



FIREWISE USA[®]

Residents reducing wildfire risks

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Marklee Village\Carson Ridge



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What is Firewise?



What is a Firewise USA Community?

A neighborhood or area that takes collective action to reduce wildfire risks and increase resilience.

Goal

Empower residents to work together to prepare for, adapt to, and recover from wildfires.

Why Does it Matter?

Wildfire behavior is complex, and the key to minimizing damage is preparation and mitigation. Firewise USA provides the framework and guidance for communities to:

- Create Defensible Space: This includes removing dead vegetation, trimming trees, and reducing flammable materials around homes.
- Improve Building Safety: From using fire-resistant materials to keeping gutters clear, small changes can have a big impact.
- Encourage Community Collaboration: Wildfire safety is a shared responsibility. Firewise helps neighbors work together to ensure everyone's property is prepared.

Benefits of a Firewise Community

- Improved safety and reduction of wildfire damage
- Increases awareness and preparedness
- Improved relationships with local fire agencies
- A stronger sense of community and shared responsibility
- Lowers insurance premiums in some areas
- Resources and support available
 - Firewise USA: www.firewise.org
 - Educational Resources (handouts, workshops, online resources)
 - Signage
 - Assessments
 - Local fire departments or forestry agencies
 - Potential eligibility for grants and funding for mitigation efforts

Carson Ridge–Markleevillage FW Community where we are thus far

- **Organize a Group**
 - Form a neighborhood committee or HOA group.
 - Designate Firewise leaders or coordinators
- **Develop an Action Plan**
 - Complete a community home assessment
 - Define and create a map of community (Min 8 dwellings)
- **Obtain a Wildfire Risk Assessment**
 - Work with local fire departments or forestry agencies to assess risks.
- **Develop a 3 yr Plan**
- **Apply for Recognition**
 - Submit your plan and actions to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for official recognition.

What does it take?

Maintaining a Firewise community is an investment in the safety of your neighborhood. A community in good standing needs to commit time and effort to the following:

- **Create Defensible Space:**
 - Clear vegetation and debris within 30-100 feet of structures.
- **Harden Your Home:**
 - Use fire-resistant roofing, siding, and windows.
- **Community Involvement:**
 - Encourage neighbors to work together
 - Community clean up days
- **Emergency Planning:**
 - Develop evacuation plans and communication strategies.
 - Distribute documentation

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Site Status

Markleeville, CA

 **2024 - In Good Standing**

Application **Process Completed**

Last Updated: 12/03/2024

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Site Investment

 **Investment Met**

Total: **\$57,765** of **\$4,452**

Per Dwelling Unit: **\$412.61** of **\$31.80**

Total Investment for 2023

 **Investment Met**

Total: **\$66,790.90** of **\$4,193**

Per Dwelling Unit: **\$477.08** of **\$29.95**

- Ongoing commitment is required for National Recertification
- Fulfilling the basic requirements for Firewise recertification is not hard.
- Requirements are changing all the time
- Time, money or effort are needed to meet the requirements
- Community participation and collaboration with local agencies can easily help to achieve these goals

MV \ CR Activities

2023

- Spring Burn Pile
- Public Meeting with Liaison from the California Insurance Commissioner's Office.
- June - Community meeting at Station 92
- Oct - Home Hardening Assessments for Markleevillage and CR
- Nov - Alpine County Firewise Community Gathering (Clint hosted with all Alpine communities)
- Fall Burn Pile

2024

- Spring Burn Pile
- July - Prescribed Fire: Collaborative Experiences from the Forests of Alpine County
- May - Mailed 140 FireWise Packets
- August- Outreach to owners of vacant lots to obtain *the lots for fuels reduction*
- Sept - Sent 117 letters to residents of MV and CR with home hardening information, tips, areas of improvement and Firewise pamphlet.
- Oct - Community Clean Up Timber Lane
- Fall Burn Pile

2025

- March - Community meeting at TRP

Examples of Firewise Activities

- Clearing brush and overgrown vegetation.
- Hosting educational workshops.
- Installing reflective address signs for better emergency response.
- Installing ember-resistant vents or screens on homes.
- Creating a fire break around your property or home
- Partnering with local agencies for fire drills or training.
- Community clean up days
- Removing dead or overhanging branches near structures.
- Removing invasive, flammable plant species.



Want to help? Have Questions?

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- **Open Position for Resident Leaders**

Questions?