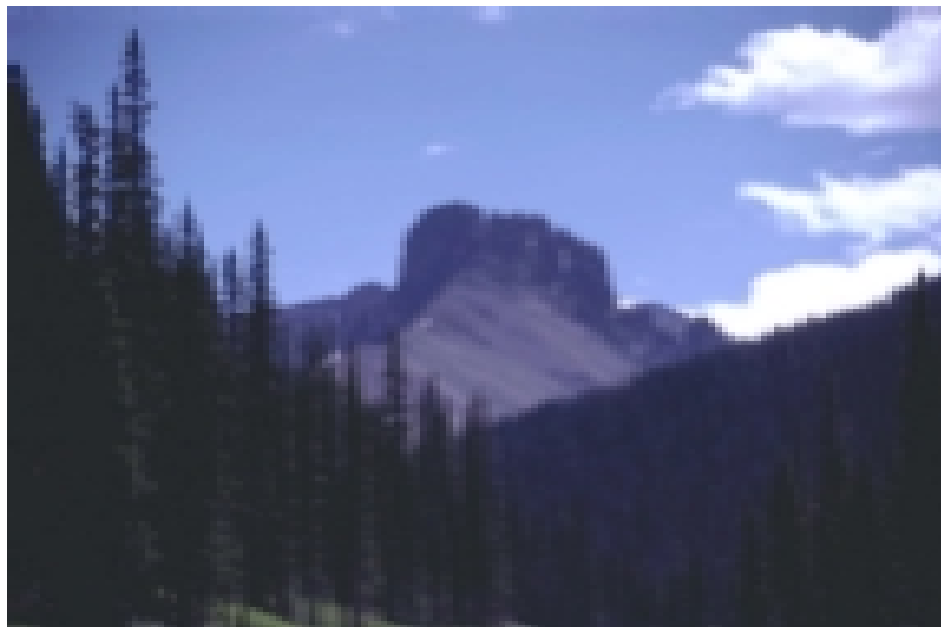




# You are at risk !



Rugged mountains, rolling foothills, majestic forests and green valleys, dry summers and mild winters — Colorado is home to millions and a vacation destination for thousands of people. However, these same qualities which create scenic views and desirable quality of life, a peaceful living environment, can also produce severe wildfire hazards.

Many people don't realize that they face such wildfire danger. But if you live in the foothills, grasslands, or mountains of Colorado, **you are at risk!**

Making the problem even worse is the exploding population in once rural areas surrounding municipalities. The result is that more homes and

lives are potentially threatened by wildfire every year.

When strong winds and hot, dry days lead to wildfires you cannot expect fire engines to park in front of your home to protect your family and possessions. As much as they may want to, there just aren't enough firefighters or equipment to defend every home.

In a matter of minutes, a wildfire can jump from a burning hillside, race through your subdivision and destroy your home and your neighborhood. To protect your home, your family and your possessions, follow the steps outlined in this notebook – and make your property **“FireWise.”**

To be **FireWise** you must carry out certain fire protection measures before a fire even starts. By following the following simple fire safety steps, your home will have a chance to survive while firefighters work to bring the wildfire under control. Remember, a fire department's effectiveness in battling a wildfire starts with **YOU!**