



Dear community residents:

With the increased prevalence of wildfires throughout California, it has never been more critical for us to prepare for a fire in our area. A group of residents are taking action by pursuing Firewise USA recognition for our area, and we need your help!

Preparation for wildfire can take on many forms – from the choice of materials used in your home, how you landscape and maintain your property, to knowing what to do if you ever need to evacuate. It can all seem quite overwhelming. Luckily there are resources in our area to make this easier. We are identifying “our area” as <add description of the roads/community boundaries>. Our neighbors on <add local firewise community names> are also Firewise Recognized Communities so we'll be in good company!

We invite you to participate as a community member:

Complete survey for our Firewise application	URL to survey for 10 questions on the Community Risk Assessment document.
Sign up for our Emergency Plans community website Similar to 95033talk but only for our group, and only for fire and other emergency situations. Will include evacuation plans and more.	URL
Sign up for <community name> INFO Emergency Channel on WhatsApp Need to know what is the best evacuation route or get information about an emergency event that is specific to our community? This is where to post and be updated.	URL
Attend a community education event to boost your fire knowledge	Look for schedule and notices from/on the community website.
Participate in a community event such as assisting neighbors with brush clearing (free chipping services are provided through Firewise).	Look for schedule and notices from/on the community website.
Volunteer to help with this community program.	Contact a steering committee member to find out how you can help.

The benefits to this program are clear – through participation you will be able to:

- Learn what to do and where to go at the time of an evacuation
- Learn how to effectively reduce fuels around your home and create a more fire safe landscape
- Learn how to harden your home through safer materials selection and building techniques
- Potentially qualify for home insurance discounts
- Get to know your neighbors

You will be receiving more detailed communication on each of these items in the coming weeks. The more participation we get the safer our community will be so we hope to hear from you!

Steering Committee <add names and contact info>