

# Timbers Wildfire Committee

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## EVERGREEN IS THE #1 FIRE RISK IN COLORADO

The Paradise fire in California gave us all a harsh reminder that communities need to be proactive and work together to take steps to protect lives and property in the case of wildfire.

Wildfire experts from Evergreen Fire Rescue and the Colorado Department of Forestry have surveyed the Timbers and provided several recommendations to help make our community a safer place.

Working closely with wildfire experts, the Timbers Wildfire Committee has been created to provide wildfire preparedness education, develop emergency plans, and develop multi-year action plans to help make our community safer.

Last week, the team attended the North Turkey Creek Wildfire Community meeting where we learned ways to collaborate with adjacent communities.

This month we are going to do several field trips to communities that have been identified by the Evergreen Fire Department as great examples of 'fire adaptive' communities which have maximized efforts to protect lives and property. The team is also going to review all potential escape routes so we can supply our residents multiple escape routes in case of wildfire.



### The Timbers Wildfire Committee Needs Volunteers

As we've reviewed the work that is needed for the Timbers, we've found that this project is MUCH bigger than we all anticipated.

We would love to have some additional folks join us so that we can tackle all the important deliverables for our community.

Please call Cindy Latham at 925-899-9872 if you would like to assist.

#### PLEASE OPT IN for CODE RED.

This is how Jefferson County can contact your family to evacuate in a wildfire emergency.

[www.jeffco.us/473/Emergency-Notifications](http://www.jeffco.us/473/Emergency-Notifications)



## Priority #1. Wildfire Emergency Response

The Wildfire Committee's goal is to review escape routes and provide escape route maps. The team will also provide community education on wildfire preparation, and develop additional emergency communication plans in case cell phones don't work.



## Priority 2 Escape Route Mitigation

The Wildfire Committee is going to work with the forestry service and fire department to identify what we need to do to make our escape routes safe and provide recommendations to the community.



## Priority 3 Defensible Space Planning

80% of homes that do proper defensible space preparations survive wildfire damage. The Timbers Wildfire Committee will provide additional education and resources to Timbers residents to assist homeowners.

## Priority 3 Community Events

The Timbers Wildfire Committee will work to coordinate community mitigation projects and slash removal days.

