



Our Mission is to help maintain the quality of the environment and of living in the Prescott area by providing leadership and continuity in the management of wildland/urban interface issues.

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Prescott Area Wildland Urban Interface Commission

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Letter from the Chairman



Since accepting the chairmanship in November, I have seen firsthand how generous and hardworking our Firewise communities, agencies and volunteers can be.

LAST YEARS

An example of generosity is the year over year rise in donations by over 410 percent. For commitment, there was Timber Ridge's receipt of the fifteen year Firewise USA award. Over the last ten years alone the Prescott Area Wildland Urban Interface Commission (PAWUIC) has brought more than \$7,000,000 in federal grants to our region to assist in fuels reduction projects. However, competition for grants is increasing, while the availability of funds is shrinking. We are serving more communities each year with fewer dollars as we spread our message across the county.

We continue to seek more operational funds that are distinctly different than grant funding. Grants are almost without exception project based. PAWUIC is recognized nationally as a model for the Firewise USA® program. An organization of this importance to the long term goals of Prescott and Yavapai County deserves to have a sound financial foundation.

Verde Lakes, Jerome, Pinon Oaks, Willow Cove and Old Senator Hwy/Juniper Heights became recognized Firewise USA sites in 2017. In other words this organization has helped to create defensible space on over 17,000 properties across Yavapai County. Two years ago our new website was unveiled with an easy to remember name, YavapaiFirewise.Org to reflect on our expanding service area.

Our mission since PAWUIC's formation in 1990 is "to help maintain the quality of the environment and of living in the Prescott area by providing leadership and continuity in the management of wildland/urban interface issues." One dollar of prevention can save twenty-two or more dollars in wildfire suppression. Three words summarize our commitment to the people of Yavapai County: prepare; protect; preserve.

Michael Orr

2018 Wildfire Expo

The annual Wildfire Expo 2018 was held Saturday, April 21st, from 10:00 to 3:00 in conjunction with the Earth Day Celebration. There were state-of-the-art firefighting equipment along with antique fire engines and other equipment. Several agencies were in attendance providing valuable information on how to survive a wildfire. The public met local firefighters, emergency responder's county, state, and federal agencies who shared their role in protecting our communities. The Expo was held in conjunction with the Open Space Alliance-Earth Day. The financial responsibilities were shared making it feasible to continue to offer this celebration/educational event for years to come. The event was well attended and loads of materials, valuable advice and experiences were shared with the general public expounding on the importance of defensible space, the advantages of becoming a Firewise Site and the ultimate goal of becoming a Fire Adapted Community. The participants in the Wildfire Expo were;

- Animal Disaster Services
- Arizona Department of Forestry & Fire Management
- Bureau of Land Management
- Central Arizona Fire 7 Medical
- Jeep Posse
- National Weather Service
- PAWUIC
- Prescott Fire Department
- PFD-Fuels Crew
- Prescott National Forest & Smokey Bear
- Red Cross
- USAA Insurance
- Walker Fire
- Williamson Valley Fire
- Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management
- Yavapai County Community Health
- Yavapai County Sherriff's Office



2018 Home & Garden Show

This year for the first time PAWUIC was invited to participate in the YCCA Home & Garden Show held Friday May 18th to Sunday May 20th. The Yavapai County Contractors Association, Sandy Griffis, Executive Director donated to PAWUIC the booth space at no charge. Volunteers



from PAWUIC manned the booth and shared with the visitors the importance of protecting their property, home, family, and first responders in the event of a Wildfire. This was a hugely successful event and plan to participate again in 2019.

Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade

Every year, PAWUIC and its member agencies participate in the annual Prescott Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. This year the parade was held on Saturday, December 1st, with the theme being "A Hometown Christmas". The Prescott Fire Department Risk reduction Division, Prescott National Forest, Smokey, Central Arizona Fire, Williamson Valley Fire, Walker Fire, Department of Forestry & Fire Management, and the Prescott Fire Department Ladder Truck all joined in. Thank you to all the above agencies for representing PAWUIC.



The Whole Crew

PFD Risk Reduction Division (xxxx, Isiah, Miles & Marsha as their trusty Driver)

UniSource Donation

In October of 2018, Dr. Orr solicited a donation from the UES Corporation. We were awarded \$5,000.00 to be used to help with the 2019 Wildfire Expo and the 2019 Home & Garden Show.

Development and Expansion

Three new communities became recognized Firewise USA® in 2018 including Hidden Valley-Project Andrew, Hometown Pine Lakes, Prescott Canyon Estates, & Willow Cove bringing the total Firewise communities in Yavapai County to 40



Hidden Valley – Project Andrew

Project Andrew Video (FSP 17-001)

Project Andrew was started in March 2017 as a Forest Stewardship Project with the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, PAWUIC, and NRCS.



Willow Cove

Other Activities

- Firewise Hints in the Courier
- Firewise Assessor's Training
April 14th and 15th at the Hometown Pine Lakes Clubhouse, a two-day Assessor's Course was held courtesy of Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management to provide initial training in the assessment and evaluation of properties from a wildland fire and Firewise perspective. Jake Guadiana and Patrick Rappold from the AZ DFFM & Cooperative Extension U of A presented the course to 30 individuals. These volunteers were either taking the course for the first time or updating their skills as required every five years.



FY2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

WFHF 16-204-FINAL

GRANT TOTALS TO DATE

Acres:	126.798	101.4%
Federal Funds Used	\$149,502.92	93.44%
Hard Match	59,086.23	332.36%
In Kind Match	\$ 1,341.77	101.2%

Wildland Fire Hazardous Fuels Grant Program 2017 (WFHF 17-201)

This grant program administered through PAWUIC is from the USDA Forest Service and the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. This grant targets remediation and fuels mitigation in Walker, Prescott Lakes, Yavapai Hills, Upper Blue Hills, Northeast Foothills, The Foothills, Manzanita Village, and The Ranch at Prescott. This is a 90/10 grant; the overall project excluding match is worth \$200,000.00.

GRANT TOTALS TO DATE

Acres:	51.28	36.60%
Federal Funds Used	\$72,466.16	36.23%
Hard Match	\$23,033.02	105.74%
In Kind Match	\$532.70	120.79%

State Fuels Assistance Grant Program 2017 (SFA17-101)

This grant program administered through PAWUIC is from the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. This grant targets fuels mitigation and creating a Firewise

Caravan Education Program that will travel throughout Yavapai County. This is a 50/50 grant. The overall project excluding match is worth \$105,050.00. The program will kick-off in the Fall of 2018.

GRANT TOTALS TO DATE

Acres:	22.8	36.77%
Federal Funds Used	\$14,851.69	14.14%
Hard Match	\$13,624.54	25.73%
In Kind Match	\$525.90	23.85%

Wildland Fire Hazardous Fuels Grant Program 2018 (WFHF 18-201)

This grant program administered through PAWUIC is from the USDA Forest Service and the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. This project includes eleven Firewise USA communities which are part of Prescott and Yavapai County; Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority, Upper Blue Hills, Northeast Foothills, Walker, The Ranch at Prescott, Santa Fe Springs, Prescott Skyline, Southview, Senator/Juniper Heights, Jerome, Oro Flame/Ponderosa Park, and CAFMA are located in Yavapai County. This is a 90/10 grant. The overall project excluding match is worth \$179,996.00.

GRANT TOTALS TO DATE

Acres:	0	0%
Federal Funds Used	0	0%
Hard Match	0	0%
In Kind Match	0	0%

Financial Highlights

Non-Grant Income

Total Donations	\$15,256.68
UniSource Donation (Expo & H&G Show)	\$5,000.00
Total Education Outreach	\$581.14
Total Operating Exp.	<u>\$ 12,423.38</u>
Net Income	

Grant Income and Use

PAWUIC Projects

Forest Stewardship/NRCS/PAWUIC;
Sundown Acres 47.4 Acres
Crown King 19.8 Acres

Interagency Support

Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM)

The third annual Wildland Urban Interface conference was held in Pinetop on April 27th and 28th. The Department of Corrections Lewis crew & Perryville Crews accomplished a total of 215.02 acres of mitigation for the Firewise Communities in Yavapai County. Yavapai County was rated third in the nation for firewise communities

- Lewis Fire Crew Projects 2018
 - Prescott Summit 6 Acres
 - Yavapai Hills 35.4 Acres
 - Southview Trails 6 Acres
 - Juniper Heights 5.8 Acres
 - Williamson Valley 50 Acres
 - Emmanuel Pines 20 Acres
 - Camp Stein 14 Acres
 - Highland Pines 5.12 Acres

- Crown King 19 Acres
- Walker 8.7 Acres
- Perryville Crew Projects 2018
 - Prescott Canyon Estates 5 Acres
 - Hometowns Pine Lakes 5 Acres
- **GRAND TOTAL 215.02**

Arizona Public Service

- Finished up routine pole maintenance – 63,000 completed
 - All of Prescott is completed

Arizona State Land

- Rx burn Big Chino Wash – 5 to 6000 acre project
- 2 biomass projects are upcoming

AZ Wildfire and Incident Management Academy (AWIMA)

The Academy had its 15th year and has trained over 9,000 firefighters. Academy was held the week of 3-11-17.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

- Worked on projects near Costco
- Fuel Break in Skull Valley for 300 Acres
- Mayer Fuel Break – Copper Road
- Embry Riddle Fuel Break

Central AZ Fire and Medical Authority (CAFMA) Activity report for 2018

Central Arizona Fire & Medical Authority has provided 85 defensible space assessments totaling more than 140 acres in 2018. These assessments cover a wide range of property types & terrains over a large geographic area. CAFMA received a Ready, Set, Go grant through the IAFC to provide chipper services to communities.

CAFMA participated in:

- Wildfire Expo
- Safety presentations at communities & business organizations
- USFS Wildfire mitigation meetings, Spring & Fall meetings.
- Cross Boundary Meeting
- Juniper Heights assessment for water tanks
- Prescott Canyon Estates community assessment
- Dewey/Humboldt Firewise meetings
- Radio & TV appearances to discuss wildfire & other safety tips

City of Prescott t Fire Department (PFD) Community Risk Reduction Accomplishments

2018

Fuels Reduction Projects Accomplished:

- Goldwater Lake WFHF Fuel Reduction Project 44.91 total acres treated via hand thinning, chipping, hauling & mastication
- Granite Creek Watershed = Goldwater Lake RAC Grant 5 total acres treated via hand thinning
- Heritage Park WFHF Fuel Reduction Project 50 total acres treated via hand thinning, chipping, hauling & mastication
- Groom Creek Mt. Tritle WFHF Fuel Reduction Project 14 total acres treated via hand thinning, chipping & hauling

Chip Jobs

- 615 chip jobs completed
- 752 acres chipped
- 539.75 tons of debris chipped & removed from both residential chipping & project work combined.

Assessments for Homeowners

- 148 properties assessed

Jerome Fire Department (JFD) 2018

- Had the town's wildfire preparedness day Saturday, May 5th 2018
- Jerome Residents completed 912 hours for the year
- 298 loads of Firewise material
- Firewise Crew spent 191 Hours
- Adult Probation Hrs-460
- # of Loads 533
- Burn Permits 28 for the year
- \$12,621.00 Salary for Firewise Fuel Abatement
- Acquired a chipper from CAFMA

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

- Working with Arizona State Fire and the DOC fire crews on projects in Sundown Acres with 4 structure protection projects completed.
- 2018 contracts totaled 10 @\$650,000 compared to 2017-1 contract at \$90,000 – Shows an immense amount of growth
- Received grant to hire a cultural resource specialist

Office of Emergency Management

- The YCWPP is in the process of a complete revision
- Working with the Board of Supervisors on Multi Risk Plans

- Assisted with Joint Chiefs Grant

Prescott t National Forest (PNF) 2018 Accomplishments

- Completed the Amulet stewardship contract
- Schoolhouse stewardship contract is being completed by Dakota Logging
- Bradshaw Cross Boundary Project is being considered for Joint Chief's funding
- 15,684 acres treated to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire
 - Combination of RX burns, mastication
- Held the annual Basin Ops Drill April 19 to 20
- Hassayampa NEPA – 250,000 acre project

Sedona Fire 2018

- This year we completed our annual Canyon Clean Up. This event runs for several weekends in the spring and has been ongoing for over 10 years. Citizen were encouraged through print, radio and social media to reduce fuel loading around homes and business. Citizens provided volunteer hours to bring collected material to Sedona Fire Station 4. There Sedona Fire personnel assisted in loading vegetative material into roll off dumpsters for further disposal. With the communities help we removed roughly 18 tons of material!
- Sedona Fire also supported the Coconino National Forest with multiple managed fires in and around the district. By providing medical and logistical support 10,000 plus acres of forest were successfully treated and fire was allowed to play its natural role in the ecosystem.
- Sedona Fire conducted community meetings and maintained a Facebook account to provide information about current fire conditions, fires actively burning in the area and smoke impacts to the region.

University of AZ Cooperative Extension

- Worked with Jerome to eradicate the Tree of Heaven

Williamson Valley Fire District 2018 Accomplishments

Participated in:

- Public education within the district
- Home assessments completed in three communities
- With grant funding WVFD brought in three-40' roll off dumpsters for residents to use for yard debris (the dumpsters were replaced multiple times during the 2 week fill window)
 - Vegetation was cut & stacked to be chipped or hauled off separately

Yavapai County Board of Supervisors

- Hired Ron Sauntman as the new Yavapai County Emergency Services Manager
- Title III Funding (\$275,000.00) FF1819 approved and presented to firewise communities