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Watch Hannah Ohlson, Summit Fire and EMS Wildland Division Risk Management Specialist, demonstrate how to space our trees and regrowth!

The Summit Fire and EMS Fire Rendezvous on May 27th featured a demonstration by Hannah Ohlson. She showed how lodgepole pines growing in spaced clumps have the least amount of fire spread. Second best is to space the lodgepole out in general. The worst is to leave trees in large stands of closely spaced trees.

The Mautz' and Rupp's have created piles of regrowth trees for the County Chipping Program! Remove your 1-6" trees now so you won't have to remove 15" diameter trees later. Use the Colorado State Forest Guide (link to document and examples next page) to help create your Firewise Zone 2 and 3 buffers.

Meet with Hannah for your free risk assessment! HOhlson@summitfire.org

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Formerly CSU Extension Factsheet 6.302

Examples from this guide:

ASPEN:

Mature aspen stands do not need to be thinned, but consider:

- Removing dead wood/underbrush
- Remove conifer trees growing within the aspen - create an aspen only grove.



LOGEPOLE PINE:

- Create 30-50 tree "clumps" where clumps are 20-30 feet away from each other.
- Create a variety of tree age/maturity within a clump.
- General thinning okay but also think about blow downs.

Spacing your lodgepole makes them more vulnerable to blow down. Be safe and keep them far enough away from your house. Live trees are just as susceptible as dead ones to blow over.

