

Alpine All Fire Day Thank You Press Release

The Alpine Area Wildfire Protection Coalition (AAWPC) is happy to recognize the hard work that went into the All Fire Day on May 21, 2022. This event was put together by the Wildfire Response Subcommittee of AAWPC and was coordinated by the North Zone Fire Management Officer on the Bridger- Teton National Forest. All this took place behind the subdivision of Rees in the Jordan Canyon area of the Caribou Targhee National Forest. The purpose of this event was to build relationships across agency boundaries by working together throughout the day, and to provide hands on skills training, and becoming familiar with neighboring agencies equipment and capabilities. All the agencies that participated in this event would be the ones responding to a wildfire in the Alpine Area.

AAWPC would like to thank the 70 participants from the following agencies for participating in the All Fire Day: Alpine FD, Lincoln County Emergency Operations Center, Thayne FD, Swan Valley FD, Afton FD, Star Valley Health, Teton Village FD, Jackson Hole Fire/EMS, Caribou Targhee NF (North Zone), Bridger Teton NF (West Zone & North Zone), AAWPC committee members, AAWPC Neighborhood Wildfire Ambassadors, Rees Subdivision Community members, and Wyoming State Forestry.

Prior to this event, a CODE RED emergency notification was sent to the neighborhoods surrounding Jordan Canyon. Many of the residents claimed that they did not receive this message. "The phone number is not recognized by the person so they decline the call. We encourage everyone who signs up for CODE RED to program the number into their cell phones, so they recognize the number," Jay Hokanson, Emergency Manager for Lincoln County said. The CODE RED, an emergency notification system, gets information out to all the residents who sign up about possible Natural Disasters or Law Enforcement information. The link to sign up is:

https://www.lincolncountywy.gov/government/emergency_management/emergency_notifications.php

The AAWPC Education and Outreach subcommittee successfully conducted two Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) assessments for the residents of Rees. These assessments are critical in giving the homeowner information about how they can better prepare their home for a wildfire. "I thought my home was pretty well off. I figured I had about a weekend's worth of work to do, then you guys show up and I will be working on my house for the rest of the summer to get it prepared," said a Rees landowner who received an HIZ. These HIZs go over the house and the surrounding vegetation and provide site specific recommendations for home hardening against wildfire and creation of defensible space for firefighters. If you would like an HIZ or more information, please contact Patty Pringle, Lincoln County Fuels Mitigation Coordinator, at ppringle@lccwy.org, or (307)679-8574.

