

Wildfire Insurance and Forest Health Task Force Report

Who are we? GENESEE-“Share the Responsibility” – we are a model for other communities

1. **Over 883 homes constructed on 2000 acres which includes 1200 acres of dedicated open space, has never had a fire; homeowners who do their part**
2. **Fire-Adapted Community-one of first FireWise Communities in US (2000); have CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) in place and a Ready-Set-Go initiative**
3. **Over \$100,000 spend^d on creating healthy open space yearly**
4. **Red Zone study completed in 2009 to advise property owners about risk**
5. **Code Red System and community wide evacuation drills**
6. **Very active Fire and Safety Committee of the HOA Board w 3 working groups on communication/education; neighborhood mitigation and ingress/egress routes**

Genesee HOA Issues and Concerns

1. **HOAs and private property owners were NOT represented on the Task Force; HOAs need to be involved in any further development of rules, regulations and any subsequent legislation**
 - a. **Private property owners are being asked to bear the brunt of the burden**
 - b. **Taxation (fees) without representation**
2. **Homeowners not responsible for fires; government employees have started at least 2 of Colorado's fires; majority are lightning strikes**
3. **100% against CO-WRAP Score**
 - a. **Major consequences for homeowner insurance rates and property sale**
 - b. **Huge cost to create equitable metrics that can work for ALL unique forested communities in Colorado-one size does not fit all**
 - c. **Appeals likely to take months and years/backlogs/cost to administer**
 - d. **Cart before the horse- State and Feds need to get their house in order first**
 - e. **Don't score homeowners, score how the state and federal government rate in managing state and federal property mitigation**
 - f. **Where is the budget to support healthy forests?**
4. **Incentivize rather than penalize (carrot before the stick)**
 - a. **State and federal budget to support private property mitigation**
 - b. **Instead of a fee, have a meaningful state or federal tax credit for mitigation**
 - c. **Lower insurance rates for homeowner mitigation**

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