



## **Beaver Creek is now recognized as a Firewise Community!**

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### **What is Firewise USA®?**

Firewise USA® is a national program hosted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Firewise USA® is a framework that helps neighbors work together to reduce wildfire risk through education and collaboration. Eagle Valley Wildland promotes the Firewise USA® recognition process as a way for communities in the WUI (Wildland-Urban Interface) to reduce their wildfire risk. This includes educational pieces for helping neighbors to work together on defensible space, home hardening, evacuation planning, and more. The community efforts that Beaver Creek showed in 2022 and the pledge to continue in the coming years has provided this recognition.

What are the Benefits?

- Participation is voluntary.
- Community wildfire risk can be reduced by neighbors, and organizations working together.
- Increases goodwill with first responders, providing safer access.
- Increases community communication, collaboration, and emergency preparedness.
- Potential consideration by home insurance companies (USAA and Mercury).
- Potential access to grant money.
- Creating a community that is resilient to the wildfire threat.

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