



FIREWISE USA®
RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Three-Year Action Plan Template

The **Rogue Valley South** Neighborhood/Community of **60** participating households is located within the wildland urban interface in Jackson County. This proposed Firewise USA® Site's Community Action Plan is consistent with the goals and recommendations from the NFPA Firewise program. The goal of this Plan is to guide residents with identified activities in four project areas to make the community more fire resilient and meet the annual investment requirements of the Firewise USA® program.

Timeline	Program	Description of Activity/Goal
Year 1	Education & Outreach	• Create and distribute a "Welcome Packet" for new and newly interested residents that contains key information on wildfire preparedness efforts being undertaken in the neighborhood. Make copies available in print and digital format. • Integrate Firewise efforts, seasonal reminders, and mitigation tips onto the Community Bulletin Board and newsletter. • Disseminate Firewise USA® and Ready NOW program information to all existing and new residents including: defensible space, Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) best practices, and structural mitigation strategies. • Provide residents with information on emergency notification systems, including OR-Alert and Jackson County emergency alerts. • Train at least two community leaders to accurately record hours worked and contributions in the Firewise USA® portal. • Conduct neighbor-to-neighbor Firewise outreach to incorporate new residences and strengthen participation. • Survey residents to determine interest in recurring Firewise meetings (quarterly/biannual/annual) to discuss fire season, defensible space best practices, and evacuation planning; establish a consistent meeting cadence.

	Home Hardening	• Create and distribute a pre-fire season home hardening/structural preparedness checklist with a focus on the Home Ignition Zone (0–5 feet from structures) and integrate it into the “Welcome Packet.” • Continue outreach to register interested residents for individual home wildfire risk assessments. • Share information regarding available cost-share or incentive programs for bark mulch replacement, ember-resistant vent installation, and other structural mitigation programs (such as OHA-funded programs through Firebrand Resiliency Collective).
	Fuels Reduction & Vegetation	• Hold a community risk reduction event in conjunction with “Community Wildfire Preparedness Day” and Wildfire Preparedness Month. • Conduct community outreach to promote maintaining ingress and egress routes to improve Fire Department access. • Develop and distribute a seasonal “maintenance schedule” outlining recommended fuels reduction activities throughout the year and integrate it into the Welcome Packet, focusing on the home ignition zone and shared ignition pathways between neighboring structures where relevant.
	Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness	• Establish and maintain a community phone tree to improve communication during emergencies. • Conduct an annual operational test of the community phone tree. • Encourage all residents to develop household evacuation plans and assemble emergency go-kits. • Provide information on evacuation levels and procedures utilized by Jackson County. • Contact the City of Phoenix, Fire District 5, and adjacent landowners, where applicable, to explore options for improving secondary evacuation routes.

		Identify and confidentially document vulnerable or mobility-limited residents (voluntary participation) to support coordinated emergency response planning.
Timeline	Program	Description of Activity/Goal
Year 2	Education & Outreach	- Host an annual Firewise meeting to review accomplishments, discuss wildfire season outlook, and update residents on community mitigation efforts. - Continue dissemination of Firewise USA® materials and educational resources to all residents. - Update and revise the Community Action Plan as needed. - Continue neighbor-to-neighbor outreach and engagement of new residents. - Track and document resident volunteer hours and mitigation investments in the Firewise USA® portal.
	Home Hardening	- Continue promoting and facilitating individual home wildfire risk assessments. - Encourage implementation of recommendations from Year 1 assessments. - Provide updated information on available structural hardening incentives and grant opportunities. - Highlight completed home hardening projects during community meetings to reinforce peer learning.
	Fuels Reduction & Vegetation	- Continue seasonal fuels reduction reminders and maintenance schedule distribution. - Promote ongoing defensible space maintenance in accordance with best practices. - Organize or promote a second annual Community Wildfire Preparedness Day event. - Evaluate ingress/egress access conditions and address emerging vegetation concerns.

	Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness	• Conduct annual phone tree test and update contact lists. • Review and refine evacuation planning strategies with residents. • Encourage continued enrollment in emergency alert systems.
Timeline	Program	Description of Activity/Goal
Year 3	Education & Outreach	• Host annual Firewise meeting and report cumulative accomplishments over three years. • Review and renew Firewise USA® recognition requirements. • Evaluate participation levels and recruit additional resident leaders as needed. • Update Welcome Packet materials to reflect evolving best practices.
	Home Hardening	• Continue to promote home assessments and structural mitigation improvements. • Reassess previously evaluated homes where requested or appropriate. • Share success stories and mitigation outcomes to reinforce sustained engagement.
	Fuels Reduction & Vegetation	• Maintain seasonal defensible space reminders and shared fuels reduction efforts. • Evaluate effectiveness of maintenance schedule and revise if needed. • Promote sustained vegetation management in shared or adjacent risk areas. egress routes to private properties to improve Fire Department access
	Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness	• Conduct annual phone tree operational test. • Revisit evacuation route planning and coordination with relevant agencies if necessary. • Ensure new residents are incorporated into preparedness communication systems.