

# Registration

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Columbus, MT

	<u>Before</u>	<u>After</u>
	3/05/12	3/05/12

Conference attendee  \$15  \$18

Check here for vegetarian meal

Registration Covers:

- FireSafe Montana Associate Membership
- Conference Speakers & Materials
- Morning coffee/tea
- Lunch

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Responsible Wildfire Preparation:  
*How FireSafe Councils Can Help*



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## FireSafe Montana

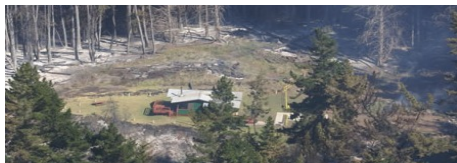


**Developing collaborative solutions to protect Montana's communities from wildland fires.**

FireSafe Montana is a private, non-profit organization coordinating and supporting a statewide coalition of diverse interests. FireSafe Montana's goal is to help Montanans create fire adapted communities—creating survivable space for their homes, neighborhoods, and communities.

FireSafe Montana actively encourages and assists in the development of local FireSafe councils across the state. These councils are key to raising public awareness of local wildland fire threats and issues, motivating residents to take action for their safety, and providing access to the expertise and resources communities and homeowners need to get the job done. When people take personal responsibility for applying and maintaining Firewise practices on their property, they greatly increase the chances of their homes surviving a wildfire.

Through public information programs and materials, a website, newsletter, and special events, as well as its active involvement in federal, state, and local fire mitigation efforts, **FireSafe Montana** is working hard to reduce the potential loss of life and property from wildfire in Montana.



March 10, 2012

Visit [www.firesafemt.org](http://www.firesafemt.org) for agenda details

### Speaker Biographies

- 9:00** Welcome and Opening Remarks. *Jon Trapp*
- 9:30** The Mountain Pine Beetle: What to expect and how to prepare for wildfire in beetle kill forests. *Matt Jolly*
- 10:15** Ready Set Go: How homeowners and local fire departments can work together to prepare for wildfire. *Rich Cowger*
- 11:45** Insurance Panel: Understanding perspectives of wildfire and the role of insurance.
- 12:00** Lunch
- 12:30** Awards Presentation
- 1:00** 19 Reasons Why People Don't Take Action: Based on literature review and group discussions with homeowners living in fire-prone areas. This presentation describes 19 reasons why people fail to implement pre-fire activities. The reasons are grouped and presented by the categories of means, motive and opportunity. If homeowners are slow to create defensible space for their property, it is important to understand the obstacles that discourage action so they can be addressed. *Ed Smith*
- 1:45** 1/3 Mile to Safety: A family's tragic story as they evacuate 1/3 of a mile to the nearest fire station – *Bob Mutch*
- 2:30** Break– *Tour of Wildland Fire Equipment*
- 2:45** Wildland Fire Survivor and Motivational Speaker– *Allyson Watson (Roach)*. Her family's experience is documented by FSM's 1/3 Mile to Safety.
- 3:45** Starting the Journey to Becoming Fire Safe: What you Can Do Now!– *Jon Trapp*
- 4:15** How to Form and Maintain FireSafe Councils– *Jennifer Mayberry FSM*

#### Matt Jolly

Matt is an Ecologist in Fire, Fuel, and Smoke Science Program at the Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory. He received his PhD in Forestry from the University of Montana. Matt's research focuses on improving our understanding of how living plants burn and how live fuel flammability varies both seasonally and inter-annually. This new knowledge will help better inform the next generation of fire behavior and fire danger models.

#### Rich Cowger

Chief Cowger is the President of the Stillwater County Fire Council and sits on the Southern Land Office MOB Board, along with the State Wildland Committee, the first fulltime Fire Chief of the combined Town of Columbus and Rural Fire District. Cowger was instrumental in bringing the town and rural fire districts together through inter-local agreements.

#### Ed Smith

Ed is currently employed by the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension and serves as the natural resource management specialist for western Nevada. Since 1988, much of his time has been spent addressing the issue of Nevadans living in high fire hazard areas. Currently, he is the coordinator of the Living With Fire Program, an interagency wildfire threat reduction education program for Nevada homeowners.

#### Bob Mutch

Retired from a 38-year career in forest fire research and fire management with the U.S. Forest Service. Since 1994 he has served as a fire management consultant with assignments in Brazil, Bulgaria, Ethiopia, India, and Mongolia for the United Nations and the World Bank. Bob also is a funding member of FireSafe Montana and Painted Rocks FSC.

#### Allyson Watson

Wildfire Survivor and Motivational Speaker. Her family's story is documented by FireSafe Montana's 1/3 Mile to Safety. *My journey began on October 26th 2003. A horrible series of wildfires was ravaging San Diego County, and my family was trapped in the chaos of the Paradise fire. On that day, I lost everything; my home, my baby sister, and almost my own life...*

#### Jon Trapp

Jon is a captain at Red Lodge Fire Rescue and heads their fuel mitigation program. As a wildland firefighter, he has been assigned structure protection duties on multiple fires. He enjoys directing projects that help restore natural landscapes while decreasing the threat from wildfire. Jon holds a masters degree in Conservation Biology, teaches courses in Yellowstone on fire ecology and is a Firesafe MT board member.

### Local Programs and Sponsors

Columbus Fire District, Beartooth RC&D, Sweetgrass RC&D, Red Lodge FSC, Park County FSC, Big Sky FSC, Red Lodge Fire District, State Farm Ins., Farmers Ins., BLM, DNRC, and USFS.