Remember This?

Ore Fire - Logtown - July 16th 2006
**Community Events**  Watch for flyers or postings for these and other upcoming community events.

April 1st – 30th Logtown FSC Spring Cleanup  
October 2nd  Logtown FSC Hot Dog Social & Firewise Day

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**Spring Cleanup**  Public Resource Code 4291 (PRC4291) requires that residents provide 100 feet of defensible space around their homes and other structures. In some cases additional cleared space is recommended because of steep slopes and heavy fuel loading. Make sure that you have at least 100 feet of defensible space. Trim tree limbs up to at least 10 feet, and provide clearance along roadways and driveways. You can turn in a request to have brush and limbs chipped at: [www.edcfiresafe.org](http://www.edcfiresafe.org)  A Green Waste Dumpster will be available the week of April 12th at Station 44 on Quartz Dr.  Let us know if you would like to “adopt” a dumpster for another area.  A map showing recommended additional clearance and other useful information can also be found on the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council website

Your Logtown Fire Safe Council offers defensible space “evaluations” on request to determine whether you meet the PRC4291 requirements. Contact your Neighborhood Coordinator, an “Evaluator”, Ken Hasse or Pat Dwyer to arrange for an evaluation of your defensible space.

**E-mail List**  Get on our e-mail list. Send your name, address and phone number to khasse6861@gmail.com and you will get Meeting Agendas, Meeting Notes, Red Flag Warnings and other information important to all Logtown area residents. The Logtown FSC e-mail list is confidential and will not be shared with other agencies or individuals.
Phone Trees The Logtown FSC has established phone trees in most areas. These phone trees are used to alert residents of fires in the area, red flag warning days and other important information. If you don’t know whether you are on a phone tree, or if you want to help with a phone tree contact one of the Board members or your Neighborhood Coordinator.

Firewise Communities Did you notice the new logo on the front cover? In January Logtown was awarded a Firewise Communities/USA status. The goal of the Firewise program is similar to that of the Fire Safe Council: to reduce the community’s vulnerability to wildfire. The Firewise program is widely recognized and is favored by some agencies for grant applications. It may also have long term potential benefits for homeowners insurance.

Being “Firewise”

- Creates defensible space that prevents fires from advancing and endangering homes and lives.
- Improves property value while reducing risk of loss.
- Improves community relationships with local fire staff since firefighters can concentrate their efforts on fighting wildfires rather than devoting often limited resources to protecting homes – which may ultimately be lost if the fire can’t be contained.
- Encourages good neighbors, since the more homes within a community that adopt “Firewise” practices, the greater the impact on reducing the heat and speed of the fire.
- Offers peace of mind, knowing that your home is prepared to survive a wildfire in the event one should occur.”

Red Flag Warnings - Red flag warning days are determined by the National Weather Service on the basis of temperature, humidity and wind conditions in specific areas. Red flag warnings and fire weather watch information can be found at: http://www.weather.gov/alerts/ca.html. This and other information is used by Cal Fire and local fire agencies to determine readiness levels. The Logtown Fire Safe Council will post red flag warnings at two or more locations within the Logtown area. We will also use email and the phone trees to alert you to red flag warning days.
Logtown Fuel Reduction Project Progress

Work began along the Mica Evacuation Route last September and was completed this winter after some delays for red flag days and bad winter weather. The shaded fuel break (FB2) extending east from the south end of Crystal Blvd to Highway 49 and the South Crystal Perimeter Fuel Reduction Zone were completed this winter. Some examples are shown here. Work continues on Stope and Buzztail.

**Shaded Fuel Break 2 – South East of Crystal Blvd**

**Mica Evacuation Route – Before & After Clearing**

**S. Crystal PFRZ Before & After**

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**Additional Fuel Reduction Projects** This February your Logtown Fire Safe Council submitted grant applications requesting funding for five fuel reduction projects. All of these projects were listed in the Logtown Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and most were assigned priorities. These projects are, by priority:

1. **Oakridge N./Ranch Lake Rd Roadside/Power Line Clearing**
2. **BLM/Buzztail Fuel Break** – A continuation of work in progress
3. **Logtown East Side/GWCSD Common Area Fuel Break**
4. **Union Mine Roadside Fuel Reduction**
5. **Highway 49 Roadside Fuel Reduction**