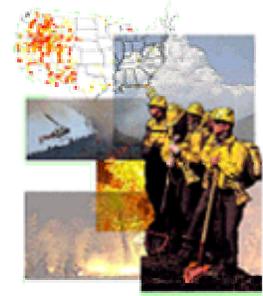


## NATIONAL FIRE PLAN

### Wildfire Awareness Brochures from Firewise Southwest Colorado

San Juan Public Lands, Durango, CO



Firewise Southwest Colorado, a community consortium working to promote wildfire preparedness, mitigation, and education to southwest Colorado residents, has just produced a series of five Wildfire Awareness brochures. Target audiences for the brochures are not only homeowners but also real estate agents, appraisers, insurance agents, and others who have close contact with both current and potential homeowners.



Part 1, *Fire's Natural Role*, describes the importance of fire in southwest Colorado's ecosystems, and considerations for homeowners in each of the different vegetation types.

Part 2, *Preparing for Wildfire*, offers tips on pre-planning that will assist the homeowner in the event they need to evacuate.

Part 3, *Getting the Work Done*, talks about the need for defensible space and things to consider whether hiring a contractor or doing the work yourself, including objectives, local resources, and slash disposal.

Part 4, *Increasing Your Property Value*, designed for the homeowner preparing to sell their home, discusses the ways in which mitigation work can add to the value of their property.

Part 5, *Community Efforts*, offers suggestions on how residents can become involved with local education and mitigation efforts.

Brochures will be distributed to local insurance companies, real estate agents, appraisers, Chamber of Commerce offices, and fire departments during April. They should be available on the web by the end of April.

The brochures were funded by the San Juan Public Lands Center and the San Juan Mountains Association. For more information contact the Fire Council at [firewiseswcolorado@yahoo.com](mailto:firewiseswcolorado@yahoo.com) or Pam Wilson, Fire Information Officer at 970-385-1230.