**FIREWISE PROGRAM**

The Washington State Conservation Commission — in consultation with the DNR — administered funds for conservation districts to implement local Firewise activities. Individual landowners and entire communities were engaged in activities that help prepare and manage property in a way that reduces risk of wildfire damage.

**IN THEIR OWN WORDS – EXPERIENCE WITH FIREWISE:**

“I had not considered the specific dangers and what could be done to lessen them, only that I was moving to a high fire danger area. Learning that there was funding and expertise available to lessen the real dangers we face in Ferry County was a great relief not only economically, but I will sleep better with less worry.”

Wayne Christopherson on Ferry Conservation District’s Firewise service

**EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES FUNDED THROUGH FIREWISE**

- **Site Assessments**
- **BMP Implementation**
- **Workshops / Education**
- **Emergency Signage**

After the 2016 Suncrest Fire, fire chiefs praised landowners’ use of Firewise principles, which allowed for safe, efficient response and resulted in no structure loss.

**North Yakima Conservation District**

North Yakima Conservation District was one of several conservation districts that used a mobile wood chipper to remove branches and stumps that can provide fuel to wildfires.

**Spokane Conservation District**

Spokane Conservation District answered several calls for Firewise assistance after they used billboards to advertise free services for landowners.

**LEGEND**

- Conservation District Boundaries
- 2016-17 Firewise Grants
- Hydro
- WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE HAZARD RATING:
  - Low
  - Moderate
  - High
  - Extreme

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Learn more about Firewise principles: firewise.org

**MORE INFORMATION**

- **140,298** landowners provided with Firewise information
- **1,397** landowners assisted to implement Firewise practices
- **717** home or community-scale Firewise assessments completed
- **601** acres treated for fuels reduction
- **31** communities assisted to achieve Firewise recognition
- **827** homes provided with signage to direct emergency responders