

## **Firewise BOD report-February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Continued detailed review of the Wildfire Prevention and Protection Ordinance by going over line by line the Fuels Management Standards. First step of property compliance would be to complete the property rating form, creating important GIS and planning information We will begin to see zones and trends, and specific needs throughout the community from this work.

We are now studying the specific fuels management standards starting this month and going over them line by line to evaluate, relative to our community and ecosystem. We now have these two sections posted to the Village website for public review and comment, thanks to Village staff. We sent out an alert notice via VTSV email blast, if you didn't see it, contact Renee to get on the list. Committee members are taking this personally and already comparing our own property to these standards.

As we look at bringing this ordinance to reality, there will be plenty of public review and comment time. All the Village owned property will be the first to get in compliance. The first thing we will see addressed is dead wood, standing and down.

We are also investigating various grant opportunities in order to jumpstart our new programs and support mass thinning efforts in the community.

For the next year at least, we are meeting first Monday of each month, 10-12am, at the Inn at Taos Valley main meeting room, second building, second story. Stairs or elevator available. Next meeting: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.