

Game Trail property owners;

The Game Trail forestry committee has been working with the Colorado State Forest Service and the local fire department to reduce the wild fire danger in Game Trail. If you are interested in learning more about managing fire danger, visit the web site: <http://www.livingwithfire.info/>

The GTA forestry committee has been very active in helping property owners improve the health of the forest on their land and reduce the danger of wild fire. To continue this effort, the forestry committee will be starting several new projects this year.

In early May, members of the forestry committee will receive additional training from the Colorado State Forest Service and the local fire department. This training will enable members to evaluate the vegetation on a lot and suggest a plan for reducing the fire danger and creating a defensible space around the home site. If you wish to attend these training sessions, May 2 and 3, please RSVP to me.

If you would like additional help to evaluate the fire danger on your property contact a forestry committee member. They will meet you at your property, walk the land and help define a plan for reducing fire danger. A list of forestry members has been included on the back of this letter.

The forestry committee is in the planning stages of a project to reduce the fire danger within Game Trail, with the idea of reducing the fire danger on a few strategically located properties. If property owners are willing to participate in the planning process, they may request their property to be included as one of the projects the forestry committee will complete in the coming years. The forestry committee will rank the projects based on several criteria and begin to complete them, as resources are available. Some of the ranking criteria will be: Severity of fire risk/spread potential, overall benefit to the Game Trail community, and the difficulty of the project. Please contact one of the forestry committee members if you would like your property to be considered in this process. The forestry committee has limited resources, so it is possible that all projects may not be completed.

To help you evaluate the fire danger of your own property, a brief survey form has been included with this mailing. It is for your personal use only. Do not return it. Please read the article on the web site mentioned above and start thinking about what you can do to help protect your property from the ravages of fire.

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