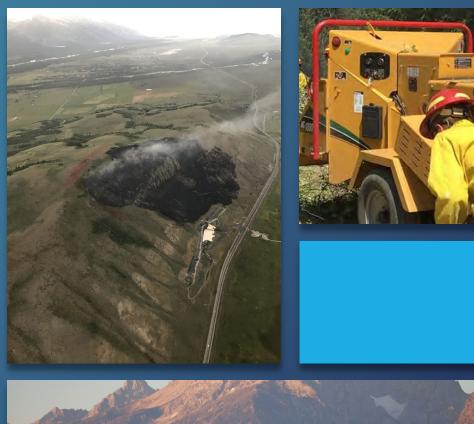
#### Neighborhood Wildfire Ambassador Programs

Greater Yellowstone Wildfire Protection Coalitions - 2021





# A Neighborhood Approach in Wildfire Risk Reduction

# Welcome to the Wildfire Ambassador Program Overview











## Alpine Area Wildfire Protection Coalition

#### Bureau of Land Management

- Alpine Fire
- Swan Valley, ID Fire
- Lincoln & Bonneville County Emergency Management
- WY State Forestry
- Bridger-Teton National Forest
- Star Valley Conservation District
- Private Landowners and Land Management Contractors
- WY Game and Fish
- Caribou-Targhee National Forest
- High Country RC&D







### Island Park Sustainable Fire Community

- We are a 501c3 organization collaborating with public land agencies and engaging with private landowners to raise awareness about the risk of wildfires and to create a fireresilient community.
- We provide
  - education and outreach
  - wildfire risk assessments
  - slash pick-up events
  - professional fuels reduction









Find us on Facebook

Website: www.islandparkfirecommunity.com

## Teton Area Wildfire Protection Coalition

- Teton County Emergency Management
- Teton Conservation District
- Teton County
- Nature Conservancy
- Jackson Hole Fire/EMS
- Bridger-Teton NF
- Grand Teton NP
- Caribou-Targhee NF
- Wyoming State Forestry
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife National Elk Refuge
- Teton Science School
- Contractors
- Private Landowners

Teton County, Wyoming Community Wildfire Protection Plan Developed by the Teton Area Wildfire Protection Coalition









# <u>fireadapted</u> <u>network</u>







## Wildfire Ambassador Program

The Wildfire Ambassador Program is a volunteer community-approach that leverages ambassadors who lead by example and promote fire safety within their neighborhoods, while encouraging awareness, action, and preparedness for wildfires.

Short cut to information in mitigation



#### Wildfire Ambassador Program (WAP)

## WAP are volunteers who commit to:

1. Educating and mobilizing their neighborhoods around wildfire mitigation, wildfire safety and preparedness

2. They link residents with advice,

 -wildfire information,
 -And technical assistance
 from firefighting and land
 management agencies

#### **AMBASSADOR VISION**

## Encourage neighborhoods to work collectively towards building a more fireadapted community.

#### Wildfire Ambassador Program (WAP)

#### **AMBASSADOR GOALS**

- Message about defensible space and hardened homes
- Link neighbors to experts, help support relationships
- Educate and provide resources & preparedness information
- Educate, promote and inform on Ready, Set, GO!

#### Wildfire Ambassador Program

#### Ambassadors receive:

- Training
- Support
- Ongoing education
- Access to wildfire and forest health experts,
- Notice of grant and funding opportunities



#### Coalition Ambassador Coordinators Our Role

- Coordinate County Wildfire
   Ambassador Program
- Promote program and recruit
   new volunteers
- Educate and provide resources & preparedness information
- Connect Ambassador's and neighborhoods with the resources they need to educate residents to build a more fire- adapted community



# Area Wildfire Protection Coalitions and Our Role

- Provide specialized training & education to Ambassadors, homeowners & neighborhoods
- Conduct Home Overviews
- Provide educational material and advice
- Advise on grant and funding opportunities
- Plan educational meetings and workshops
- Connect Ambassadors with local and federal agency partners
- And so much more....
- Community Mitigation Website





Teton Conservation District -Neighborhood Wildfire Protection Program



<u>Hidden Hills Ranches Video</u>

# Ambassador Shares of Lessons Learned







## WiRe

The WiRē Center builds on the findings and the approach of the WiRē Team, a decade-plus partnership between wildfire practitioners and researchers focusing on new approaches to integrating local social science into wildfire education and mitigation programs.



#### Home Ignition Zone - Risk Evaluations



• Rapid Risk Assessment: Neighborhood level evaluations. Identifies risks associated with homes, defensible space, and aggregate of neighborhood hazards. A curbside approach.



• Wildfire Risk Overview: Homeowner parcel level wildfire risk overview. Overview of individual home and defensible space. Collaboration with homeowner.

#### Home Ignition Zones - NFPA Firewise



• Structural Ignitibility: Roof composition, siding, vents, decks, attachments, etc. (Think embers!)

• Immediate Zone 1: 0 - 5 feet NO ZONE. Focus on noncombustible area closest to home.

• Intermediate Zone 2: 5 - 30 feet. Vegetation defensible space area.

• Extended Zone 3: 30 - 100 feet. Vegetation defensible space areas to 100 feet, and beyond.

More to come March 11 workshop !

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## Questions?





