big Horn/Washakie Firewise and the two County Fire Wardens. For more information contact the Big Horn County Firewise Coordinator at: (307) 272-9533 or (307) 333-2887 Email: [Firewise@wytfs.com](mailto:Firewise@wytfs.com)**

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

Date: **July 12, 2014**

Time: **11:30 am to 3:00 pm**

Place: Porcupine Campground sites 8 and 9, Bighorn National Forest

Agenda:

**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](mailto:Firewise@wytfs.com)

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

## 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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