

## **PREPARING FOR AN APPROACHING WILDLAND FIRE**

### **CHECKLIST**

#### **Protect the lives of your family and property**

**CLOTHING** – wear only cotton or wool clothes. Proper attire includes long pants, long sleeved shirt or jacket and boots. Carry gloves, a handkerchief to cover your face, goggles for eyes, water to drink.

**EVACUATE** if possible, all family members not essential to protecting the house, as well as all pets.  
**ASSIGN** tasks to all family members assisting with protecting the house. Try to do this prior to an event and practice if possible.

**CONTACT** friend or relative outside of Powell County and relay your plans.

**ARRANGE** a meeting place and make sure family members are aware of its location.

**TUNE** into a local radio station and listen for instructions and updates.

**PLACE** vehicles in a garage if possible, pointing out and roll up windows

**PLACE** valuable papers and mementos in the vehicle.

**CLOSE** the garage door, keep unlocked, if electric disconnect so it can be opened manually.

**STORE** combustible patio furniture in house or garage.

**SHUT** off propane tank.

**CLOSE** all exterior vents, seal attic and ground vents with precut plywood or commercial seals.

**PROP** a ladder against the house so fire fighters have easy access to the roof.

**MAKE** sure that all garden hoses are connected to faucets and attach a nozzle set on “spray”.

**SOAK** rags, towels and all small rugs with water to use in beating out embers or small fires.

**FILL** bathtubs, sink and other containers with water, do the same outside with garbage cans, and buckets. Remember that water heaters and toilet tanks are available source of water.

**CLOSE** all exterior doors, vents, and windows, draw all blinds, shutters and non-combustible window coverings and heavy drapes.

**REMOVE** lightweight and or non-fire resistant curtains and other combustible materials from around windows.

**ATTACH** pre-cut plywood panels to the exterior side of windows and glass doors.

**CLOSE** all interior doors.

**Open** the fire place damper, place the screen over the hearth to prevent sparks and embers from entering the house.

**LEAVE** a light on in each room to increase visibility of your home in heavy smoke.

**TURN** off all pilot lights.

**MOVE** overstuffed furniture (couches, easy chairs etc.) to the center of the room.

**CONTINUALLY** check the roof and attic for embers, smoke, or fire.

**GATHER** fire tools, such as rakes, shovels, hoses, ladders and hoes.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY, STAY CALM!**