



**CAL FIRE**  
**Office of the State Fire Marshal**  
**Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation Webinar Series**

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*Firewise Communities*





# Firewise Communities

## Speaker Introduction

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Resources can be found at:

[www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/firewise-communities/](http://www.readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/firewise-communities/)





# **FIREWISE USA<sup>®</sup>**

**RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS**

- Individual responsibility
- Encourages neighbors to work together
- Voluntary participation
- A means to decrease risk for residents and first responders





# Participation

- Active in 42 states
- Over 1500 participating sites
- Increased growth in areas recently affected by wildfire



# Benefits – Why Participate?

Framework for action

Learn about wildfire

Get peace of mind

Community-building

Build citizen pride

Access to funding and assistance

USAA discounts in certain states



*Members of Cascadel Woods Fire Brigade at April 15 work day - Carol Eggink*

# Steps to Achieving National Recognition

- Obtain a wildfire risk assessment
- Form a board/committee comprised of residents and other wildfire stakeholders
- Develop a multi-year action plan based on the site's risk reduction priorities
- Host a minimum of one wildfire risk reduction educational outreach event, or related activity
- Meet the minimum wildfire risk reduction investment
- Create a Firewise USA® Portal account and submit an application to your state Firewise USA liaison



# Firewise USA<sup>®</sup> Website

- Steps and resources to assist new and returning sites
- Access Firewise USA<sup>®</sup> program management portal

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## Woodsville

2018 - Archived

Providence, RI - Providence County

Conditions | January 25, 2018

Clear 30.2°F

Details Applications Contacts Notes Members

**2017 Application Expired**  
Last update: 01/08/2018

[EDIT COMMUNITY](#)

[CREATE BACK-DATED APPLICATION](#)

**Total Investment for 2018**

Total:	Required:
<b>\$0</b>	of <b>\$0</b>
Per Dwelling Unit:	Required:
<b>\$0</b>	of <b>\$0</b>



# Information

## ***Firewise USA – How to become a Firewise USA site***

<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA/Become-a-Firewise-USA-site>

## ***CAL FIRE Ready for Wildfire***

<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/>



# Firewise Communities

## Questions?

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# Upcoming Webinars



Each webinar will begin at 11:30 AM via Zoom!

- 11/28/2022
- 12/12/2022
- 1/9/2023
- 1/23/2023

More information on the webinar series can be found any time at [osfm.fire.ca.gov/wildfire-public-education/](https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/wildfire-public-education/)

