

Powell County Planning Department

WILDFIRE PREVENTION HOME EVALUATION FORM

Owner or occupant _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Location of Parcel: _____ of S _____, T _____ N, R _____ W. Geo Code: _____

People living in the wildland/urban interface should be prepared for wildland fires. Powell County is providing this form to help residents reduce fire hazards endangering their property. By following the suggestions listed here, you can help yourself to reduce the risk that an accidental fire could start on your property and also the risk that a fire starting elsewhere could cause damage to your property.

Completed Recommend Improvement

_____ _____ Within 3 feet of structure: Maintain an area of non-combustible material - flowers, plants, concrete, gravel, mineral soil, etc.

_____ _____ Within 10 feet of structure (increase distance below structure if slope is > 10 percent): Remove all trees and downed woody fuels. Maintain surface vegetation at 3 inches or less in height.

_____ _____ From 10 to 30 feet of structure (increase distance below structure if slope is >10 percent): Thin trees to 10 feet between crowns. Prune limbs of all remaining trees to 15 feet in height or one-third of total live crown, whichever is less. Maintain surface vegetation at 3 inches or less in height. Remove all downed woody fuels.

_____ _____ From 30 to 100 feet of structure (increase distance below structure if slope is >10 percent): Thin trees to 10 feet between crowns. Prune limbs of all remaining trees to 15 feet in height or one-third of total live crown, whichever is less. Remove all downed woody fuels greater than 3 inches in diameter.

_____ _____ Clear or reduce vegetation from alongside your driveway or road edge, and make sure your driveway is wide enough and adequate for fire trucks to turn around.

_____ _____ Dispose of all slash and flammable debris from your property. If you intend to burn, follow all applicable open burning regulations and requirements.

_____ _____ Have the power company cut overhanging branches away from power lines.

_____ _____ Clean the roof and gutters of needles, leaves, branches and other combustible debris.

_____ _____ Provide a 15 foot clearance between your chimney and nearest tree branches.

_____ _____ Make sure your chimney extends 3 feet above the roof and is capped with an approved spark arrester.

_____ _____ Roof should be of fire-resistant material. A wood shake roof should be treated with UL approved fire retardant chemicals or replaced.

_____ _____ Enclose open spaces beneath features such as decks, balconies and stilts to keep out hot embers.

_____ _____ Locate the propane tank at least 10 feet from the structure, and clear a 10-foot area around the tank.

_____ _____ Stack your firewood at least 100 feet from the house; not on the downhill side.

_____ _____ Ensure that your water supply is useable during a fire emergency, and keep garden hoses readily available.

_____ _____ Keep storage areas clean. Do not allow oily rags, flammable chemicals or newspapers to accumulate.

_____ _____ Ensure that all motorized garden equipment, lawnmowers and chainsaws have approved spark arresters.

_____ _____ Display your name and house number in front of your property to assist firefighters in locating your home.

Other items _____

Inspected by _____ Date: _____