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## Wild Fire Mitigation Educational Resources and Concepts

The Routt County Regional Building Department would like to encourage all property owners who are construction new homes or additions to existing properties to take time to read the below information and resources that could be implemented into your project. Wild Fire Risks is a real threat that affects all properties throughout Routt County, regardless if your property lies inside a City or Town, or out in a pasture or meadow, and most certainly risk level increases in remote highly dense wooded areas as well. The facts are real and true that everyone throughout Routt County has some risk level in terms of the threat of Wild Fires spreading onto your property.

The Community Development Departments and Local Fire Districts have teamed up to provide our citizens and permit applicants educational resources and information that can easily be incorporated into your Buildings and most certainly your property space surrounding your buildings to help add some level or protection against the risks of Wild Fires. We strongly encourage you to read the literature below we have provided you and educate yourself on your risk level based upon your geographic location. Then based on your risk level incorporate building materials and defensible space strategies into your development and construction plans to protect your most important assets adding some level of protection to your buildings or homes.

Please take time to review the provided web links below:

<https://coloradoforestatlas.org/>

The Link above will provide you direct access to download different maps and Apps that are provided by the State of Colorado that will provide information based on your Geographic Location and associated risks or threats related to Wild Fires.

<https://routtwildfire.org/resources>

The Link above provides you resources and information related to Routt County on creating defensible space around your home, concepts for types of building materials to be incorporated, and most importantly developing evacuation plans as well.

<https://csfs.colostate.edu/2021/05/10/home-ignition-zone-guide-for-wildfire/>

The Link above of offered by the Colorado State Forest Service, and they have additional information and a Home-Ignition brochure that will provide additional information and tactics to protect you home.

<https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IWUIC2021P1>

The above link will provide you free viewing access of the ICC International Wild-Land Urban Interface Code book, and will provide you Building Code related information on this ICC published book.

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