



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### Wildland Fire Hazard Check Sheet

#### **PROPERTY ACCESS**

- Address numbers must be visible to responding emergency service personnel from the roadway.
- Roadways more than 150' long must have fuel breaks 10' wide on each edge of the roadway.
- Overhanging obstructions must be cleared to 13'6" above the roadway.

#### **IMMEDIATE ZONE\***

Start at the house out to 5 feet:

- Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers.
- Repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration.
- Install 1/8 inch metal mesh screening on vents to keep embers out.
- Insure an approved chimney cap is installed to reduce embers.
- Trim branches away from chimneys at least 10 feet.
- Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors. Stack firewood outside the Immediate Zone. Remove anything flammable stored underneath decks or porches.

#### **INTERMEDIATE ZONE\***

From 5 feet to 30 feet from the house – or to the property line, whichever is less:

- Clear vegetation 10 feet from stationary propane tanks.
- Keep lawns and native grasses mowed to a height of four inches or less.
- Remove ladder fuels (vegetation under trees). Prune trees up to six feet from the ground. For trees shorter than 18 feet tall, trim above the ground to 1/3 of the overall tree height.
- Space trees to have approximately 10 feet between crowns or approximately 40 trees per ½ acre.
- Tree placement planned so the mature canopy is at least 10 feet from the edge of the structure.
- Tree and shrubs in this zone should be limited to clusters breaking up the continuity of the vegetation across the landscape.

#### **EXTENDED ZONE\***

From 30 feet to 100 feet – or to the property line, whichever is less:

- Dispose of heavy accumulations of ground litter/debris.
- Keep lawns and native grasses mowed to a height of four inches or less.
- Remove dead plant and tree material.
- Remove small conifers growing between mature trees.
- Remove vegetation adjacent to storage sheds or other outbuildings within this area.
- Trees 30 to 100 feet from the home should have separation between the canopy tops.

*\*A tree removal permit may be required (Payson Code of Ordinances Title XV Ch. 153).*

*\*Reference the "native and low water" plant list from the Town of Payson Water Department.*

*\*Free brush pits and burn permits are available to dispose of yard waste.*

*For more information visit - <http://www.paysonaz.gov>*

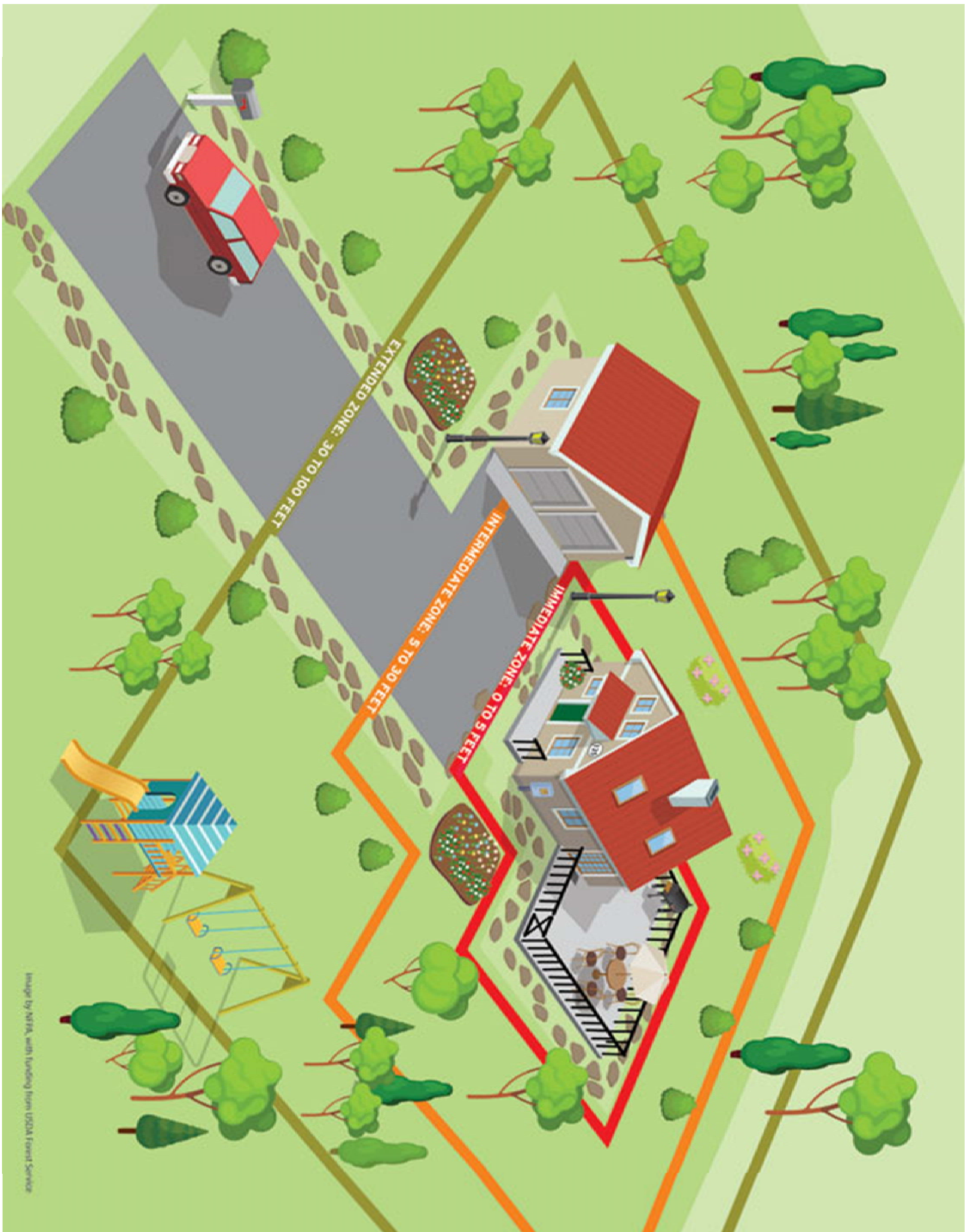


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