

NOTICE: Defensible Space Work Scheduled to Begin August 2023

Park City Municipal has contracted Alpine Forestry to conduct defensible space work on City-owned property in the southern and eastern areas of Old Town. Details are as follows:

Schedule: Approximately August 22 to September 22, 2023 (no work on Sundays).

What is defensible space?

• The buffer created between a structure and grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surrounds it.

Why perform this work?

- Park City lies within the Wildland Urban interface this means conditions are conducive to a large-scale wildland fire event, thereby posing a significant threat to human life and/or property.
- Defensible space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire.
- Defensible space helps protect your home from catching fire creating a buffer, either from embers, direct flame contact, or radiant heat.
- Proper defensible space also provides firefighters with a safe area to work in to defend your home.

What about local wildlife and vegetation?

- According to the <u>2022 wildlife assessment</u> performed by Sageland Collaborative, it is recommended to avoid any wildfire mitigation activities during the breeding season, which spans from May through July.
- Forests in the region have adapted to regular intervals of disturbance, such as wildfire. In absence of these natural disturbances, vegetation communities have changed and sometimes to the detriment of wildlife the work performed aims to re-enact positive effects of naturally occurring wildfires.

What to Expect:

- Crews running equipment, between 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on workdays, except Sundays.
- Vehicles parked on the roadside near work sites.
- Woodchippers operating between 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on workdays, except Sundays.
- Potential for temporary trail closures in the Rossie Hill and Prospect Road areas.

What it Will Look Like:



Locations: All priority and general areas (noted on the map on the attached)

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Maps of Work Areas







