



June 30, 2020

Dear Cedar Mesa Ranches Home Owners Association,

Wildfire Adapted Partnership (WAP) serves the communities and residents of Southwest Colorado. Our mission is to inspire, educate and enable individuals and communities to protect lives and property from wildfire. We accomplish this through education and outreach and also through our mitigation incentive programs to help homeowners complete wildfire risk reduction projects on their properties and in their communities.

Over the last couple of years, Wildfire Adapted has worked extensively with your residents and community by: supporting 4 Neighborhood Ambassadors with education and training; completing approximately 6 individual home wildfire risk assessments; presenting at HOA meetings; coordinating meetings with local partners such as Mancos Fire, Office of Emergency Management, etc.; coordination on CWPP updates and (before COVID-19 disruptions) planning a subdivision-wide evacuation drill.

I am reaching out to you today to ask for financial support as the organization is dealing with the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which have prohibited us from completing planned fundraising events and has delayed potential grant funding. One of our biggest areas of need right now is funding for our Montezuma County Coordinator who is directly responsible for supporting communities like yours in Montezuma and Dolores counties. As an organization, we want to help as many residents and communities as possible, especially during what is shaping up to be an extreme fire season, and to accomplish this we need support from communities like yours.

All of us at Wildfire Adapted appreciate all the work your community and its residents have completed to be prepared in the event of a wildfire, and we would be extremely thankful for any support your HOA can provide to us at this time. We are committed to continuing our work with local communities in Southwest Colorado for many years to come.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley R. Downing". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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