

PLAN OF ACTION 2023-2025

The Sierra Springs Owners Association (SSOA) Firewise committee has set the following Firewise goals/activities for our community over the next three years as follows:

2023

- Reduce fuels (dead/fallen trees, grasses/weeds) in SSOA common areas – Completed fuel reduction on 56 acres.
- Conduct defensible space evaluations to enforce the three defensible space zones – evaluated 416 properties and completed 586 defensible space evaluations (some properties required a second or third evaluation).
- Email/mail defensible space evaluations to owners/residents with noted actionable items – sent 586 evaluations.
- SSOA Board to conduct hearings to enforce the 3 defensible space zones – 138 owners were invited to hearings. 116 properties met criteria prior to hearing date. 22 owners (properties) were fined in 2023. 14 Owners are currently being fined. 96% of all properties evaluated in 2023 now meet defensible space requirements.
- Remove weeds/grasses along SSOA maintained roadways that previously had roadside clearance fuel reduction. Completed by contractor, Godzilla Tree Co.
- Conducted an information booth for home hardening and defensible space at the ice cream social community event – Completed 8/5/23.
- Conducted an information booth for home hardening and defensible space at the annual SSOA meeting – Completed 6/24/23.

2024

- Establish first community cleanup day with dumpsters and educational booths (for Wildfire Community Preparedness Day) on Saturday, May 4, 2024
- Email/mail home hardening flyer to owners with annual report
- Conduct home hardening assessments as requested by property owner
- Conduct defensible space evaluations/hearings to enforce the three defensible space zones
- Email/mail defensible space evaluations to owners/residents
- SSOA Board to conduct hearings to enforce the 3 defensible space zones
- Post home hardening video to the SSOA website
- Remove dead or fallen trees from property owned by the SSOA
- Remove weeds/grasses along SSOA maintained roadways that previously had roadside clearance fuel reduction
- Mow meadow to remove grasses/weeds (meadow is potential Temporary Refuge Area or staging area for fire personnel)

2025

- Conduct community event for evacuation preparedness in coordination with the El Dorado County Sheriff and El Dorado County Fire Protection District
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