

Mogul Firewise Meeting Notes

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List of Speakers

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- Megan Kay, Manager, Living With Fire, UNR Extension, kaym@unr.edu
- Donald Lovejoy, Community Wildfire Defense Grant Coordinator, Nevada Division of Forestry, dlovejoy@forestry.nv.gov
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- Tray Palmer, Fuels Manager, Somerset Homeowners Association, tray@somerset.com

Wildfire Risk and Preparedness

- Here in Mogul, we live in a wind tunnel. Every afternoon we get the Washoe Zepher, and when a cold front comes through bringing strong, shifting winds we need to be alert.
- Yes, Sunset Bluffs is part of Mogul Firewise
- For individual fuels assessments contact Brett, btaylor@tmfcpd.us or 775.326.6000
- For priority work areas, contact the Mogul Firewise board (we need to build this)
- Red Cross has the best list for a Go Bag: <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html>
- Email Tray Palmer for an evacuation plan and go bag list: tray@somerset.com
- Evacuation orders always include the egress route, most likely I-80
- Follow these alert systems:
 - **Washoe County Alerts:** <https://www.washoecounty.gov/em/RegionalAlerts.php>
 - **Community Connect** (to give emergency response personnel specific information about your household): <https://www.communityconnect.io/info/nv-reno>
 - **National Weather Service:** <https://www.weather.gov/>
 - Can also find information on Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Reno Fire Department, and Washoe County Sheriff's Office official social media pages
 - Watch Duty can be helpful, but it's not an official source of information
- Home Hardening Tips:
 - Vents need 1/16" mesh metal screen (usually found in the roofing department). Buy a roll and share with neighbors.
 - Go to Living With Fire for more home hardening tips: <https://www.livingwithfire.org/get-prepared/how-to-make-my-home-fire-safe/>

Community Assistance

- **Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Funding** – Applications due April 23rd: <https://www.livingwithfire.org/2025-wildfire-community-preparedness-day-funding/>
 - Four grants available of \$2,500/each (no match)
 - Let's get our priorities together and apply!
- 4 free trips to the dump – bring proof of address

- Washoe Nursery opens May 8th: <https://madeinnevada.org/places/washoe-state-nursery/>
- Chipping and green waste days as they become available

Insurance

- Farmers and another insurance company are cancelling some homeowner's insurance in our area. If you get a letter, appeal it – say you're Firewise
- State Farm (cheaper) and Allstate still provide insurance here
- Nevada Insurance Board has a list of providers (still looking for this list – if anyone can find it I'll update the notes with a link)

Mogul Firewise Initial Goals

- Find your community expertise
- Identify priority areas
- Identify neighbors/partners that can help reach goals (organization, communication, equipment, materials, meeting space, etc.)

Other Info

- The Somersett Homeowner's Association applied for a fuels reduction grant, and while the community protection plan includes Mogul, we can't use any of those funds because the grant required a 25% match which only Somersett was able to do because of the HOA funding mechanism.
- If contractors are doing work in our neighborhood, ask them if brush clearing is part of the project
- Willows are excellent fire-resistant plants with their high moisture content (as long as they are alive), so we don't need to remove them from our neighborhood drainage easements.

Initial List of Priority Areas for Fuel Reduction Work

- Power pole maintenance
- Canyon
- Overgrown Homeowner's Association plots
- I-80 corridor
- Easements
- Open space park area is not maintained
- Creeks