

FIREWISE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR JULY 6, 2021 MEETING

I urge everyone to keep a record, as best you can, of all hours spent doing any sort of fire prevention efforts, such as raking, burning, limbing, roof, cleaning (such as gutters), trash hauling, etc.

All of our hours spent is what the state uses to determine the following year's grants. For example: on cleanup day, May 1st, we had 42 people working for 3 hours. That's 126 hours! The Elk-Milan road clean up from Reflection Lake to Riverside, 22 people working 2 hours equaled 44 hours! These hours will be turned in in November for our 2022 grants. We really have some fantastic numbers here (thank you to those who have personally turned in hours, as well), and that is why we were recognized this year as an outstanding Firewise Community by the State of Washington and the Commissioner of Public Lands.

The Washington Resource Community Development (RCD) has pledged \$2000 toward helping with the cleanup of Lot 1--Removal of the trailer, and tree trimming and mowing. A tree broke and fell onto Lakeside Drive in May right where the commissioner was standing during the kickoff of Wildfire Ready Neighbors. That tree is right on the property line of Reflection Lake and Kerry Wilson. I will need some Firewise volunteers around July 19-20 to help prepare the area around the trailer to be demolished, which is tentatively scheduled for July 21. This work will also count toward our Firewise hours for 2022 and will help prepare the site for our future draft site.

Charlie Bennett, Firewise Director