

Greetings fellow Burland Ranchettes residents

We hope that you are all healthy and staying safe.

### **Wildfire Preparedness Day is always the first Saturday in May.**

In 2019, Fire Adapted Bailey (FAB), Platte Canyon Fire, and several Bailey area Firewise Communities jointly held a community educational event, Be Aware - Prepare, Have a Firewise Home. We presented a power point and discussed: Ember Storms; Preparing Your Home; the Explosiveness of Juniper Trees and Shrubs; Ready-Set-Go; Planning for your Kids, Elderly, Physically Challenged and Neighbors; Small and Large Animal Evacuations; Insurance; and Can We Get Out Alive? Evacuation Routes.

### **So here we are, May 2020, in a very different world.**

While it has been recommended that we not gather in large numbers, we can still learn from each other in other methods. The **BURLAND FIREWISE COMMITTEE** will be holding multiple virtual Zoom meetings, so that we can safely learn from our homes. Dates and times for the Zoom meetings to be announced. This year's topic will be "Saws & Slaws". This will be a power point presentation that will walk you through the steps for: Applying for Assistance; Meeting with Property Owners; Waiver and Release Agreement; Scheduling / Performing the Risk Assessment; Scheduling Saws & Slaws / Recruiting Volunteers; Felling Operation; Dragging / Stacking Slash; Lunch / Fellowship; Photographs; and Slash Disposal.

### **In the meantime, we are currently under a RED FLAG WARNING.**

What does this mean to me? A **Red Flag Warning** is a forecast warning issued to inform the public, firefighters, and land management agencies that conditions are ideal for wildland fire combustion, and rapid spread. Oh, okay. So, I just go on with my life as usual. **WRONG!** If you haven't already done so, review your **EMERGENCY EVACUATION ACTION PLAN** posted on your refrigerator. Do you need to update it? Are your contacts up to date? Are your evacuation routes and areas of refuge still valid? Is your bugout bag ready to go? Do you know where you are going to go? Are your pet supplies and medications ready? What stuff do you need to take if time allows? Emergency supply kit(s)?

## **Checklist Examples –**

### **RED FLAG WARNING CHECKLIST**

- ✓ Bring highly flammable deck items inside
- ✓ Stow BBQ propane and door mats in garage
- ✓ Ensure flammable materials have not accumulated near the house and out buildings
- ✓ Prepare kennels, food, bowls, meds
- ✓ Set out and inspect bug out bags
- ✓ Gather Meds
- ✓ Load small safe in vehicle
- ✓ Ensure gas tanks are full
- ✓ Prep ATV to go in garage

### **INFORMATION SOURCES**

- ❖ National Incident Information <https://inceweb.nwcg.gov/>
- ❖ Platte Canyon Fire Protection District Facebook Page  
<https://www.facebook.com/Platte-Canyon-Fire-Protection-District-217608044988988/>

### **HOUSE EVACUATION PREPARATION CHECKLIST (IF TIME ALLOWS)**

- ✓ Close all windows and doors, leaving unlocked
- ✓ Remove window coverings (curtains, shades, blinds)
- ✓ Turn on and leave on interior and exterior lights
- ✓ Turn off furnace, gas fire place, water heater
- ✓ Turn off natural gas / propane to house
- ✓ Notice posted - Home is Evacuated

At this time, Burland Firewise doesn't know when we will hold our first 2020 Saws & Slaws event. However, in the near future you will receive an email explaining the changes for this years "Chip Days".

We hope that you remain healthy, safe and that we do not experience a wildfire event this year.

Burland Firewise Committee