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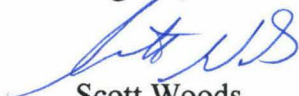
RE: Firewise Communities USA - Windcliff, CO

Dear Michele,

Attached you will find the 2005 renewal application for the community of Windcliff in Colorado. Please send renewal information and materials to Wendy McCartney as listed in the certification portion of the application.

Thanks for your attention to this application. Hope 2005 treats you well. Let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 303.404.9057.

Regards,



Scott Woods
Asst. Project Forester

Enc.

CC: Wendy McCartney
Judy Serby



FIREWISE COMMUNITIES/USA RENEWAL FORM

Complete this form and submit it to your Firewise State Liaison no later than December 31. The Firewise State Liaison must receive event documentation and plan revisions in order for Firewise processing to occur. Firewise Communities/USA participants are given credit for work completed during the calendar year. If your state has no Firewise State Liaison, contact FirewiseUSA@aol.com for mailing instructions.

The community of Windcliff – Estes Park, state of Colorado, hereby applies to renew its participation in the Firewise Communities/USA recognition program for the year 2005. The community has maintained the five Firewise Communities/USA recognition program standards.

MAINTAINED A FIREWISE BOARD

List Board members and fire agency representative(s), meeting dates, and the address, phone number and e-mail of Board President.

Board President Joseph Walsh
3434 D Eaglecliff Circle Drive
Estes Park, CO 80517-8118
Phone Number 970-586-4727
E-mail Address firemanj@charter.net

Board Members

Bud Duryea
Charles Skeldon

Meeting Dates

January 7, 2004
April 7, 2004
July 1, 2004
November 7, 2004

INVESTED AT LEAST \$2/CAPITA IN FIREWISE PROJECTS

Total Firewise expenditures, including equipment and volunteer hours
Number of residents in community

\$ 24,000
310

CREATED A FIREWISE PLAN

Check one:

- ☒ The community plan remains unchanged and is still in effect.
☐ The plan has been changed. A copy of the revised plan has been submitted to the state forestry representative.

HELD A FIREWISE DAY

Date of Firewise Day: June 29th Cleanup Day 28 people volunteered. July 4th Picnic with 89 people in attendance

Describe the activity, including date, time, number of people attending and location

(Provide hard copies of any publicity, programs, news coverage and/or other supporting information to the state Firewise representative.)

Submitted by Chairperson – Firewise Board (name) Joseph Walsh
E-mail address firemanj@charter.net Date 12/18/2004

Please provide the following information:

Community Fire Chief

Name Scott Dorman
Address PO Box 1200
City/State/Zip Estes Park, CO. 80517
Telephone 970-577-0900
E-mail _____

State Forestry Contact

Name Wendy McCartney
Address 5075 Campus Delivery, CSU
City/State/Zip Fort Collins, CO. 80523-5075
Telephone 970-491-8660
E-mail wmccart@lamar.colostate.edu

CERTIFICATION

(to be completed by state forester)

The state forestry office has reviewed the application of the above-named community and determined it has met the five Firewise standards of achievement in wildfire mitigation. Therefore, this applicant should be designated as a Firewise Communities/USA participant for the current calendar year.

Signed Wendy B. McCartney / Scott Woods Date 12/21/04
(Scott Woods)

Person in state forester's office who should receive recognition material:

Name Wendy McCartney
Title Forester
Agency Colorado State Forest Service

Address Campus Delivery 5075, Colorado State University
City, State, Zip Fort Collins, CO 80523
Phone # 970-491-8839

*Mike
FYT
Bud*

*Bill
5910 M.F. 1/2/04*

WINDCLIFF PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOC., Inc
Fire Mitigation Committee

Dear WPOA Member:

February 8, 2004

As we indicated in our January 31, 2004 information letter, Mike Babler, Regional Forester for CSFS, has been helpful again by providing a list of representative spraying contractors located within the Northern Colorado Front Range (See attached). The entities are listed with the Colorado State Department of Agriculture as of January, 2004 and are "spray applicators" for Larimer County. Mike cautions that potential users should contact the Department of Agriculture directly (303/239-4146) to determine specific information concerning licenses and insurance.

As a reminder, it is certainly prudent to determine why you are spraying (reaction or prevention), what you are spraying (tree species inventory), what you are spraying for (specific infestation), when is the most effective time of the year to spray and how often. Recall that Mike has supplied a significant amount of reference material for your use and can be available for a pre-scheduled and accompanied walk through on or about May 8, 2004.

Our objective continues to be a safer and an environmentally healthier Windcliff.

Regards,

Joe, Chuck and Bud
WPOA Fire Mitigation Committee*

- Joe Walsh @ 970/586-4727
- Chuck Skeldon @ 970/577-8328
- Bud Duryea @ 970/586-0282

Licensed Spray Applicator for Larimer County

Current as of 1/2004. Users should check with the businesses directly to determine if all licenses and insurance are current.

Arborworks Tree Care
(970) 221-1287
www.treeserve.com

Fort Collins Tree Care
(970) 484-3084

Fine Tree Service
(970) 377-2851

Lawngevity Landscaping
Nutrition Specialists
(970) 221-2595

Alpine Tree Company Inc.
(970) 223-4597

Kincaid Tree Surgery Co.
200 Air Park Dr.
Fort Collins, CO 80522
(970) 484-8733

L & M Enterprises Inc.
Berthoud, CO
(303) 442-7401

Mill Brothers Landscaping & Nursery Inc.
6121 E. Harmony Rd.
Fort Collins, CO 80528
(970) 493-3883

Nitro – Green
PO Box 881
Longmont, CO 80502
(303) 678-0990

Nitro – Green Fort Collins/Loveland
PO Box 948
Fort Collins, CO 80522
(970) 223-8341

Paratex Colorado Inc.
PO Box 1327
Loveland, CO 80539
(970) 669-2085

St. Vrain Arbor Care, LLC
7917 Plateau Rd.
Longmont, CO 80503
(303) 772-3136

Timberjax Tree Experts, Inc.
(970) 532-0511

Tree Care Unlimited
PO Box 5351
Greeley, CO 80631
(970) 330-5300

Colorado State Forest Service
Fort Collins District
Memorandum

TO: Scott Woods
CC: Tom Ostermann

FROM: Mike Babler



DATE: March 23, 2004

SUBJECT: Windcliff Property Owners Association, FireWise Community Application

Enclosed is an application for designation as a FireWise Community for Windcliff POA, Estes Park, CO. As you know Larimer County Wildfire Mitigation officer, Tony Simons, as well as CSFS employees have recently been working with this organization, awarding grants and assisting with projects. It is interesting to recognize that Windcliff has been interested in Fire Protection and Forest Management for many years with a plan developed in 1991. This is an example of a community that has taken positive steps over time to address the fuels and forest condition. I believe they meet all the national requirements for designation as a FireWise Community

Dave Farmer

From: Joseph Walsh [firemanj@charter.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 28, 2004 9:39 AM
To: Tony Simons
Subject: Windcliff Members Meeting

Tony: I'm not sure if you are back from your trip or not. If you are I hope it was great. Our annual members meeting will be December 28th at the Holiday Inn. They have scheduled you for 9:30 am. Hope this works for you. Let me know. Joe Walsh

11/29/2004

Windcliff recognized as Firewise

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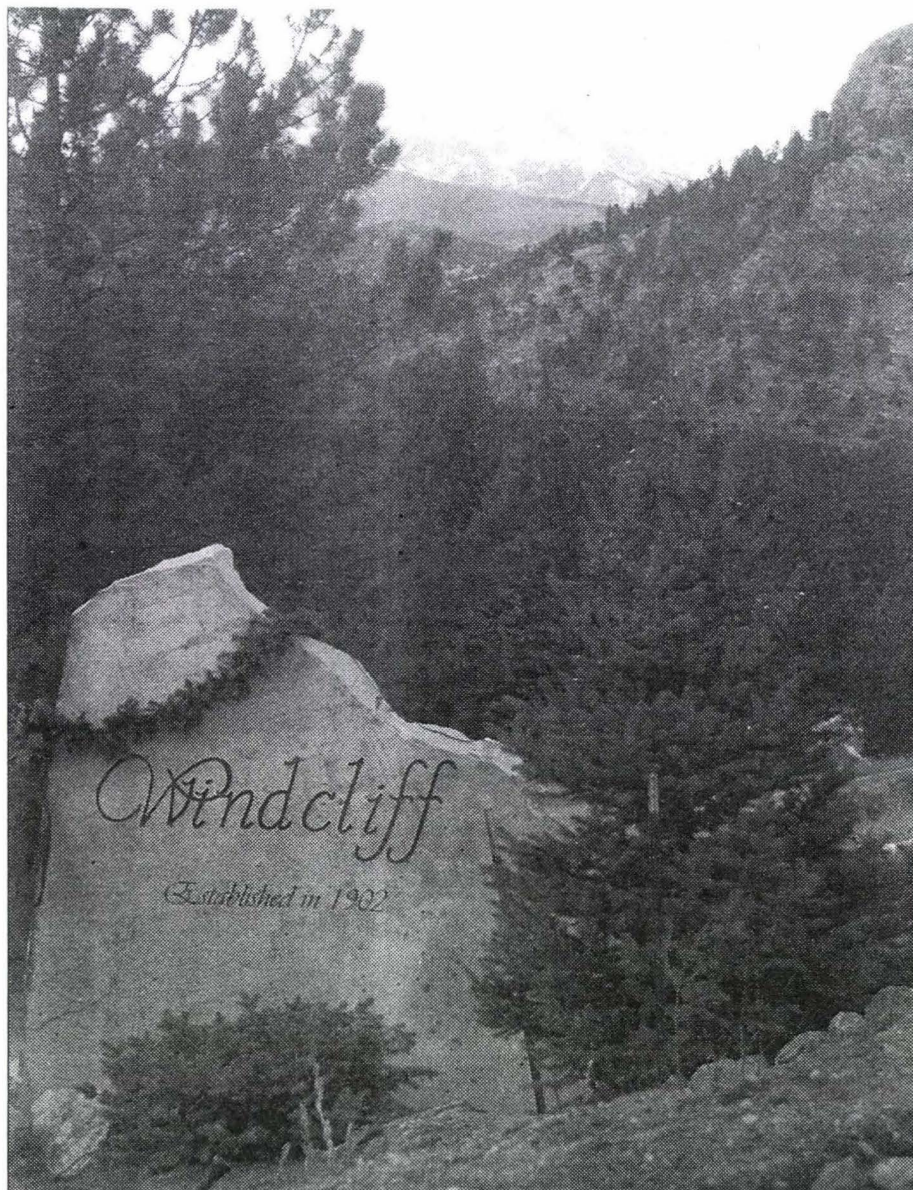


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From left, Chuck Skeldon, Windcliff; Wendy McCartney, Colorado State Forest Service, Tony Simons, Larimer County Wildfire Safety Specialist, Scott Dorman, Estes Park Fire Chief, Joe Walsh, Windcliff.

Colorado State Forest Service—Fort Collins district, to conduct a wildfire hazard assessment and develop a plan to address safety concerns. Residents then worked together to implement the plan.

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Photo L to R Chuck Skeldon, Windcliff; Wendy McCartney, Colorado State Forest Service, Tony Simons, Larimer County Wildfire Safety Specialist, Scott Dorman, Estes Park Fire Chief and Joe Walsh, Windcliff.

According to Scott Stitche, Fire Education/Prevention/Information Specialist from Rocky Mountain National Park, "Windcliff has done an exceptional job in becoming FireWise and they are only the third community to get this award in Colorado. Maybe someday in the future, Estes Park as a whole will receive this award."



Chuck
Dureya

Wendy
McCartney

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Estes subdivision is wise to fire threat

By Monte Whaley
Denver Post Staff Writer

Estes Park -

Living under the lush shadow of Rocky Mountain National Park, residents of the Windcliff subdivision rarely worried that wildfires would flicker at their heels.

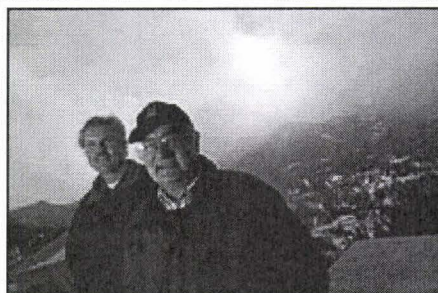
Joseph Walsh remembered how all that changed in the summer of 2002, when drought-fed fires scorched 600,000 acres, including huge chunks of the Front Range.

"You looked out the windows here, and all you could see was haze from the fires," said Walsh, a retired deputy fire chief from Illinois and a Windcliff resident. "And then the fires closed a trail in Rocky Mountain Park.

"That really helped get people going a little bit."

Walsh helped start a committee that began organizing residents to take preventive action by cutting down old, dead limbs and underbrush that could fuel wildfires. The group also got Larimer County wildfire managers out to talk to neighbors about wildfire protection.

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Joseph Walsh, right, a retired deputy fire chief from Illinois, helped organize the Windcliff subdivision's wildfire mitigation work. He appears on a hill in the subdivision with fellow resident Chuck Skeldon.

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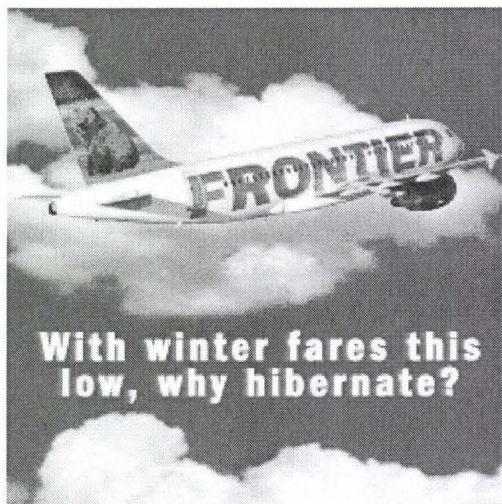
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resulted in residents spending \$35,000, including 600 hours of volunteer time, to thin trees and remove underbrush.

Now, the 113-home Windcliff community is a national

example of how to protect homes and property from wildland fires.

Windcliff is one of only three communities in Colorado to get a Firewise Communities/USA Program designation.

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"By preparing homes, structures and landscapes before a wildfire occurs, Windcliff has dramatically increased the chance that homes and others structures will be protected when a wildfire occurs," Smalley said.

Walsh built his home in Wind- cliff 10 years ago.

The toughest job, he said, was convincing other residents that having so many trees around a mountain home may one day bring a fire to their doorstep.

"People here love the trees," Walsh said.

But when the wildfires seemingly engulfed much of the Colorado two years ago, the convincing became a lot easier.

"It really became a call to arms to prevent fires," Walsh said.

Fire officials said it's unusual that so many members of a community have come together over fire

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