



SR903 Firewising Meeting

June 21st, 2025



WELCOME MEMBERS / NEIGHBORS



ONLINE MEETING



- ✓ Participants will hear the meeting but will be put on mute during the meeting.
- ✓ If you have a question, please put it in the chat. Questions will be grouped by topic and will be addressed during the relevant agenda topic.
- ✓ If we've moved on from a topic that you had a question/comment on, we'll try to get to it at the end of the meeting.
- ✓ Some questions may not be answered during the meeting and will require a follow up.

Vision: PLS and neighboring properties along highway 903 viewed as highly defensible in case of a roadside fire ignition.

SR903 project description:

- What is it, how will it change the look of the road easement?
- What work will be performed? (DNR description from Ridgecrest?)
- When will the work start & finish?

PLS & our neighbors - how do we extend the impact of the road easement project?:

- What does a well 'firewised property' look like?
- How do you decide whether to DIY, hire a third party, or enable a third party to do it for you with an attractive cost share?

Wrap up and next steps



Pineloch Sun long range phased Firewise plan

1. Mitigate risk adjacent to highway 903
2. Mitigate risk at top of PLS development
3. Mitigate risk in PLS development core

Key Principles:

1. Coordinate efforts with adjacent property owners
2. Coordinate projects with relevant local, state, and federal agencies

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

**Tony Craven
Kittitas County Fire Planner**

**Beau Foster
Kittitas County Fire Protection District 6**



Ready for Wildfire Season?



Are you preparing for wildfire season by improving the defensible space around your home?



The Kittitas County Conservation District, in cooperation with Kittitas County Fire Protection District 6, is offering help reducing wildfire fuels on private property in your area. This program can provide financial assistance to cover 75%-100% of the cost of thinning and limbing tree and shrubs to reduce wildfire.



Sign up for this service by scanning this code with your phone and completing the form.



After you sign up, you will be contacted and a site visit will be scheduled to discuss the specific needs of your property as well as how the program works.

This effort is part of the mission of the Kittitas Fire Adapted Communities Coalition (KFACC) to reduce wildfire risk and create more resilient communities and forests in Kittitas County. It is funded by the USDA Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Grant via Washington Department of Natural Resources.



Questions? Contact Tony Craven at 509-674-8101 or tony.craven@kccd.net

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KNOW YOUR EVACUATION LEVELS

LEVEL 1
READY

Stay aware of the danger that exists in your area; prepare to leave with family, pets and livestock. Evacuation is voluntary.

LEVEL 2
SET

Significant danger to your area, leave voluntarily or be ready at a moment's notice. Recommend evacuating special needs or mobility restricted family members.

LEVEL 3
GO

Conditions present an immediate threat to your life and safety, leave now. No further warnings may be issued.

AFTER AN EVACUATION

- Make sure that everyone is okay once you are out. If someone is injured or not feeling well, get immediate assistance.
- Inform your designated contact as soon as you are safe.
- Don't return to your home until you are told you can safely do so. Follow local emergency management social media and notifications for timely and accurate updates on safely entering an area after a wildfire.

Funded by a US Forest Service grant to the WA Department of Natural Resources and the Kittitas County Conservation District. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

SIGN-UP FOR KITTITAS COUNTY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

In the event a wildfire evacuation notice is issued in Kittitas County, notifications will be sent by the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office via Everbridge.

Scan this QR Code with your phone camera and follow the link to sign up for Kittitas County public safety notifications and emergency alerts.



WILDFIRE IS COMING.
ARE YOU READY TO...
GO!



WILDFIRE EVACUATION GUIDE

KNOW WHAT TO DO IF A WILDFIRE IS APPROACHING

Photo Credit: Ellensburg Daily Record

BE PREPARED BEFORE WILDFIRE OCCURS

DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN THAT INCLUDES:



Meeting point: A predetermined meeting location outside high-risk areas to determine who has evacuated from the affected area.



Animal arrangements: Specific arrangements for pets and larger animals, like horses and other livestock.



Escape routes: Several escape routes, known to all in your household. Practice these often so everyone in your family knows where to go.



Communication plan: A family communication strategy names someone outside the area to be the main contact point for all family members if you get separated or have trouble with phone networks.

For more information on preparing your family, pets and property for wildfire, visit kittitasfireready.org or ready.gov.

TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY WHEN WILDFIRE STRIKES

FOLLOW
THESE STEPS
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE TO
GET READY
TO GO!

- 1** Review your Evacuation Checklist (next page).
- 2** Ensure your Emergency Supply Kit and Go Kit (medications, documents, money/credit cards, device chargers, etc) are in your vehicle.
- 3** Dress in appropriate clothing (i.e., clothing made from natural fibers, such as cotton, and work boots). Have goggles and a dry bandana or particle mask handy.
- 4** Alert family and neighbors.
- 5** Remain close to your house, drink plenty of water, and keep an eye on your family and pets until you are ready to leave.
- 6** Have at least a half tank of gas in your vehicle.

WHEN TO EVACUATE

Leave as early as possible to avoid being caught in fire, smoke or road congestion. It may take more time than you think to evacuate due to heavier traffic and decreased visibility, or if you have small children, pets or livestock, or have physical mobility challenges. Evacuating early also helps firefighters keep roads clear of congestion and lets them move more freely to do their job.

Don't wait to be ordered by authorities to leave. In an intense wildfire, Law Enforcement and Fire personnel may not have time to knock on your door due to dangerous and rapidly evolving situations. Be aware of your surroundings and do not wait for notification if you are threatened. Sign up for Everbridge and please monitor the evacuation level changes on the radio and on the Kittitas County Sheriff Office's social media (Facebook and X) and website. Up-to-date maps will be posted on those sites as soon as possible.

SHOULD YOU BE TRAPPED AT HOME

- Remain inside your home until the fire passes.
- Shelter away from outside walls.
- Bring garden hoses inside the house so embers and flames do not destroy them.
- Patrol inside your home and look in your attic for spot fires and if found, extinguish them.
- Fill sinks and tubs for an emergency water supply.
- Place wet towels under doors to keep smoke and embers out.
- After the fire has passed check your home (including under decks and in eaves) and roof. Extinguish any small or smoldering fires and embers. Check inside the attic for hidden embers.

PRE-EVACUATION STEPS

When an evacuation is anticipated, follow these checklists (*if time allows*) to give your home the best chance of surviving a wildfire:

OUTSIDE

- ☐ Gather up flammable items from the exterior of the house and bring them inside (patio furniture, children's toys, door mats, trash cans, etc.).
- ☐ Turn off propane tanks and other gas at the meter.
- ☐ Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures.
- ☐ Don't leave sprinklers on or water running; they can affect critical water pressure.
- ☐ Leave exterior lights on so your home is visible to firefighters in the smoke or darkness of night.
- ☐ Put your Emergency Supply Kit and Go Kit in your vehicle.
- ☐ Back your car into the driveway with vehicle loaded and all doors and windows closed. Carry your car keys with you.
- ☐ Seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals if time permits.
- ☐ Check on neighbors and make sure they are preparing to leave.
- ☐ Monitor your property and the fire situation. Don't wait for an evacuation order, if you feel threatened, leave immediately.

INSIDE THE HOUSE

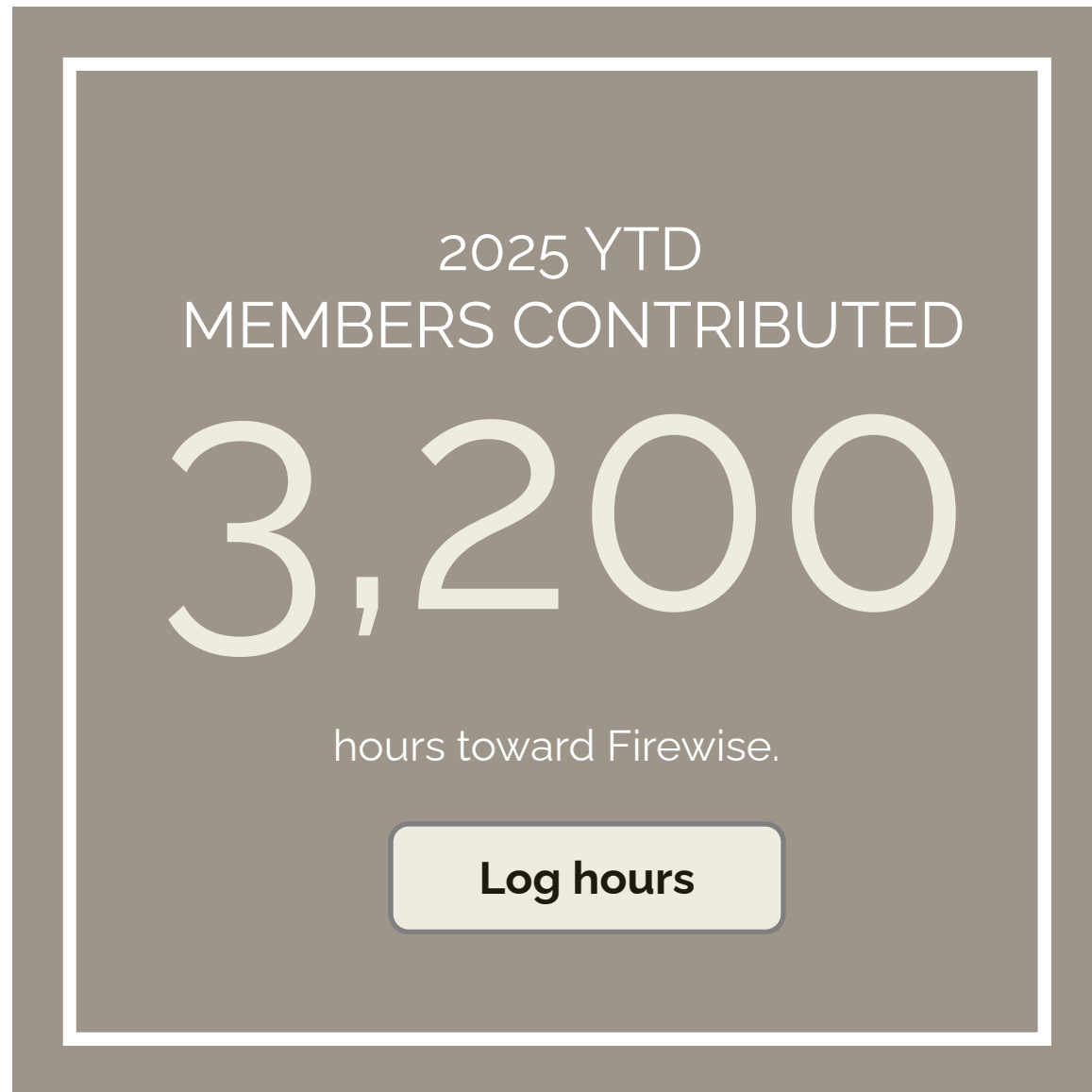
- ☐ Shut all windows and doors, leaving them unlocked.
- ☐ Remove flammable window shades and curtains. Close metal shutters.
- ☐ Move flammable furniture to the center of the room, away from windows and doors.
- ☐ Turn off pilot lights and air conditioning.
- ☐ Leave your lights on so firefighters can see your house under smoky conditions.

ANIMALS

- ☐ Locate your pets and keep them nearby and secure for quick loading.
- ☐ Use a grease pen or marker to identify your farm animals, if no identification exists (e.g., brand).
- ☐ Prepare farm animals for transport and consider moving them to a safe location early.



FIREWISE



01 Firewise Grant

\$4000 grant awarded to Pineloch. Plan to utilize for firewise equipment. (Chainsaws, tools, portable chipper, splitter, Tree pruning, etc)

02 Firewise Tracker

Firewise tracker is live and wants to hear from you! Don't forget to log those hours!

Chipping

03 Chipping will be the first Tuesday after Memorial Day (reminder no branches larger than 3" in diameter, no mistletoe and please stack but end first to speed of the chipping process)

04 Little Arizona Is Open

Little Arizona will begin burning in the next few weeks. Reminder, we get very short notice from local authorities as to WHEN we can burn, so it's difficult to give the community a heads up.



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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS



THANK YOU

Questions?

Next Board Meeting Is August 2nd @ 10:00AM
At The Clubhouse + Zoom



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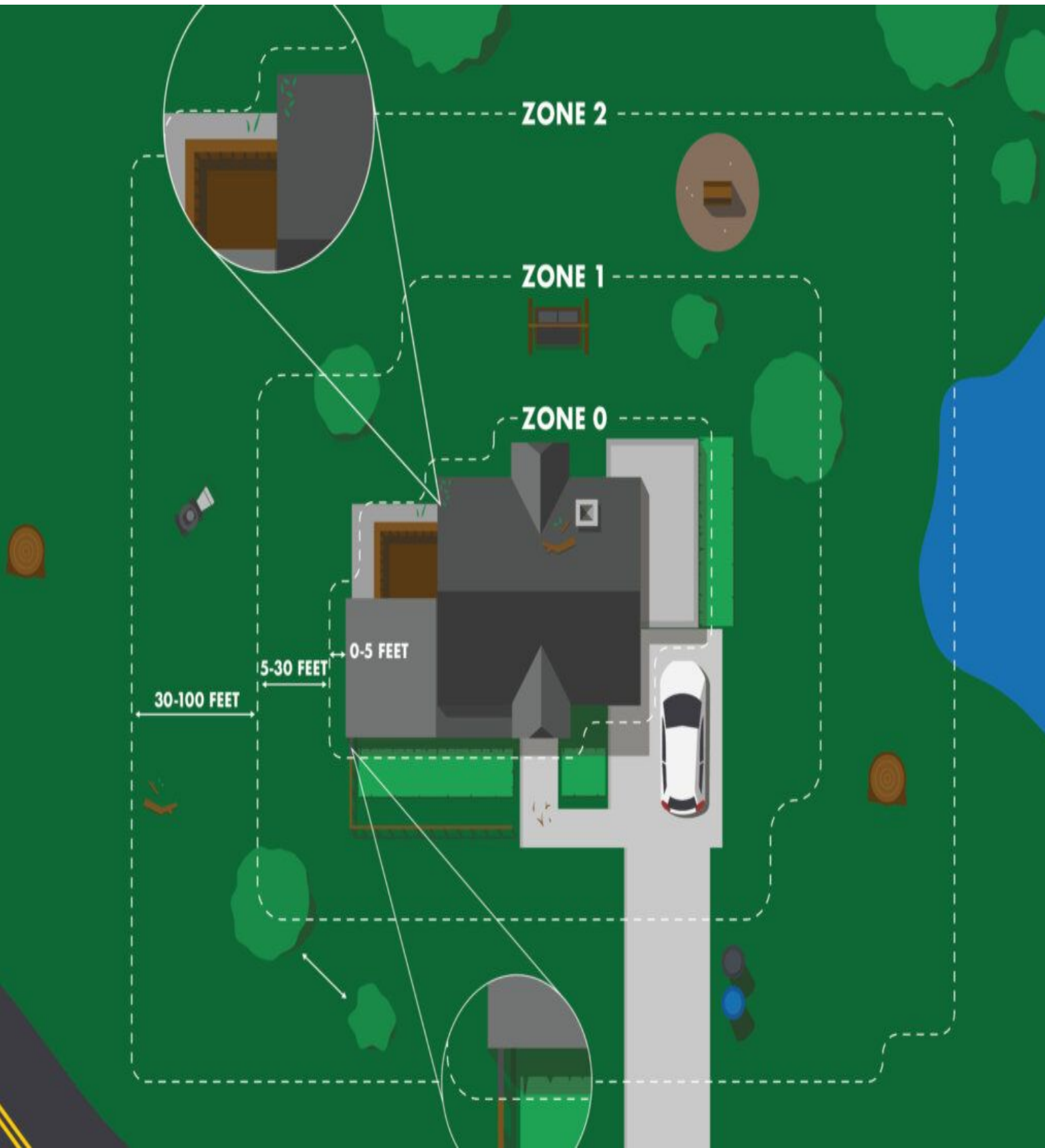


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Defensible Space



<https://dnr.wa.gov/wildfire-resources/community-wildfire-resilience-and-preparedness/defensible-space-prepare-your-home>

Zone 0 extends 5 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc.

Zone 0 is key for wildfire defense and preventing fires from spreading to your home. Here are the current guidelines:

- Use gravel, pavers, or concrete instead of combustible mulch
- Clear dead weeds, grass, and debris; check roofs, gutters, and outdoor areas
- Keep branches trimmed 10 feet away from chimneys and stovepipes
- Minimize combustible items like furniture and planters on decks
- Move firewood and lumber to Zone 2 for safety
- Replace combustible fencing and gates with fire-resistant materials
- Shift garbage and recycling containers to a safer area outside this zone
- Relocate boats, RVs, and vehicles away from this zone to reduce fire risks

Zone 1 extends 30 feet from buildings, structures, decks, etc. or to your property line, whichever is closer.

- Clear all dead plants, grass, and weeds
- Remove dead leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof, and gutters
- Trim overhanging branches and keep them 10 feet from your chimney
- Regularly trim trees to maintain a 10-foot gap from others
- Prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows
- Clear flammable vegetation and items from under decks, balconies, and stairs
- Maintain space between trees, shrubs, and flammable items like patio furniture and wood piles
- Ensure outbuildings and LPG tanks have 10 feet of clear space to bare soil and no flammable vegetation within an additional 10 feet around them

Zone 2 extends from 30 feet to 100 feet out from buildings, structures, decks, etc. or to your property line, whichever is closer.

- Trim annual grass to a maximum height of 4 inches
- Space out shrubs and trees horizontally (See diagram)
- Ensure vertical spacing between grass, shrubs, and trees (See diagram)
- Remove fallen leaves, needles, and small branches, but can leave up to 3 inches
- Keep exposed wood piles at least 10 feet clear from surroundings, down to the soil
- Ensure outbuildings and LPG tanks have 10 feet of clear space to bare soil and no flammable vegetation within an additional 10 feet around them