



# **FIREWISE USA®**

**Residents reducing wildfire risks**

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March 15, 2025

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](http://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?**