



OUR MISSION

Wildfire Network works in pursuit of community wildfire resiliency by working with young adults and communities to promote firefighter safety, job development and youth mentorship. Through wildland and prescribed fire training, we mentor at-risk youth in forest health, wildfire mitigation and safe firefighting techniques, connecting youth, land and fire.

Wildfire Network believes the cornerstone of community wildfire resiliency is adaptive land management techniques on and around private property.



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BASIC INFORMATION

Wildfire Network was awarded a New Mexico Association of Counties (NMAC) *Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program* grant to create a cost-share hazardous vegetation reduction program in the East Mountain CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) area. Its goal is to reduce fuels surrounding structures and to create strategically thinned areas across property lines to benefit the community.

It is coupled with a companion education and outreach program to spark an interest in land (and fire) management in youth that work with us, as well as landowners willing to participate and learn.

DETAILS

Each thinning project involves:

Pre-and post-treatment ecological monitoring (measuring basal area/trees per acre, canopy cover, stand structure and understory cover).

We'll work with you to determine what vegetation to take out and how to handle the resulting slash

Work will be done by trained sawyers with some training of youth crew. Fuelwood will be either stacked and left onsite or removed and distributed to those who may need it.

Project costs will vary due to terrain, access and treatment needed, which we will discuss and set up with you prior to working on the property. Landowner share of the cost will be 50%, the grant will pick up the rest.

You will be provided a report of current and post treatment conditions along with a guide to maintaining your property.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

We will provide (with landowner permission) educational community walk throughs of completed projects and community meetings to discuss wildfire and adaptive management issues. All landowners are invited to participate in our crew training sessions and **get involved!**