



# **FIREWISE USA®**

**RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS**

January 23, 2019

Dear Firewise USA® Resident Leader,

Enclosed is your 2018 Firewise USA® Certificate of Renewal. The certificate indicates your participating site has satisfactorily completed the 2018 renewal criteria and has maintained its *In Good Standing* status through the 2019 calendar year.

There's currently 1,478 participating sites located throughout 42 states where residents are actively working on reducing their wildfire risks. By choosing to proactively address the risks at individual homes and throughout the home ignition zones, residents are increasing their property's chances of surviving a wildfire, while also making it a safer place for both residents and firefighters. An important overall component is the need for neighbors to work collaboratively, as adjacent properties have a significant influence on the ignition potential to other homes during a wildfire.

We hope you are becoming more familiar with the online portal and finding it to be an easy-to-use tool for submitting your renewal criteria and in recording your accomplishments. To simplify the 2019 renewal process, consider entering your educational outreach and risk reduction projects as they occur throughout the year.

This year all renewal applications will need to be submitted through the online portal by Friday, November 15, 2019. Sites that have projects in late November/early December can request an extension which will be due no later than Wednesday, December 18. Keep in mind, if your site completes their required investment criteria earlier than the deadline, it can be submitted at that time and additional work may be added once it is approved.

We look forward to hearing about your achievements in 2019! Contact us at [Firewise@nfpa.org](mailto:Firewise@nfpa.org) if we can answer questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

The Firewise USA® team

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