

## **FIRE HAZARD PREVENTION IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

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To All PDS POA Owners,

Recently, at my request, a visual survey of our PDS POA properties was conducted from street view only to assess the status of sources of potentially dangerous fire fuel. 15 properties out of 346 received a notice directly by mail that they have excessive fire fuel and we urged them to clear this fire fuel as soon as possible. During the present absence of enforceable CC&Rs, the most the PDS POA can do at this time is to ask for their voluntary cooperation. We are also providing this notice to all others in the Community to keep you advised about our actions and the importance of this issue to all of us. To those that did not directly receive this notice by mail (or 331 of Owners), we thank you for maintaining your property free of unnecessary fire fuels.

We recognize the reality that each and every household has its own set of priorities and challenges. Nevertheless, as the December 10th wildfire in Carr Canyon/Ramsey Canyon made amply and disturbingly clear, the coming weeks and months promise to hold the most fire potential. Given the right conditions it could have easily duplicated the 2011 Monument Fire. The January 6th edition of the Sierra Vista Herald had a front page article that Cochise County Fire Departments and US Forestry Service had completed a proactive effort to minimize fire fuels throughout the county lands and also specifically in the Ramsey Canyon area. We should be doing the same within our own Community. To quote a US Forest Service official, "Fire is inevitable" but minimizing overall damage is possible.

Please bear in mind that the safety of our community is a common goal for all Owners and a collective effort to minimize this danger is in everyone's best interests. Such a safety effort largely depends on each and every neighbor's voluntary cooperation. Thus, for your own family's safety, as well as your neighbors, we urge you to continue to prevent any grass and weed overgrowth and remove all brush, wood and other combustibles, if you have not already done so. Also, please be aware that cutting grass and weeding in the County's right-of-way contiguous to your property will also reduce your fire risk.

Thank you for being a prudent homeowner and a good neighbor. Please contact me at [pdspoa@pdspoa.com](mailto:pdspoa@pdspoa.com) or (520) 803-7398 if you need assistance. We will do our best to put you in contact with the right source of assistance.

For the PDSPOA, Ted Pahle, President