



Arizona State Forestry Division Firewise Communities USA Plan Outline and Application Checklist



Firewise Plan Outline

- **Title/Cover page** (1 Page)
 - Community Name and Title
 - Plan Date (Month, Year)
 - Community Photo (optional)
- **Introduction** (1-2 paragraphs)
 - Community name
 - Brief history and community description
 - Goals and objectives of Firewise plan
 - Firewise committee representative(s) (Name, Email and Phone of Chair)
- **Community Location** (1 paragraph)
 - Best access to the community from nearest major town or city
 - Approximate Latitude and Longitude
- **Ownership** (1 paragraph)
 - How many parcels?
 - How many structures?
 - How many residents?
 - Who owns the land adjacent to your community (e.g., Forest Service, State Trust Land, another community, etc.)
- **Topography** (1-2 paragraphs)
 - Include a brief description of the prominent land features within the community (e.g., major drainages, steep terrain, canyons, etc.)
- **Vegetation** (1-2 paragraphs)
 - Include a description of the type of vegetation and the density (how thick or overgrown) the dominant vegetation is in the community
 - Include any other information about the vegetation characteristics (e.g., volatility, continuity, fire behavior, fuel loading, etc.) *NOTE: This is information that can be obtained from your local fire department/district (and/or Arizona Dept. Forestry & Fire contact) *
- **Climate** (1-2 paragraphs)
 - Include a brief description about the average climate that is experienced throughout the year
 - Include when the community experiences its driest months, wettest months and or significant weather (dry lightning, monsoons, winter storms, etc.)
- **Wildlife** (1 paragraph)
 - Include a brief description on common wildlife found in or around the community
- **Fire Regime and History** (2-3 paragraphs)
 - Include a description of the historical fire characteristics found in the dominant vegetation type (e.g. frequency, intensity, etc.)
 - Include a history of large fire that have occurred around your community in past years

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- **Community Infrastructure** (2-3 paragraphs)
 - o Average street and cul-de-sac width
 - o Number of hydrants or nearby water sources
 - o First responding fire department/district, ISO Rating and fire protection capabilities
 - *NOTE: This is information that can be obtained from your local fire department/district*
- **Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) / Other Hazard Ratings** (1-2 paragraphs)
 - o If a related fire protection plan or hazard rating exists that includes your community, include a brief description of its relationship to your community
 - o Community hazard assessment narrative: Include a brief paragraph about your community assessment and the findings
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- **Community Accomplishments** (~ paragraphs)
 - o Past hazardous fuel treatments
 - o Community clean up days
 - o Individual property assessments
- **Community Project Goals** (~ paragraphs)
 - o Future fuel/vegetation treatments
 - o Future Firewise event plans
 - o Future Firewise education or notification plans (e.g., newsletters, presentations, door hangers, etc.)
- **Community Investment** (1-2 paragraphs)
 - o Annual community's minimum investment (number of residents x \$2 = annual minimum community investment)
 - o Plans to achieve minimum investment
- **Community Firewise Day** (1 paragraph)
 - o When, where and what was done for your annual Firewise Day
 - o Future plans for community Firewise Day events
- **Maps and Community Photos**

Checklist for Final Firewise Application package

- Firewise Communities USA Application
- Community Firewise Plan
- Community Map
- Community Assessment