



Village of Ruidoso
Certificate of Compliance
with the
Fuels Management Requirements
stated in
Ordinance 2016-05 Section 42-80
120 Month Certification
Period 3/2026 to 3/2036

Dear Property Owner

Property Located at: 146 Geneva, Common Ground of Innsbrook Village Subdivision

Congratulations on achieving compliance with Village Ordinance 2016-05: Section 42-70 of the ordinance states: "It shall be the duty of every owner, occupant, and person in control of any land or interest therein or premises which are located within the jurisdictional limits of the Village, to control and/or abate there from all flammable vegetation that constitutes a fire hazard which may endanger or damage neighboring property."

The actions you have taken will reduce the risks of wildfire on your property and surrounding properties and will help protect Ruidoso's community values. These include public safety, economics, watershed values, recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, scenic vistas, historical and cultural sites, and community peace-of-mind. In addition, your actions improve the overall forest health and water availability for remaining vegetation and will encourage native grasses, forbs and wildflowers to flourish. This begins the process of returning plant and animal ecosystems to a more natural balance.

Even though you may not need major thinning again for several years, maintenance is required to remain in compliance with the 2013-04 Sec 42-80 Fuels Management Standards. Normally a major thinning is needed about every 10 years. Maintenance, however, is ongoing and will require periodic work in order to remain in compliance. As trees die and smaller trees grow you must make sure that your property remains in compliance by cutting ladder fuels and removing trees that die. Fine fuels such as grasses, fallen leaves and pine needles must be mowed and/or raked as needed to reduce fuels within 30 feet of your residence. If you have a vacant lot within a residential neighborhood you are required to remove pine needles and mow grasses if they provide a continual source of ground fuel between structured lots. Dead trees are not allowed within 60 feet of a structure and more than 3 standing dead trees per acre is a violation of the Ordinance. In addition to official compliance checks every 10 years random checks will be made and any code violations will be brought to your attention for correction.

Please remember as per *Property nuisance* Section 38-62, (a) (5), weeds and grasses along roadways must be cut down or mowed **yearly**. Specifically, "...plants typically classified as common weeds and grasses that have been allowed to grow taller than one foot in height and are within fifty (50) feet of edge of pavement along State Hwys 48 or 70, or thirty (30) feet from edge of any all-weather surface along any other roads." The Ordinance also requires that you manage the weeds and grasses in the right-of-way to the roadbed.

On behalf of the Village and Forestry Department, I thank you for your contributions to Ruidoso's **Community Wildfire Protection Plan**.

Sincerely,

Dick Cooke, Director of Forestry