



FIREWISE USA™

Residents reducing wildfire risks

Lake Almanor Peninsula FIREWISE USA

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Every year devastating wildfires burn across the U.S. destroying life, property and communities. Last summer we saw one of the worst fire seasons on record.

Our goal is to mitigate the risk of wildfire through communication, education and action. Firewise USA is a national organization and participation is strictly voluntary.

CLOSING THE GAP: Lake Almanor Peninsula Firewise Community

As of December 2020, this new Firewise community was established. It began with joining Lake Almanor Pines Firewise and expanding to include the Peninsula Drive neighborhoods between the lower LACC gate and A-13, Foxwood, Bailey Creek and the surrounding undeveloped land. It closes the gap between the existing LACC and Hamilton Branch Firewise Communities.

The process to achieve the Certificate of Recognition was a collaborative effort of neighbors, the Plumas County Firewise Liaison, Plumas County Fire Safe Council, Cal Fire and Peninsula Fire. It began with the forming of a committee, having a Risk Assessment and Report completed, writing an Action Plan, compiling a record of individual efforts in creating defensible space, and planning Firewise Events to educate and prepare our neighborhood.

Our Action Plan

Winter is a good time to plan for the fire season ahead. Much can be learned in these quiet months to better equip us to prepare for wildfire.

Areas targeted in the Risk Assessment relate to fuel reduction, defensible space, evacuation planning, home hardening, communication and improved access for fire trucks.

These areas will be the focus of educational Firewise Events and information going forward.

Homeowners Insurance

With the catastrophic wildfires in the last few years, many are having difficulty keeping homeowner insurance policies. While a few insurers may offer a discount in Firewise communities, a more common benefit is creating a more firesafe neighborhood which may help in acquiring insurance.

Creating Neighborhood Communication Networks

Collecting contact info, addresses and especially email addresses is top of our list to help us in putting together communication channels. Email is a great way for us to get the word out to our community. We are creating a blind email group list of property owners in the area.

We currently have set up a Firewise Group on *Nextdoor.com* which can be easily joined. *Bailey Creek Babble* has been kind enough to send out info for us as well as Hamilton Branch Water District.

Another goal is to set up a couple public locations that we can distribute and collect Firewise materials and work logs. If you are a business owner that can help in this way, please let us know.

Sharing Resources

With communication we can provide and share information on available resources for assistance and services available to help you prepare your home and plan for evacuation.

Ways YOU Can HELP

Provide Your Contact Information:

email address, phone number, mailing address, local address

Maintain Hourly Work Sheets:

Record hours worked and money spent. Submit *Firewise Worksheets* via email or at drop off at locations (yet to be determined).

Contacts

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