



Greetings Neighbor!

If you live in the Banner Mountain area, you are part of a Firewise Community. The Firewise USA™ program is a nationwide, nonprofit organization that helps people work with their neighbors to reduce the risks of catastrophic wildfires and to protect their property.

For those of us on Banner Mountain, the local Firewise chapter has been organized by the nonprofit Friends of Banner Mountain (FBM). Nevada County has over 20 Firewise Communities and another 20 in training. As a member of FBM's Firewise Community, there are no dues or obligations, just an invitation to become more knowledgeable about simple actions you can take now to reduce risk to your home and family from wildfire.

The first step to accessing this knowledge is to get on FBM's Community email list. You can sign up here to receive information and resources: <http://bannermountain.org/newsletter/> Once you are on the FBM email list you will get updates on the latest local Firewise information and links to many resources, including:

- Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Guidance
- Defensible Space Checklist for Homes in Forested Areas
- How to Request a Defensible Space Advisory Visit from the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County
- How to Sign up for the Free Chipping Program
- Homeowner's Cancellation Insurance Issues
- How to Sign Up for CodeRED Emergency Alerts
- How to Order a Reflective Address Sign

We are also on Facebook. (<https://www.facebook.com/bannermountain/>)

For those who want to get more involved, we could use your help. FBM is an all-volunteer organization, and we rely on neighbors working together to spread the word about Firewise activities. Our Firewise area is large – approximately 9,685 acres, and 2,300 households (for a map of FBM's Firewise Community boundaries see: <http://bannermountain.org/firewise-community/>). We are seeking volunteers from all areas of Banner Mountain.

Please join us in this grassroots, neighborhood effort to make your property and Banner Mountain more fire wise. If you have questions, please contact jeff@bannermountain.org.