

## **Residential Fuels Control – Avimor Planned Community**

To proactively address wildland fire, the Avimor Homeowners Association (HOA), Avimor Stewardship Organization (ASO), and Avimor Conservation Director (ACD) have worked together to develop a residential fuels control program. The program is based on the same guidelines used by the City of Boise's Citizen Fuel Reduction Policy (see link below).

**<https://www.adafireadapted.org/homeowner/citizen-fuel-reduction-policy/>**

The Avimor residential fuels program (ARFP) will use the same management guidelines as the Boise program. However, unlike Boise's program, residents will apply for authorization from the HOA with professional support from the ACD to guide groups and individuals in policy implementation.

**The following actions are the only resident residential activities authorized by the HOA and ASO:**

- **Weed trimming of grass understory**, with plastic blades or plastic string, on HOA property located within 20 feet of your property line (Please verify adjacent property ownership before conducting any activity by coordinating with the HOA on the community website).
- **Fall/Spring broadcast seeding of native grasses and forbs**. Only approved native grasses and forb species determined by the Avimor Conservation Director will be allowed.

**The following guidelines must be met to perform any of the above allowed activities:**

- Authorization is required by the HOA prior to performing allowable wildfire mitigation activities on Avimor Open Space.
- Prior to authorization, the permittee must view a brief educational presentation (see link above). **<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ay8iPWjsOTY&t=43s>**
- Once the HOA approves the project, they will provide you with a permit. This permit must be present on-site where the work is being done. (Homeowners are responsible for obtaining the permit, watching the video, and complying with the guidelines).
- Grasses shall not be cut less than 4" in height on flat terrain and 6" in height on sloped terrain, to maintain the integrity and stability of soil in treated areas.
- Cut or trimmed organic materials must be bagged and removed from the site to reduce the spread of non-native invasive grasses, and to reduce wildfire risk. Due to the highly invasive nature of Rush Skeleton weed and white top,

pulling and bagging or spraying of this weed prior to trimming of grasses is strongly encouraged.

- You must sign and return a liability waiver to the HOA prior to commencing any work.

### **Prohibitions and Restrictions:**

- The use of metal blades, chains, and similar metallic implements is specifically prohibited.
- Internal combustion engines may not be used for wildfire mitigation activities between July 1 and September 30 of each year.
- During the period when the use of internal combustion engines is allowed, all internal combustion engines used for fire mitigation activities must have a spark arrestor.
- The removal of shrubs, brush, or trees is prohibited, unless specifically approved on a case-by-case basis.
- Denuding the ground (removal of grasses down to bare earth) is prohibited.
- Herbicide applications are prohibited, unless specifically approved on a case-by-case basis.
- Use of fire is prohibited.
- Planting of any vegetation, not approved by the HOA, is prohibited, unless specifically approved on a case-by-case basis.

### **IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOUR MITIGATION WORK DOES NOT START A FIRE – The following best practices are strongly advised!**

- Have a fire extinguisher on hand, as well as a garden hose and working cellphone in case a fire is started.
- Do not lay hot equipment in dry grass where it may ignite flammable grasses.
- Refuel tools away from any vegetation, on paved surfaces. Store gasoline away from work area.
- Avoid running equipment when wildlife is present. Discontinue work until they are clear of the area.
- Inform neighbors that you will be completing this mitigation activity.

Surveys will be conducted by the HOA and ACD following mitigation actions and in subsequent growing seasons. These surveys will serve to gauge the success of

this resident-led mitigation strategy. If you have any questions, please contact the HOA via the community website.

**Approved Seed List (Seed Provided by ACD):**

**Grasses (see attached)-**

**Sheep Fescue (*Festuca ovina*)**

**Sandberg's bluegrass (*Poa secunda*)**

**Bluebunch Wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata*)**

**\*Native forbs may be added to the species mix if requested and approved by the ACD.**

**I agree to follow the above Avimor Fuels Policy and will submit for approval and permit via the Design Review Committee.**

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**Signature**

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**Printed Name**

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**Address**

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**Unit Number**