

APACHE COUNTY FOREST HEALTH GRANTS

Interested in thinning and cleaning up your property to protect it from wildfire, insects and disease? Want some help assessing your property?

Apache County has cost-share grants available to help landowners pay for thinning on their property.

- Available for property owners in the following communities:
 - Hideaways/Hidden Meadows, South Fork, Nutrioso, Alpine, Vernon, and Greer
- Eligible to receive up to \$500 per acre or 50% of the cost of thinning, whichever is less.
- Property must be thinned to desired prescription of 60-80 trees per acre and an average basal area of 50 to 70 square feet per acre.
- Final assessment required for reimbursement
- Grants are on a reimbursement basis

Why is thinning important?? (Living with Wildfire)

Much of the Southwest is considered a high-hazard fire environment. Within this hazardous environment are individual houses, subdivisions, and entire communities. It is not a question of “if” a wildfire will occur but when. Our ability to live more safely in this fire environment depends on pre-fire activities. These are actions taken before a wildfire occurs that improve the survivability of people and homes.

The look of our Southwestern forests has changed dramatically during the 20th Century. In many instances trees are smaller but are far more numerous. The build-up of fuel coupled with recent insect and disease outbreaks has greatly increased potential for severe wildfires. Climatic factors such as drought and warmer temperatures also play a role.

The Living with Wildfire guide provides the homeowner with an effective approach to prevent home ignition in the event of wildfire, built on the Survivable Space concept.

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