



## FIRE MITIGATION

Living in Custer County is both a blessing and a curse. We get to enjoy some of the most beautiful surroundings in the Colorado. We are also tasked with trying to look after this amazing eco system. As forest fires continue to wreak havoc on our forest, Spread Eagle HOA continues to encourage fire mitigation where possible.

In 2011 there was a wind microburst in our area, with winds in excess of 100 mph. Since then, there have been other strong storms. A number of trees have been downed and many are still on lots. The Association encourages owners to take steps as needed to do cleanup.

There are several different methods of removing downed and standing dead trees. Your preference about this as well as other factors would play a part in determining who you wish to do the work.

A few things to remember. (1.) As one method of cleanup is chipping wood, please be aware that the Forest Service advises that chipped wood not be left too deep. It is a fire source of its own. It does burn and if left too deep can generate enough heat to start a fire. (2.) Under no circumstances can burning be used as a method of getting rid of old wood in Spread Eagle. (3.) Any live trees over 8 inches in diameter require ACC approval before removing.

Listed below are Tree Service Companies from Custer County who have done fire mitigation on properties in Spread Eagle over the years. Additional ones can be found on the bulletin boards at Valley Ace or Lowes Groceries as well as in the local paper.

FIRE SHIELD  
Casey Christensen  
719 429-6181

GREENLEAF FORESTRY & WOOD PRODUCTS  
Lynn Lankford  
719 783-4250

Emmit Goddard  
719 371-0880

NATIVE WOODS GARDEN CENTER  
David Squires  
719 371-2524

For the do it yourselfers, log splitters and wood chippers can be rented at:

Canon Rental  
Canon City, CO  
719 275-0615

Valley Ace  
Westcliffe, CO  
719 275-0614