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Years



Walker Firewise

2018 Chip & Haul is POSTPONED! (see Page 2)

2017—Wow what a year!

It started off mild enough, but then at the end of February came the big wind that resulted in several days of power outages and hundreds of damaged and downed trees.

Then on June 24 came the Goodwin Fire. A fire, aided by gusty winds that fed on tall chaparral over land that had not been treated for almost 50 years. The fire caused the evacuation of Mayer and then later several other communities including Walker, Breezy Pines, Big Bug Mesa, Potato Patch and others. We owe a huge thanks to all of the firefighters who, through their efforts, managed to stop this fire before it entered our community.

All of these events created a large demand for Firewise services. It resulted in a record Chip & Haul event that lasted through April and May, and then an unprecedented demand for Wildfire Risk Assessments and financial assistance requests. Unfortunately, the grant funds received in December had been exhausted by May. Twenty-two families have had to wait until February of this year for the WFHF 17-102 grant to be funded before they could proceed with their projects.

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Plan to visit the PAWUIC booth at the annual Earth Day Celebration.
 Yavapai County Courthouse
 Saturday April 21, 2018
 10:00 am—4:00 pm

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CHIP AND HAUL FOR 2018

The 2018 Chip & Haul is postponed.

DO NOT DELIVER SLASH TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Hopefully conditions will be favorable for a fall event. At this time the Yavapai County grinder is out of commission. It needs a clutch, which in all likelihood will need to be manufactured. The estimated time to affect repairs is 6 months. Once repaired, the county will need to concentrate on a backlog of grinding before it can commit to us for our Chip & Haul.

- For additional information about Chip and Haul, look for the FAQ [here](#).

Last year's Chip & Haul was a huge success and set a new record for the amount of wildfire fuel chipped up and hauled away.

30 each, 40 yd roll-offs, 1,200 Cu Yds., approx. 335.7 tons

1 ea. 30 yd roll-off, 30 Cu Yds., 8.39 tons

Totals = 1,230 cubic yards weighing approx. 344 tons

Community participation:

664.4 volunteer hours, valued at \$21,617.37 (24.14 per hour)

856 miles, @ .535 per mile, \$470.80

\$22,088.17 total value of community participation.

The cost of hauling, parking lot maintenance and supplies was paid for by your donations amounting to \$7,595.90.

The costs of grinding was donated by Yavapai County Public Works Department.

Thank you Walker for doing your part!

WALKER FIREWISE GRANT ACTIVITY

Grant number WFHF 16-204

Funded December 5, 2017

Total grant \$37,574.00. Reimbursable amount \$33,750.00.

Goal: 25 acres @ \$1,500.00 average per acre.

Actual: 18.48 acres @ \$1,816.67 average per acre.

Grant Balance: \$157.10.

Grant Number WFHF 17-201

Funded February 2018

Total grant \$42,983.00. Reimbursable amount \$38,684.00.

Goal is 26 acres @ \$1,650 average per acre.

There are currently 30.27 acres already assessed, pending bids.

Grant Balance: \$22,858.00

2018 Application

Grant Number—awaiting acceptance

Requested amount \$47,666.67.

Since becoming a Firewise USA® Recognized Community in late December 2010, Walker Firewise has been awarded a total of \$384,588.00, and has reimbursed homeowners \$363,347.00. There have been 297.59 acres treated involving 238 Home Ignition Zones.

Walker has approximately 2210 acres with 623 structures, so we have a long ways to go.

If you have not already had your property assessed for Wildfire Risk, contact Walker Firewise for a free assessment.

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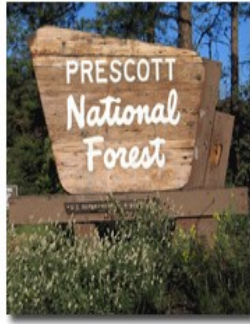
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What's Happening on the Prescott National Forest?



Here is what we know:

Amulet Stewardship Project.

This is an approximately 574 acre timber sale occurring on the east side of Walker Road and extending from Big Bug Mesa Road north to Lynx Creek Ruins Road. The intent of this project is to improve the health and resiliency of fire-adapted ecosystems while simultaneously reducing hazardous fuels that pose a threat to life and property in the Wildland-Urban Interface.

Hassayampa Landscape Restoration Project.

This proposed project involves 234,515 acres of National Forest System lands mainly to the south, southeast and southwest of the City of Prescott. Crown King and Walker are two communities specifically cited in the project description as being at “high risk” due to dense forest conditions.

Methods to be utilized involve prescribed burning, mastication, hand thinning, mechanical thinning and fuel breaks.

For details of this planned project, follow this link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/104785_FSPLT3_3913418.pdf