



August
2020

TOWN NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE RESIDENTS:



Bored?

Looking for something interesting to do?

We're looking for volunteers for the first annual Community Fire Reduction Event scheduled at the "Archery Range" located at.....The date and time is August 19th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Dan Benson and some members of the volunteer fire department will be leading the clearing efforts and demonstrating some strategies that others can use to make their own properties safer from fire danger. So, if the idea of getting out of the cabin and helping our community at the same time sounds like something you'd like to do, join us for coffee, water and donuts at the archery range on Wednesday the 19th.

Directions - To get to the "Archery Range" Turn East on Steam Engine Drive, follow it to Snow Shoe Drive. Make a right turn onto Snow Shoe Drive and follow it for roughly 1 mile, the road will connect you into the "Archery Range"

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ Brian Head Chief of Police, Dan Benson, has reached his 20 year mark with the Town of Brian Head, as of July 10th, 2020. When you see him don't forget to thank him for his dedication and support through out the years!
- ❖ Brian Head Community had started a Wildfire Preparedness Plan. A detailed message regarding this will follow this Newsletter or you can call Town Hall and request this information.
- ❖ Brian Head Town Chipping Project has begun, please call Town Hall for any questions, and watch for info to follow.
- ❖ We ask that we each do our part to help keep our community safe -- MASK UP and SOCIAL DISTANCE!
- ❖ For questions please call Brian Head Town @ 435-677-2029

EVENTS

- August 14th: Brian Head Resort - Flyin' Brian (Practice Day) 9:30am – 4:30pm
- August 15th: Brian Head Resort - Flyin' Brian 9:30am-4:30pm
- August 16th: Brian Head Resort - Flyin' Brian 9:30am-4:30pm
- August 19th: Community Fire Reduction - 9:00am-12:00pm

PROJECTS

Water:

- Finish work on Mountain View water project.
- Chlorination Equipment install work.
- Million gallon pump station upgrade work.

Streets:

- Patch work final should take place the first week or so of August for Bristlecone Drive and Village Way.
- Snowshoe Toboggan, Forrest, Look Out Circle, and Falcon road work to continue.

Pond/Trail Work:

- To begin paving middle of August.

TOWN MEETINGS

- August 4th, 2020: Planning Commission @ 1:00 pm
- August 11th, 2020: Town Council @ 1:00 pm
- August 25th, 2020: Town Council @ 1:00 pm

Dear Home and Landowners of Brian Head;

The Brian Head Fire of 2017 showed us that Brian Head is at risk for a wildfire and there is a lot we can do to lessen the impact of future wildfires. To help in this effort, a group of Brian Head residents have gotten together under the direction of the Utah State Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, and our Public Safety department and created the Brian Head Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan. By putting a Preparedness Plan in place, Brian Head can also benefit from funding and grants in the future to make Brian Head a more "Fire Wise Community".

The 2017 fire created a fire break on Brian Head's north side. The Forest Service has a real concern about the south side of Brian Head and is getting approval to create a better fire break on our south side.

Here are guidelines for you as landowners to help mitigate the fire risk not only to your land but to the entire town of Brian Head:

Guidelines for Thinning & Limbing:

1. Remove all dead vegetation, both standing and downed.
2. Thin remaining trees, taking damaged, diseased, or leaning trees first, then trees less than 9 inches in diameter. Next thin out remaining trees so that all trees are 10 to 30 feet apart at the crowns.
3. Remove limbs of remaining trees from within 4 to 6 feet from the ground. The higher off the ground the better and the extra space creates shade.

Once landowners have cleared trees and debris they need to construct piles for chipping. There will be numerous chipping days through the summer and fall. These will be announced and posted on the Brian Head Town website. Stack any good firewood size logs into piles for free pickup.

Guidelines for Constructing Piles for Chipping:

1. Limbs should be no larger than 4 inches in diameter and a minimum of 30 inches in length.
2. Limbs should be placed with the butt (larger) end within 5 feet and at a 90 degree angle to a good road or driveway.
3. Stacked rows should be no more than 4 feet high and one row deep.
4. Be certain that natural vegetation is all that is put out for chipping; no rocks, roots, Metal (nails, wire etc.), dirt, lumber, construction materials, or trash in the piles.

Before removing any trees from your property, contact Wendy Dowland at the Town Hall (wdowland@bhtown.utah.gov) for a tree cutting permit. This permit is free of charge because the purpose is fire mitigation. This also helps the Town keep track of who is working on their properties for the in kind hours. Please remember to keep track of all your hours that you spend clearing your property (whether you do it yourself or hire a contractor). And any purchases you made toward this work. Call the Brian Head Town Hall, Guest Services (435-677-2029). These hours are logged for all of Brian Head and can be applied to future funding or government grants. Basically, the more hours we log shows the funding agencies that we in Brian Head are making a real effort to protect our town from the next wildfire and the town will be rewarded with funding to help our efforts.

Here is a list of local contractors who may be able to help with efforts to clean up your property:

Mike's Complete Tree Service	435-531-1692
Cedar City's Best Tree Service	435-774-0441
Gemi Tree Trimming & Removal	435-691-4647
A-OK Tree Service	435-690-0912
Specialized Mountain Services	435-592-5530
T.M.S. Trees	435-592-6347
Jeff Crabtree (smaller jobs)	435-559-2226

It is imperative that landowners take responsibility for the protection of their land. Let's be proactive, not reactive! If everyone works together, we can make Brian Head a Fire Wise community. Wildfires are a reality here in the West but if everyone makes an effort, we can learn to live with the danger knowing that we are best prepared for the next time a fire is nearby. If everyone makes an effort to clear their property, thereby creating a defensible zone, the impact of a future wildfire will be greatly lessened. This defensible zone will make the efforts of firefighters more successful in fighting future fires.

One helpful link is the Iron County Preparedness Plan App. It is a free app that will help you better prepare and plan.

Please work with us to keep Brian Head a safe and beautiful place to live.

Sincerely,

Community Wildfire Preparedness Council
PO Box 190222
Brian Head, UT
84719

Brian Head Town

2020 Chipping Project

Brian Head Town in conjunction with Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands has for the past several years done chipping projects in the Town of Brian Head. We are planning on continuing this project for the fall of 2020.

These projects are a huge benefit to our community in reducing fuel loading that has built up on our private properties for decades. Property owners can participate in this project but must follow the guidelines below when creating piles that will be chipped by our crews.

Guidelines:

- Start piling limbs ASAP
- Last Day for piling will be beginning to middle of September (No exact date has been set)
- Property owners wanting to participate in the Chipping Project **MUST** contact Brian Head Town Hall and advise them of the location of your property so that it can be chipped
- This project is open to any property owner in any subdivision that is located in the Town of Brian Head
- Materials to be chipped are only trees and branches, no brown pine needles, no rotting material, stumps, or construction material
- Maximum diameter of trees/branches will be 4 inches
- Maximum length of limbs should be 4 feet
- Avoid piling old rotten limbs and small branches, focus more on green material
- Any wood that is good enough to be used for firewood can be piled near the chip piles for others to use
- No piles are to be located on the roadway or in the barrow pit of any road, keep the piles on your own property
- Place/stack material with larger end facing toward the roadway (But still on your own property)
- For any further information please contact Brian Head Town or the Brian Head Public Safety

Brian Head Town Offices - 435-677-2029

Brian Head Public Safety - 435-677-9924

GUIDELINES FOR THINNING & LIMBING

1. Remove all dead vegetation, both standing and down on property (See Fig. 1).
2. Thin remaining trees, taking damaged, diseased, or leaning trees first, then trees less than 9 inches in diameter. Next, thin out remaining trees so that all trees are 10 ft. to 30 ft. apart at crowns. (See Fig. 2)
3. Remove limbs of remaining trees from within 4 ft. to 6 ft. of the ground (vary this height from tree to tree.). (See Fig. 2 & 3)
4. Remove vegetation within 10 ft. of any chimney opening.
5. Remove all vegetation, debris, and flammable storage from under wood decks, stairs, or eaves of buildings, or within 25 ft. of propane tanks.

CONSTRUCTING PILES FOR CHIPPING

1. Limbs should be 1 1/2 inches minimum to 4 inches maximum in diameter for small chipper, and 1 1/2 inches to 14 inches maximum diameter for large chipper, and a minimum of 30 inches long. Logs should be a maximum of 8 inches in diameter and 10 ft. long.
2. Limbs should be placed with the butt (larger) end within 5 ft. and at a 90 degree angle to a good road or driveway.
3. Stacked rows should be no more than 4 ft. high and one row deep. (See Fig. 4)
4. Chips will be left in piles next to the road.
5. **Natural Vegetation Only** - Absolutely no rocks, roots, metal, dirt, lumber, trash, or construction material in the piles.



CONSTRUCTING PROPER BURN PILES

REMEMBER—ONLY ALLOW QUALIFIED PEOPLE TO IGNITE PILES

1. Do not place burn piles under power lines or any flammable materials. Keep burn piles a minimum of 50 ft. from all flammable material, propane and fuel storage tanks.
2. Burn piles should be approx. 8 ft. in diameter and 4 ft. to 5 ft. high.
3. Place small limbs on bare ground to light first.
4. Cover with a piece of kraft paper to help keep the pile dry until ready to burn.
5. Form a teepee arrangement with larger limbs & logs around pile. Material exceeding 6 ft. in length should be cut into lengths not to exceed 4 ft.
6. Keep piles 15' away from living trees. (See Fig. 5)

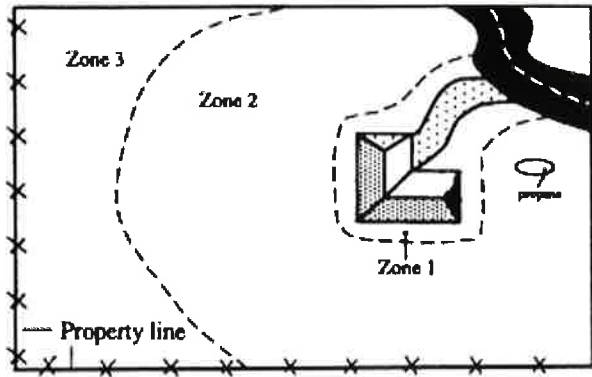


Fig. 1 Refer to Living with Fire Brochure

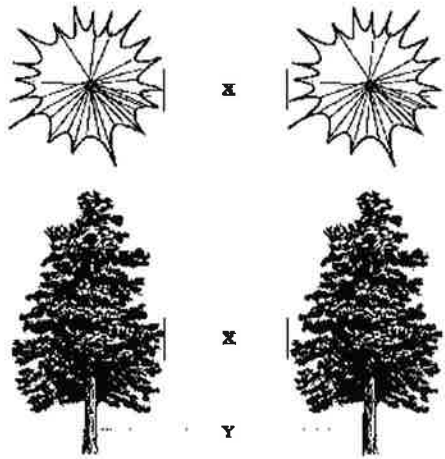


Fig. 2 $x = 10' - 30'$
 $y = \text{trim ladder fuels to a height of } 4' - 6'$



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Clean Burn

FORESTRY, FIRE & STATE LANDS
 SOUTHWEST AREA OFFICE
 585 N. MAIN STREET
 CEDAR CITY, UTAH 84720
 435-586-4408



GUIDELINES FOR CLEARING PROPERTY AND CONSTRUCTING PILES FOR CHIPPING OR BURNING

Remember!!! Report your
 In-Kind Hours

