

Big Sky FireSafe Council

In Spring of 2011 the Big Sky Natural Resource Council decided that the formation of a Big Sky FireSafe Council was a priority for the protection of people, structures, and Big Sky's vast and precious natural resources. The council is now a recognized council and member of FireSafe Montana, a statewide organization dedicated to helping landowners and communities become fire safe..



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Supporters



Wildland Fire Survival



It takes a Community!

Council Goals

- Landowner education
- Provide landowners with resources on how they can receive technical and financial assistance on making their property fire safe
- Create awareness about wildfire prevention and mitigation through a yearly wildfire preparedness event
- Promote landowner responsibility



This home has non-flammable roof, rock foundation, irrigated lawn, and there is a river directly behind the home to serve as a water source in an emergency.

Montana Wildfires

The solution to Montana's wildfire situation is to create communities that can survive wildfire. Montanans must learn to live with fire. Based on recent history and experience, Montana possesses all of the characteristics necessary to support large, intense, and uncontrollable wildfires. Within this hazardous environment are individual houses, subdivisions, and entire communities. Many homes, however, are ill-prepared to survive an intense wildfire. It is not a question of "if" a wildfire will occur but when. As such, the potential of losing human lives and properties are growing. Actions taken before a wildfire occurs can improve the survivability of human lives and homes. It is important to remember that there are no guarantees when wildfires meet extreme conditions. The look of our Montana forests has changed dramatically in the last several decades. In many instances, trees are far more numerous. The buildup of fuel coupled with recent insect and disease outbreaks has greatly increased potential for severe wildfires. Climatic factors such as drought and warmer temperatures also play a role.

Get Involved

If you are interested in learning how you can make your home fire safe or how you can be apart of the Big Sky Fire Safe Council feel free to contact one of the members listed below.



We are working with the Big Sky Fire Departments to help your home, subdivision, and/or community become more safe and aware prior to a wildland fire events.

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