

Hi Doug,

Thanks for having Nick and I out this week. It was great to see the community! Below is a summary of what we saw and discussed. Attached are additional pruning guides. [Here](#) is a link to a map with the home ignition zones (HIZ). The HIZ is the home plus the first 100ft and is where I recommend folks start, so the map is a great visual for the community. Let me know if the link doesn't work, the file is too big to send as an attachment.

Tract C – Main concern – continuous row of conifers. These are dense and in the HIZ of the homes which border the tract. For wildfire risk reduction, it is recommended that these fuels be broken up both vertically and horizontally within 30ft of each home. Selectively thin this area to retain the best formed/vigorous trees. Also, prune lower branches of trees to remove ladder fuels and prevent fire from moving into tree canopies.

Tract D – Main concern – large buildup of fuels. We observed a large buildup of live and dead fuels in this tract. For wildfire risk reduction, it is recommended that areas with areas with excessive dead fine fuels be treated first. Coordination with WWU to treat areas in this tract would be beneficial.

We recommend that members of the community receive a wildfire risk assessment, especially those which border the forested tracts. If you are able to get a list of folks interested then Nick and I may be able to find a day or two where we come out and do them all.

Let me know if you have any questions or need more information on anything!

Best,

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