

RUBY RANCH FIREWISE

JUNE 2021



VIEW FROM EMERALD ROAD - STRAIGHT CREEK FIRE JUNE 11, 2021. CLOSED EASTBOUND I-70.

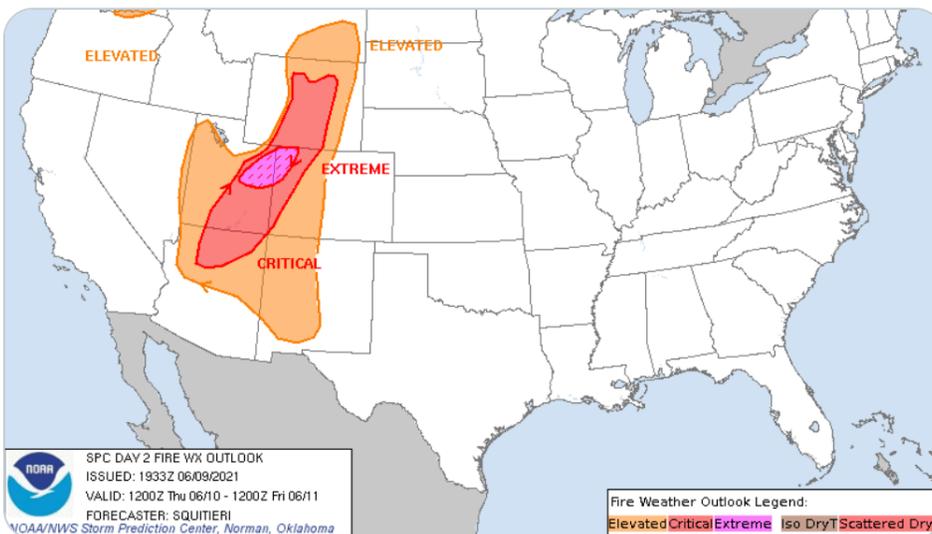
COURTESY OF DON SAMUELS.

Fire Season 2021 expectations:



NWS Storm Prediction Center @NWSSPC · Jun 9

2:35pm CDT #SPC Day2 #FireWX Extremely Critical: portions of northeast utah into far northwest colorado [go.usa.gov/YWcW](https://www.gov.go.us/YWcW)



The National Weather Service Fire Weather Outlook Legend is shown here. Bright pink is 'extreme'....orange is 'critical'.

<https://www.cpr.org/2021/06/10/forecasters-issue-first-extremely-critical-fire-weather-warning-for-northwest-colorado-in-15-years/>

SUMMIT COUNTY CHIPPING PROGRAM JULY 19-23.



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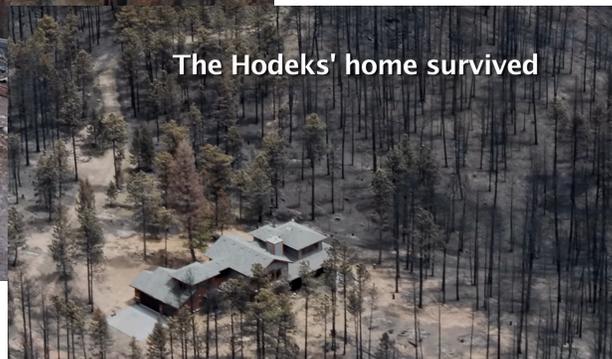
FIRE HARDEN YOUR HOME:



Watch the video above on how you can help your home survive a wildfire - remember, fire crews will be busy, do not count on them to tend to your home (click on picture as a link.)



High Park Fire 2012
Rist Canyon, Colorado
294 Homes lost



The Hodeks' home survived

TIPS TO REMEMBER:

- Watch where pine needles pile up - embers will pile up there, too.
- Consider fireproof outdoor furniture
- The first 5 feet around your home is most critical.

EVACUATE EARLY:



Traffic southbound on Centennial Boulevard near 30th Street at a near standstill as people evacuate Mountain Shadows because of the Waldo Canyon Fire Tuesday, June 26, 2012. Photo by Mark Reis, The Gazette

MARK REIS

Don't get caught in a traffic jam on highway 9! Your "GO KIT" Checklist:

- READ THE RUBY RANCH EVACUATION PLAN (see next page)
- Prescription for your glasses!
- Cell phone, cell phone charger
- Computers, computer charger
- Snacks and water: consider a Grayl bottle - it purifies water instantly
- Pet food and pet bed/toys
- DOCUMENTS: insurance, medical, etc.
- KEEP YOUR GAS TANK FULL!

APPENDIX A:

Wildfires are KILLERS.

Safety should be your first and foremost concern

Wildfires can strike and spread quickly, sometimes with little warning, and can change direction with the wind.

1. **If a wildfire is in the area: BE ALERT.** Obtain up-to-date information about the fire. Watch and listen for emergency information and alerts.
 - Subscribe to the Summit County Alert System: <http://www.co.summit.co.us/1149/Summit-County-Alert>
 - Listen to Krystal FM Radio 93.9 in emergencies
 - Consult Summit County's website: www.co.summit.co.us/emergency blog
 - Follow directives issued by the authorities
2. **Prepare for evacuation.**
 - Know your escape route from your home down the mountain to Highway 9 by car and by foot. In many cases, there is only one road down. If that road becomes blocked or impassable, you must evacuate by foot. Choose a route away from the fire and watch for changes in the fire's direction. (See map on reverse side.)
 - Keep pets within your control. Bring them inside. Pack food, medicine and a beloved toy.
 - If you have a horse on property near the forest, bring the horse to the stable and meadows or another location with lower risk before the animal gets stressed.
 - Inspect and clear the defensible space around your home of combustible materials.
 - Close all windows and doors (interior doors, too).
 - If you know how, shut off pilot lights, propane and natural gas.
 - Pack essentials such as medicines and clothing in a vehicle or in a single bag that you can carry, if necessary.
 - Pack irreplaceable items in your vehicle: such as computers, important papers, one-of-a-kind or sentimental items. If you have more than one vehicle, consider moving the vehicle containing the irreplaceable items to a less at-risk location (like the Target parking lot) before an evacuation becomes necessary.
3. **Evacuate early. If a wildfire is nearby, do not wait for an evacuation order, pack up, take you pet(s), and drive down the mountain to a safer location.**
 - If you are under a wildfire warning or evacuation order: get to safety right away. Do not delay. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. Keep calm and do not drive recklessly.**
 - If possible, post a note on your front door informing firefighters that you have evacuated.**
 - If you are trapped, call 9-1-1 and give your location. Be forewarned: emergency response could take time or be impossible. Survival tips are enumerated on page 9 of Ready, Set, Go! (see next paragraph)**
 - For a detailed discussion, see: <https://summitfire.org/205/Wildfire-Planning-Tips> and <https://summitfire.org/DocumentCenter/View/401/Ready-Set-Go---Your-Personal-Wildfire-Action-Plan-PDF>**

Of course, the best time to prepare for a wildfire is when there is no emergency. Always maintain the defensible space around your home and clear the remainder of your property of deadwood. Prepare and maintain a list of those things that you'd want to take with you in an evacuation.

Prevent Forest Fires. Comply with fire restrictions at all times. Be aware of forest fire warning levels and fire restrictions posted along Highway 9. Smokers, take care with lighted cigarettes/cigars, even when the area looks safe.