

**Edelweiss Firewise Committee**  
Report to the EMC Board of Directors and Staff  
Sent: January 30<sup>th</sup> for February 11, 2025 EMC Board Meeting  
Sharon Cupp, Firewise chair

**Firewise Committee December 10, 2024 meeting recap, key topics:**

- **Celebrated 2024 FW Achievements -**  
Added three new FW committee members to energetic team, chair transitioned from Craig to Sharon, ongoing spring and fall dumpster and chipping events, new DNR Cost Share projects, FW Guidelines on EMC website updated regularly, Neighborhood Coordinator Program in fourth year, regular EMC bulletin articles, completion of three-year Road Right-of-Way Special Assessment, renewed annual status with Firewise USA in good standing, and 2025-2030 Edelweiss Community Wildfire Risk Assessment completed with DNR and Okanogan Conservation District.
- **2025 calendar for Firewise Committee activities** has been written to help guide volunteer committee and aid in position turnover.
- Two Firewise members have joined the newly formed Ambassadors Program with the newly re-formed **Fire Adapted Methow**. Community Firewise education and outreach is the purpose.
- **EMC Electric Pole Saw** loaning program is still pending the best and next steps. A release waiver has been suggested by the Board. Further discussions are forthcoming.
- **Dial-My-Calls** has been recommended to not be a FW emergency communication tool. Sharon has sent a detailed email to Larry Hall, Craig Bartholomew, and Pitkin Thomas detailing the rationale for FW to not use this service for Firewise communication to EMC owners, as the Okanogan County Alert system is now providing a more responsive and comprehensive emergency communications. EMC may use Dial-My-Calls for other HOA alerts, as there are many credits in holding.
- **2025-2030 Edelweiss Community Wildfire Risk Assessment** with DNR & Okanogan Conservation District was finalized and sent to the Board. This tool is used for planning and applying for grant funding; and was attached to the Firewise USA Annual Report submitted mid-November 2024. ***Suggested action is needed by the EMC staff, Architectural Control, Roads and Firewise committees.***
- The next **Firewise Committee meeting will be on February 12<sup>th</sup>**; additional 2025 meetings will occur in March, April, May, June, July, September, October, and November.