



Community Meeting

May 16, 2026

Berryessa Highlands

Agenda Topics



Introductions to all groups (BHFSC, NCFF, CERT, Napa Co. Sheriff, CalFire, OES)

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| 1. Amber Manfree - Welcome to the community | 20 Min |
| 2. NCFF - Community projects – Steve Burgess | 20 Min |
| 3. OES, CalFire, Napa Co. Sheriff, & CERT | 10 Min |
| 4. BHFSC – CWPP 2026 Remaining Focus | 15 Min |
| 5. NBRID - Water District Updates | 5 Min |
| 6. Defensible Space | 20 Min |
| 7. Home Hardening | 10 Min |
| 8. Fire Resistant Landscaping | 10 Min |
| 9. Insurance - Firewise USA | 5 Min |

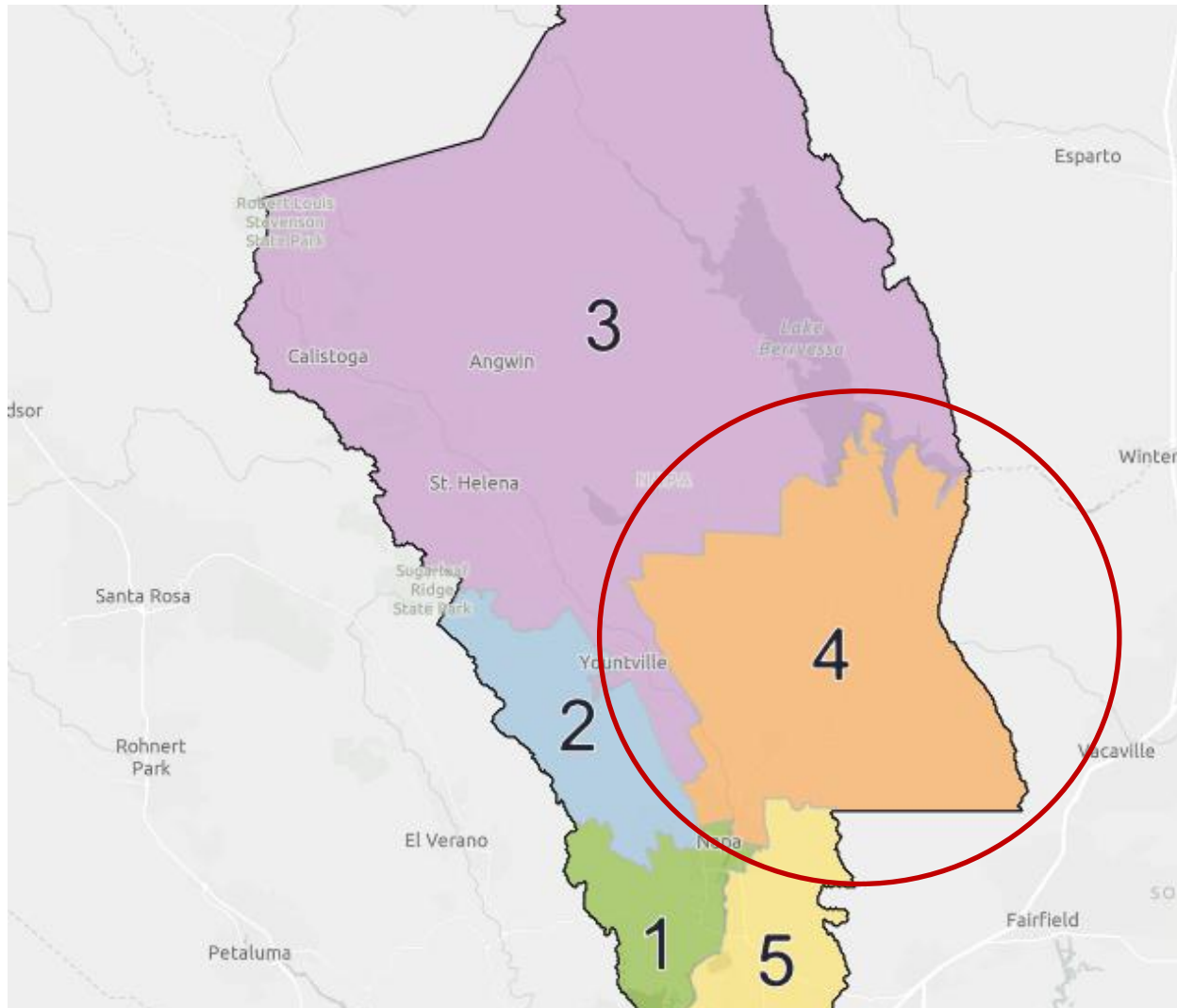
LUNCH!

Amber Manfree – Welcome!



<https://www.napacounty.gov/1372/District-4>

District 4



Berryessa Highlands is in District 4

- Portions of the City of Napa (Downtown to North Napa)
- Silverado Country Club
- Monticello Park
- Circle Oaks
- Lake Berryessa
- Soda Canyon
- Gordon Valley



NCFF - Community projects



4,800

Acres
Treated



\$31 M+

in
Active Grants



\$531,401

Distributed to
Residents



305

Projects Funded

<https://napafirewise.org/>

NCFF – Napa Community Firewise Foundation



The Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (Napa Firewise) is a nonprofit dedicated to reducing wildfire risk and strengthening community resilience across Napa County. Our mission is twofold: to reduce hazardous fuels through strategic mitigation projects, and to empower residents through education and outreach. In doing so, we also help restore forests, improve ecological health, and safeguard Napa's landscapes for future generations.

We work in partnership with local Fire Safe Councils, CAL FIRE, Napa County, and other agencies to deliver measurable results. This work is made possible through local, state, and federal grants, along with community and private support.

NCFF – Napa Community Firewise Foundation

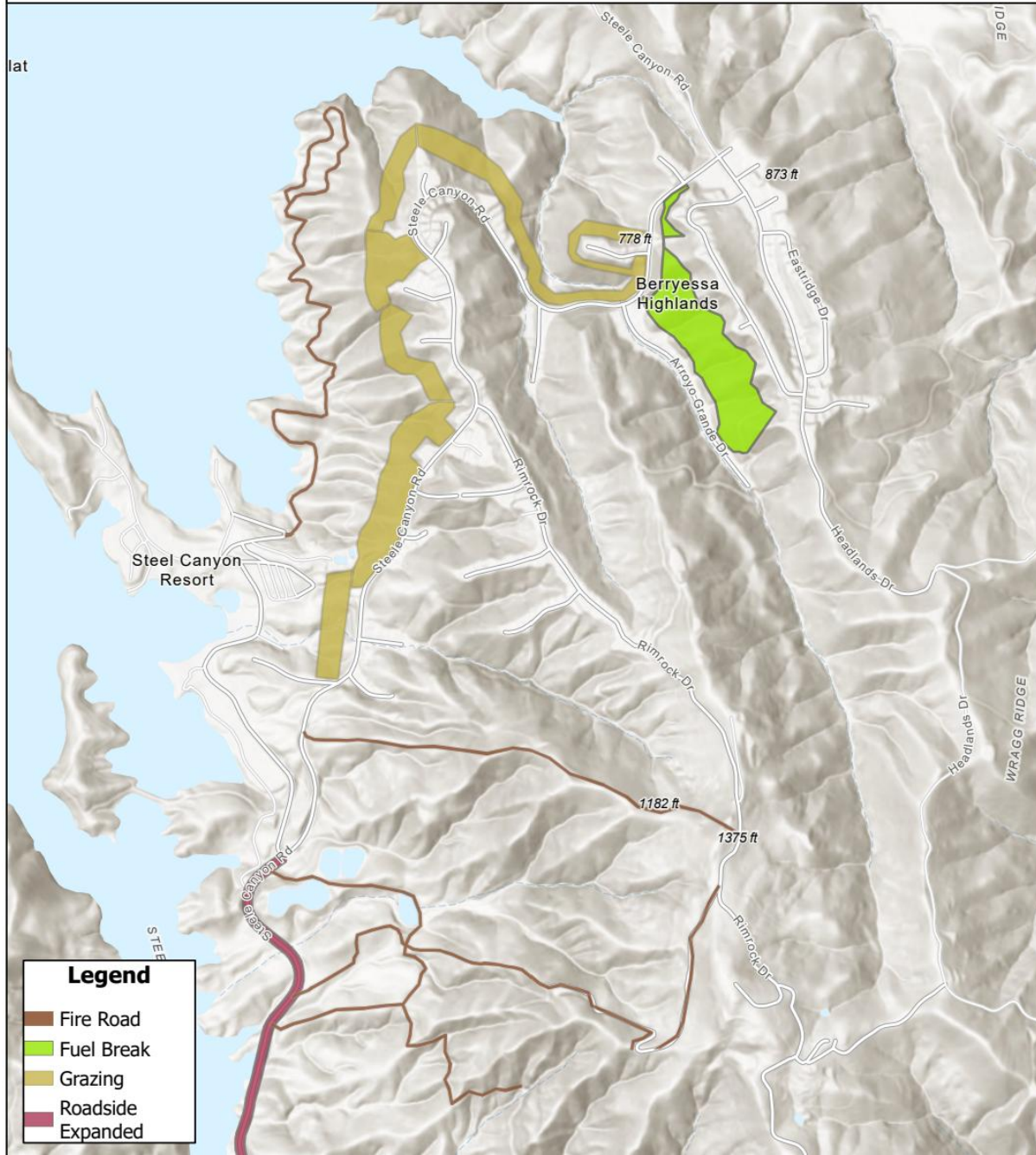


Sign up to the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council updates at the link below:

[Berryessa Highlands - Napa Communities Firewise Foundation](#)

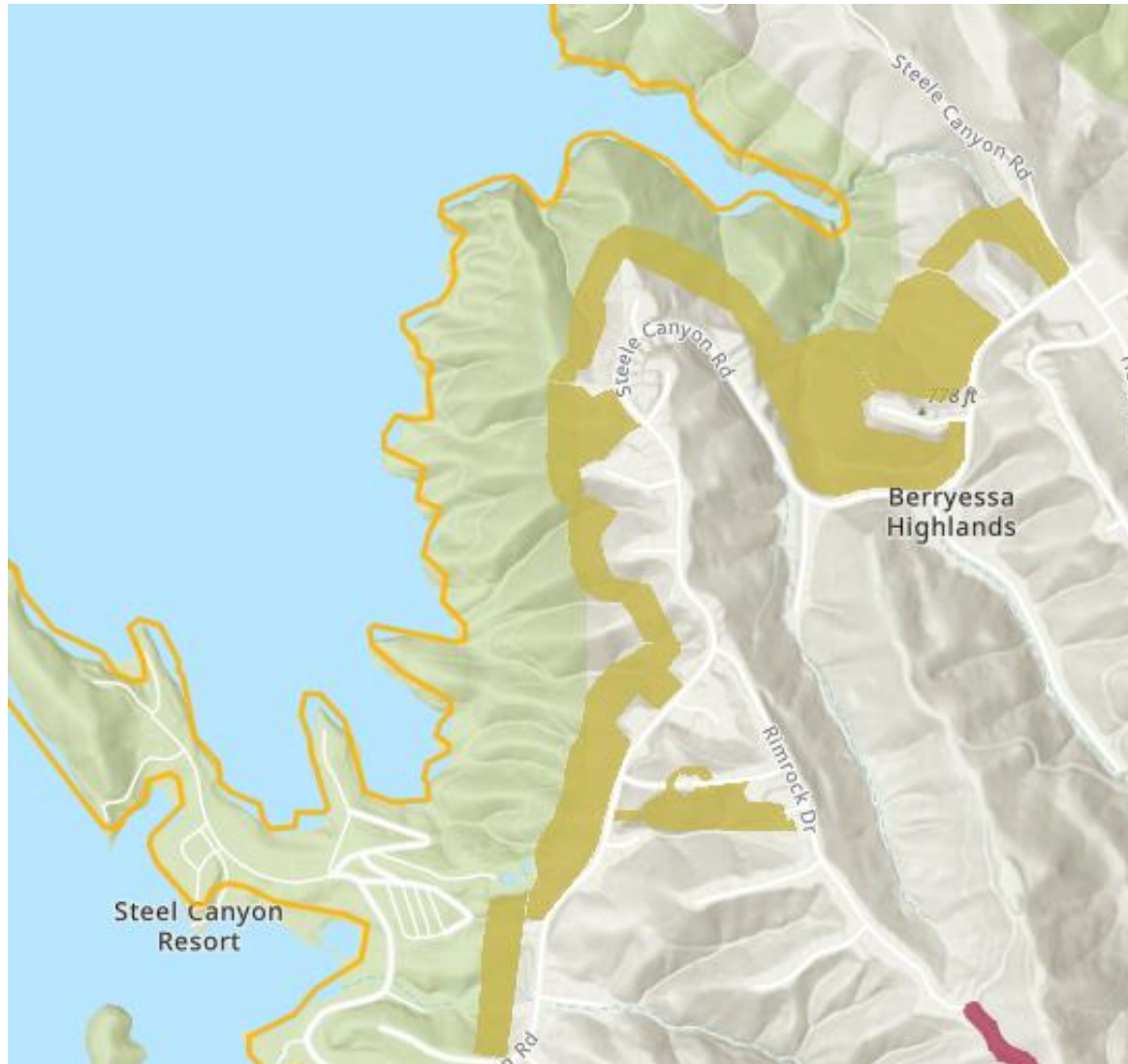
You can also use the link above to **report your hours working on defensible space around your home and in your community**. Hours reported help document our time spent as a community in maintaining our Firewise USA certification which provides discounts on insurance costs:

Berryessa Highlands FSC Planned Projects



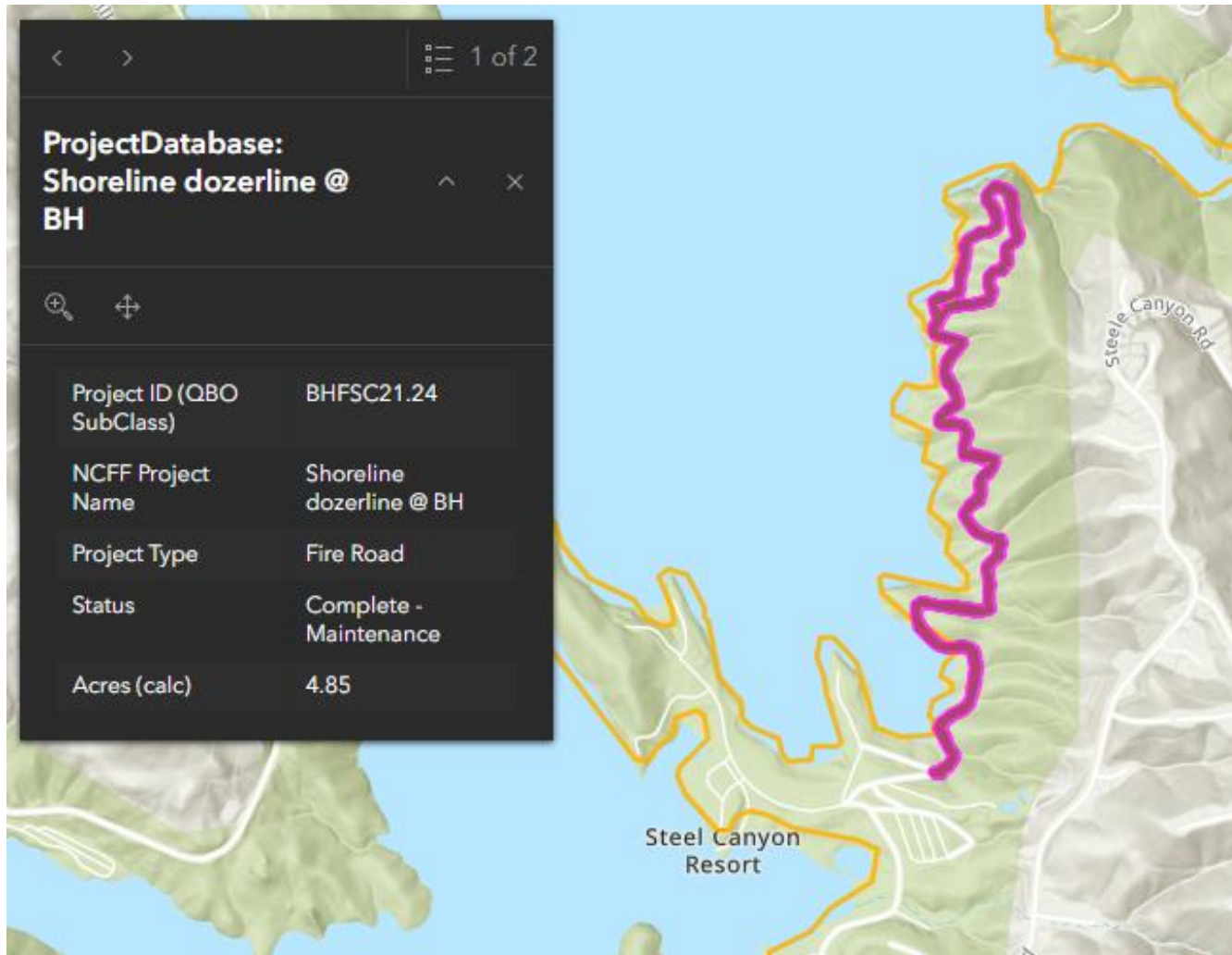
Projects planned and completed for fuel reduction / fire lines

NCFF – 2025 projects



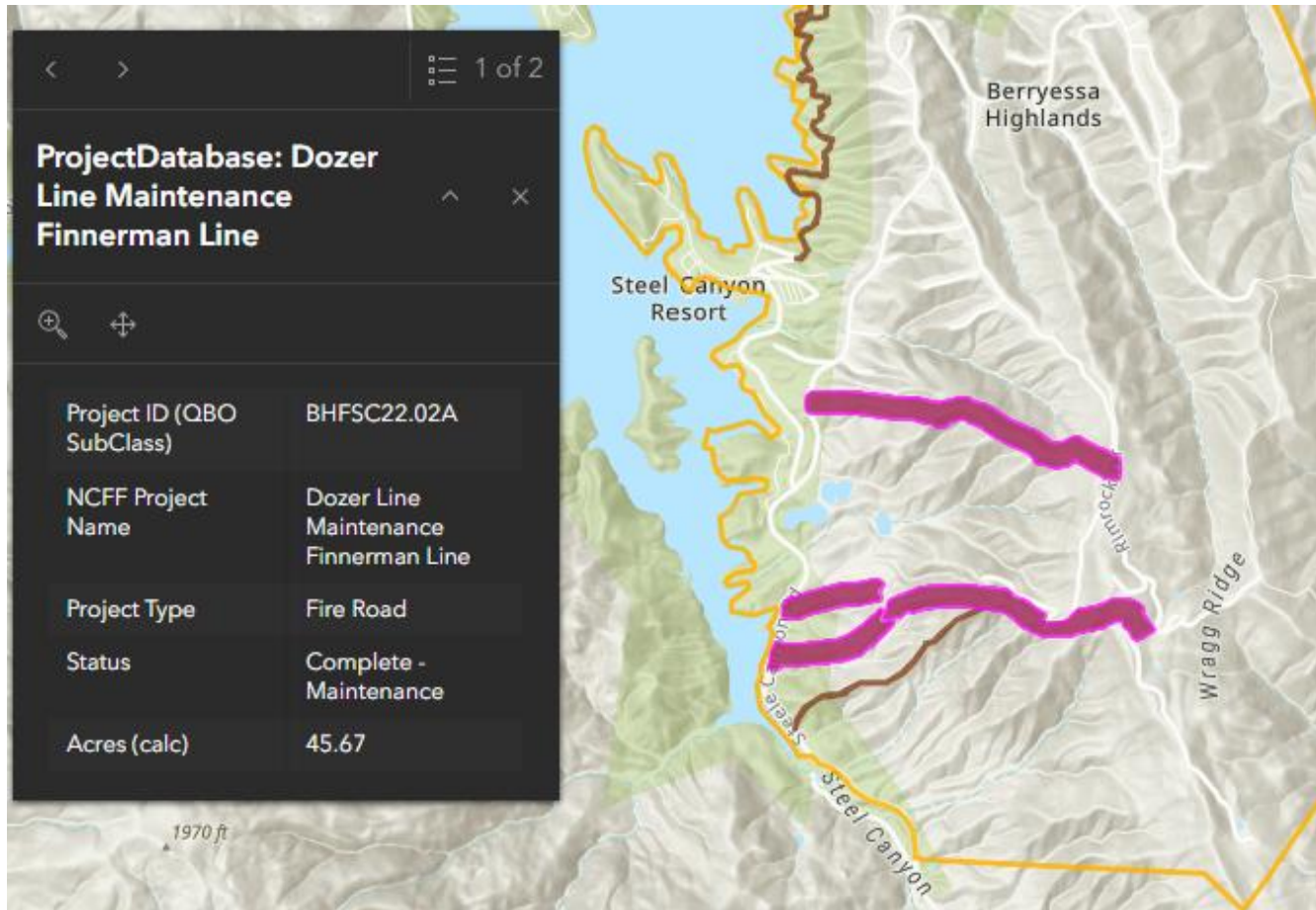
Goat Grazing
West Side
of community
below homes

NCFF – 2025 projects



Dozer Line
Maintenance
West Side
of community
near shoreline

NCFF – 2025 projects



Dozer Line
Maintenance
South Side
of community

NCFF – 2026 projects



Two big projects to clear fuels completed in early 2026

NCFF – 2026 project



South side of community – Arroyo Grande behind homes

NCFF – 2026 projects



South side of community – Around Black Oak Ln

Napa Resident Programs



Grants and Resources available to community:

- Napa Defensible Space Grant

<https://napafirewise.org/dspace/>

- Chipping Program

<https://www.countyofnapa.org/3632/Chipping-Program>

- Neighbors Helping Neighbors

<https://napafirewise.org/neighbors-helping-neighbors/>

OES, CalFire, Napa County Sheriff Berryessa CERT



<https://www.napacounty.gov/353/Office-of-Emergency-Services>

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/>

<https://www.napacounty.gov/1748/Sheriff-Services>

<https://www.napacounty.gov/362/Community-Emergency-Response-Team-CERT>

Office of Emergency Services



- Sign up for Emergency Notifications

<https://www.readynapacounty.gov/214/ALERT-Napa-County>

- Evacuation Alerts – District 4
- Emergency Planning
- Sandbag Information

CalFire



- In addition to Fire Protection and life saving services, CalFire helps the community:
- Issuing Burn Permits
<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits>
- Assists with Burn Piles for fuel clearing
- Assists with helicopter evacuation
<https://www.reachair.com/>
- Great partner with Berryessa CERT

Reach

REACH
A Global Medical Response Solution



Reach for remote emergency medical evac.

<https://www.reachair.com/>

Napa County Sheriff's Dept.



- Citizens Academy

<https://www.napacounty.gov/1794/Sheriff-Citizens-Academy>

- Staffing / Patrolling Lake Berryessa on shore and on the lake
- Highly involved during evacuation and securing neighborhood
- Great partner for Berryessa CERT

Napa County Sheriff's Dept.



High-Lo-Siren used during evacuation

<https://www.readynapacounty.gov/214/ALERT-Napa-County>

PG&E Drone Inspections



DRONE INSPECTIONS

PG&E conducts routine safety inspections by foot, truck and air — including drones.

Drone inspections allow us to take high-resolution pictures of hard to reach areas to quickly find and fix potential issues. These inspections will have minimal customer impacts.

System inspections will take approx. 10-45 minutes per location.

This work will not impact your power unless otherwise notified.

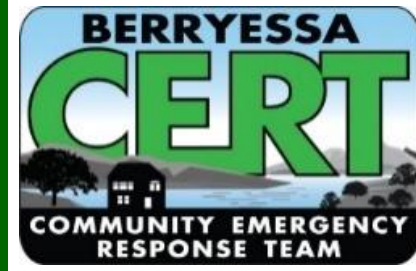
Drones will be flown by licensed pilots carrying valid photo identification. We will not take photos of you, your home or property.



Inspections will take place during daylight hours.

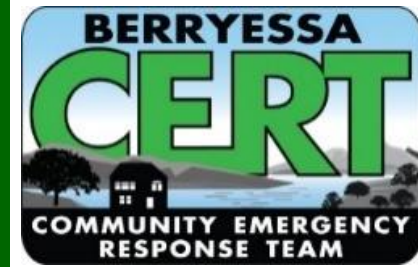
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Napa Valley CERT Program



- Community members learn basic skills to help themselves and each other in an emergency until help arrives
- Emergency Preparedness
- Hazard Awareness
- Disaster First Aid
- Emergency Management
- Radio Skills
- Cribbing
- Using Fire Extinguishers
- First Responder Support
- Prepping emergency bags
- Light Search and Rescue
- Rapid Damage Assessment
- Traffic Management
- Safety
- Triage
- Mass casualty incidents

Napa Valley CERT Program



Community Emergency Response Training

Would you know what to do if we had a major earthquake right now? Would you know how to provide first aid to a loved one, rescue someone, or get drinking water? Are you ready to have your life disrupted without help for 24 to 72 hours?

As recent disasters and emergencies have demonstrated, there will not be enough emergency responders to help everyone promptly. You must be able to take care of yourself and your family. As a community, we must rely on each other for our immediate lifesaving and life-sustaining needs. ***Napa Valley communities may not have enough emergency help for several days!***



Community Emergency Response Training is a nationally recognized emergency training course that teaches essential emergency response skills. Taking and completing the CERT course will give you the skills and confidence necessary to help yourself, your family, and your community during a disaster.

The class will be taught in Napa Valley College. The training is available free of charge to anyone living in Napa County. To complete the course, you must attend all three sessions.

Block 1 – Emergency Preparedness	Saturday, Sep 12, 2026	8 am – 5 pm
Block 2 – Hazard Awareness		
Block 3 – Disaster First Aid	Saturday, Sep 19, 2026	8 am – 5 pm
Block 4 – Emergency Management		
Block 5 – Final Exercise	Sunday, Sep 20, 2026	8 am – 2pm

Free Emergency Training!!!

Sat Sep 12 Sat Sep 19 Sun Sep 20

Email:

Berryessacert@gmail.com to
sign up for FREE Training.

BHFSC – CWPP 2026 Remaining Focus



<https://napafirewise.org/fsc/berryessa-highlands/>

BHFSC CWPP 2026



- Burn piles identified and burned
- Problem areas in community targeted
- Ask community for other problem areas
- Work with NCFF on prioritizing projects



BHFSC CWPP 2026



- Know your neighbor
- Improve Address Visibility with High Visibility address signs
- Add Beacon Box with resources for Incoming First Responders
- Create plan for Ridgeline Fire Personnel Access Route
- Monitor Water System and Hydrants for firefighting including resiliency
- Evacuation and Notification plan published to community

Know your neighbor



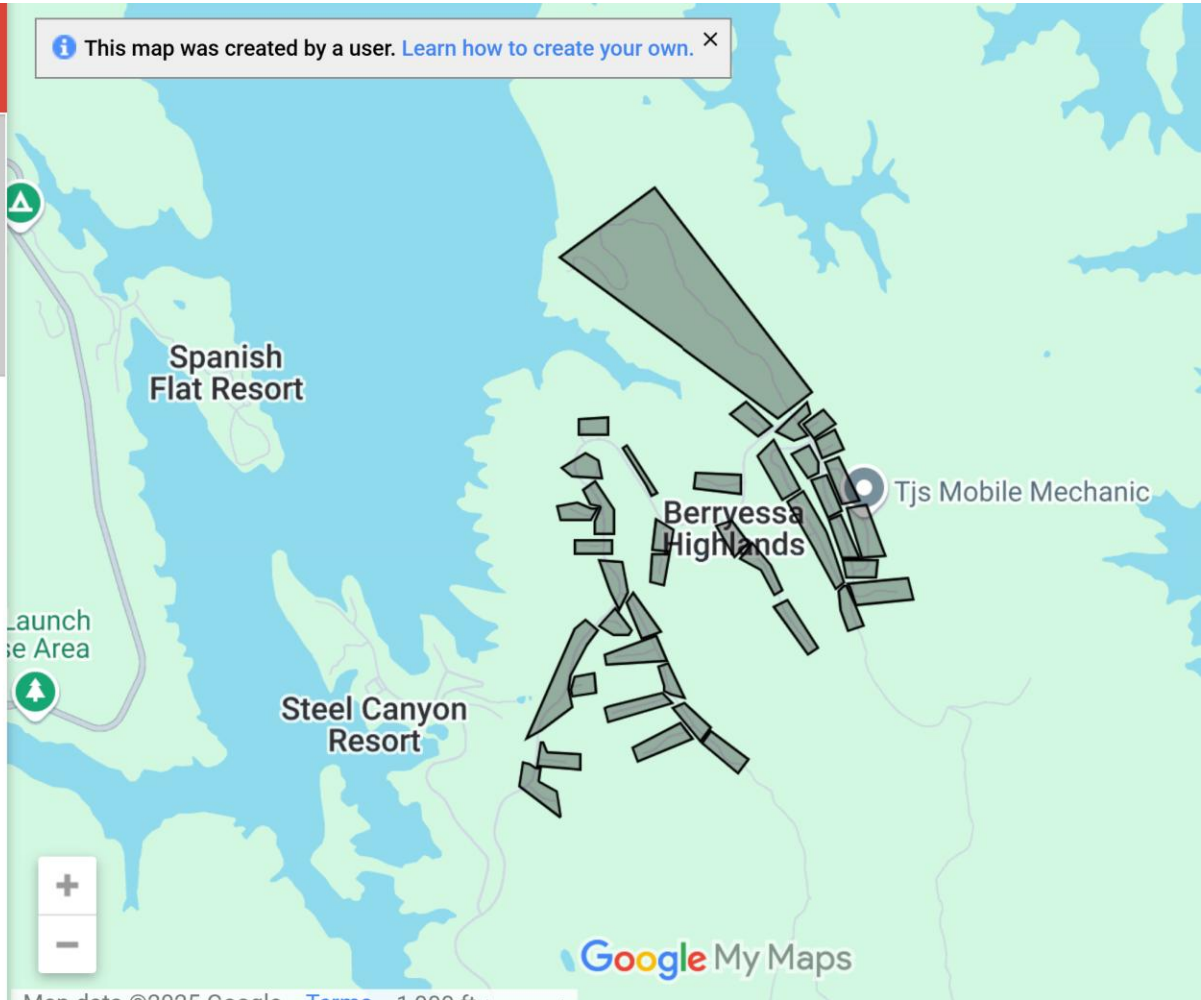
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Blocks

- 📍 Steele Canyon 1
- 📍 Steele Canyon 2
- 📍 Steele Canyon 3
- 📍 Neptune Ct
- 📍 Carlson Way
- 📍 Poppy Ln
- 📍 Rimrock North
- 📍 Rimrock Mid North
- 📍 Rimrock Mid-South



Know your neighbor



- Know your neighbor focus is on exchanging contact information with one another on your street
- This information would be used in an emergency to ensure everyone on the street has the same information
- These contacts can also be used to communicate, through a contact chain, those that may need help in an emergency
- It can also be used to share and escalate information about any pets or animals that need care during an emergency

High Visibility Address Signs



Help First Responders Find Your Home!

Install Reflective Address Signs that they Can See in the Dark and Through the Smoke

First responders need to be able to find your residence at any time – but especially in emergencies. The more you help make their job easier, the faster they can move through neighborhoods helping everyone. These are RULES – not suggestions.



Address Sign Specs

4" Reflective numbers on a contrasting background, double-sided. Common sized aluminum green signs are 6"x18" or 6"x20"

Property Placards

Because many Napa County properties are located up long driveways or behind locked gates, it's imperative that First Responders are provided key information that will assist them in accessing your property in a time of emergency. Information related to water sources, turnarounds for fire apparatus, number of buildings, or special instructions pertaining to your property are all critical pieces to ensuring safety to person and property.

Common sizes of green signs are: 12"x18", 12"x24", and 18"x24". Reflective lettering sizes range from 3", 2.5", and 2" depending on the length of verbiage relevant. These signs are ideally placed at the gate entrance of a property.

Signs are available from online retailers or at local sign shops.

- [StickBrite – Etsy Shop](#)
- [Smart Sign](#)
- [Traffic Signs and Safety](#)
- [Interstate Sign Products](#)

Beacon Box



Provides basic information that helps first responders assist the community

- Community Maps
- Resources (hydrants, etc.)
- Number of structures
- Access Roads & Staging Areas
- Fire Behavior in Area
- Areas of refuge

Evacuation Plan Notes



Do:

- Have a plan on what to pack and know where you are going
- Have your and your pets go bags / containers ready always
- Only use Steele Canyon Rd as ONLY evacuation route
- As a last resort, Steele Canyon campground can be used as a site of last refuge

Don't:

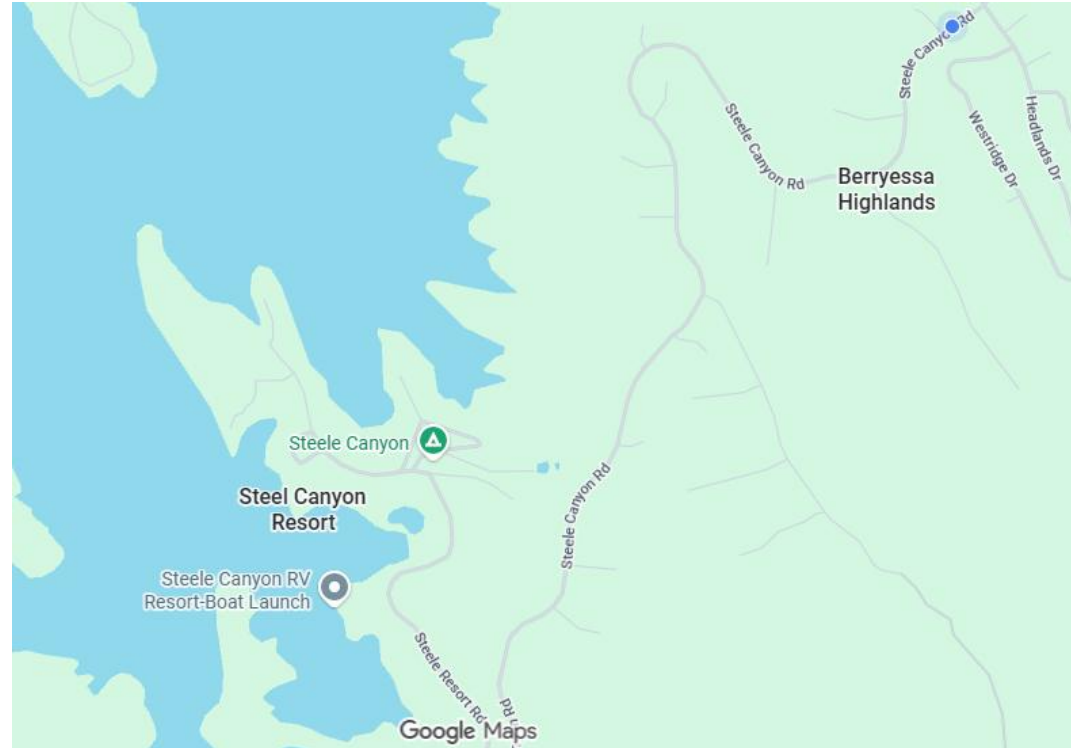
- Wait until it is too late. You CAN evacuate before they say so
- Take roads behind the gates. They are narrow, unsafe and during a fire can be dangerous or deadly to drive on.c

Evacuation Plan Route



Use Steele Canyon Rd as your **ONLY** evacuation route.

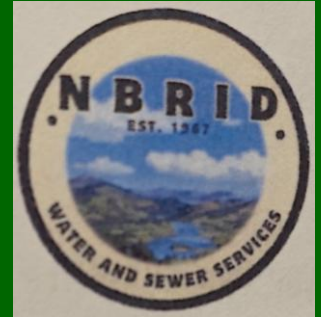
Steele Canyon resort is **ONLY** to be used as a site of last refuge if Steele Canyon Rd is blocked.



Do **NOT** congregate at Moskowite Corner as you may be in the way of First Responders!

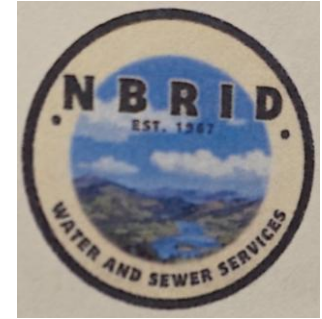
Leave for your evacuation destination

NBRID - Water District Updates



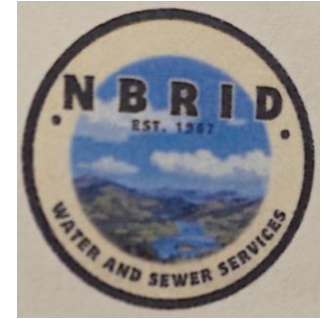
<https://www.napacounty.gov/3102/NBRIDBerryessa-Highlands-Napa>

NBRID - Vision 2030



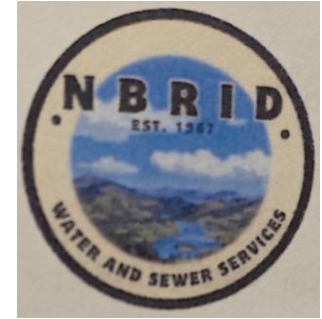
- January 2026 Ballot measure passed
- Focus to improve service reliability problems and unplanned outages
- Offset maintenance costs with capital improvements
- Water Treatment Plant Upgrades
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades
- Water Distribution Storage Tank

NBRID - Vision 2030 Projects



- Water treatment process improvements
- Capital Improvements to reduce maintenance costs
- Replace yard pipe from water supply to treatment
- Replace granite-lined basins with concrete tanks
- Install premium efficient pumps to reduce costs
- Lift station 1 wet well renewal
- Lift station 1 standby pump, instruments and electric
- Lift station 2 wet well renewal
- Lift station 2 standby pump, instruments and electric
- Design & construct 1 million gal water storage tank

NBRID - Vision 2030 Timeline



CIP Project Implementation Schedule

- Solicit for CIP Grants – [May – Sep 26]
- SAFER/CWSRF/DWSRF Funding Agreements – [Nov 26 – Feb 27]
- Biological & Cultural Resource Investigations – [Dec 26 – Mar 27]
- CEQA / NEPA Documents and Permits – [Apr 27 – Jul 27]
- Small Scale Process Pilot Testing & Traceability – [Jan 27 – Apr 27]
- Engineering Design Plans & Specs – [Apr 27 – Sep 27]
- Funding Agency Plan Review – [Oct 27 – Dec 27]
- Public Bid Solicitations – [Jan 28 – Feb 28]
- Contract Awards – [Apr 28 – May 28]
- Project Construction – [Jun 28 – Oct 29]
- New Facility Start-ups – [Oct 29 – Dec 29]

Get wildfire-ready



Prepare yourself

[Create a wildfire action plan](#)
[Prepare your family](#)
[Equipment & vehicle use](#)
[After a wildfire](#)



Prepare your property

[Create defensible space](#)
[Harden your home](#)
[Landowners assistance](#)
[Build a fire smart landscape](#)



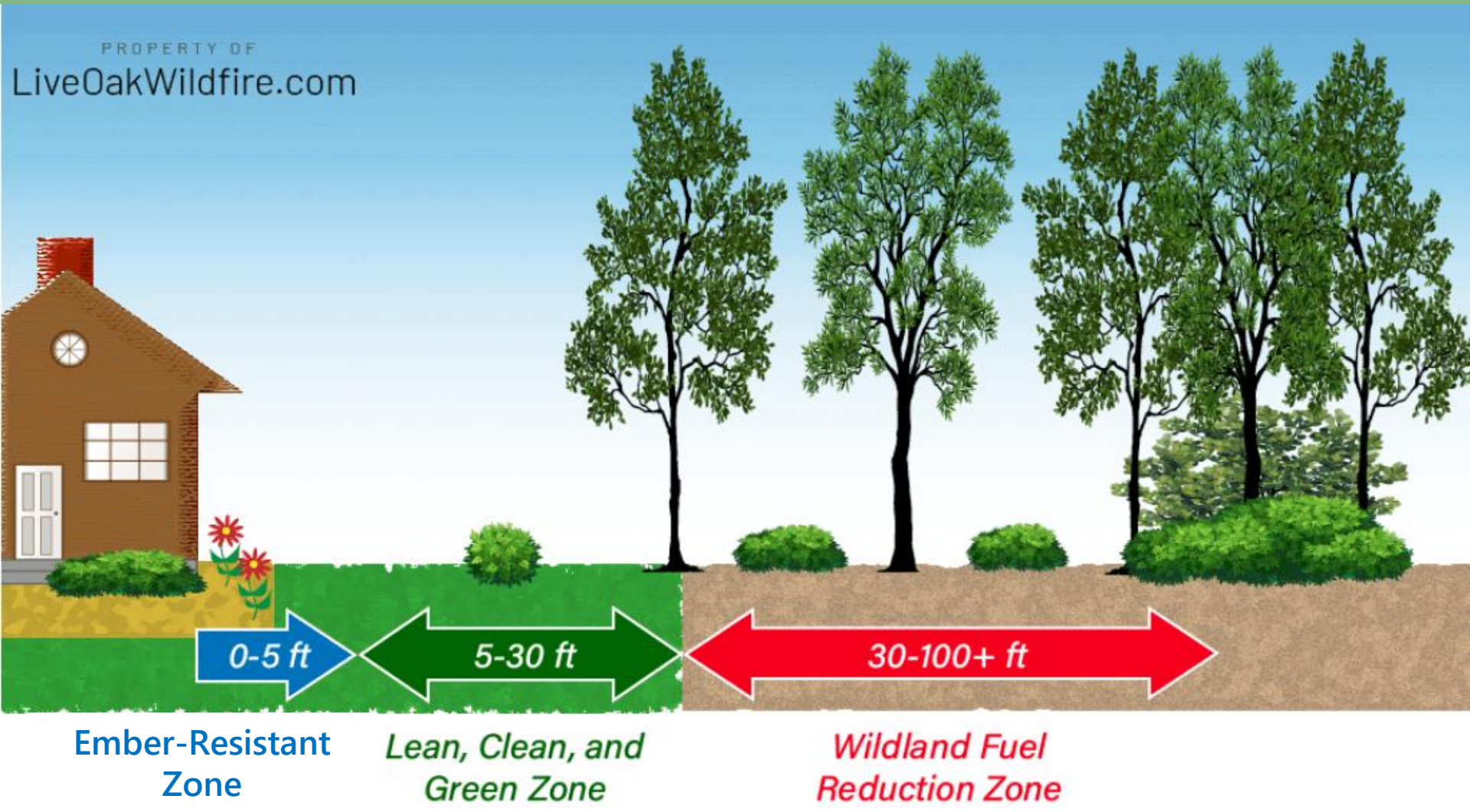
Prepare for evacuation

[Create your go bag](#)
[Take pre-evacuation steps](#)
[Animal evacuation plans](#)
[Go evacuation guide](#)

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Defensible Space

What does it mean?



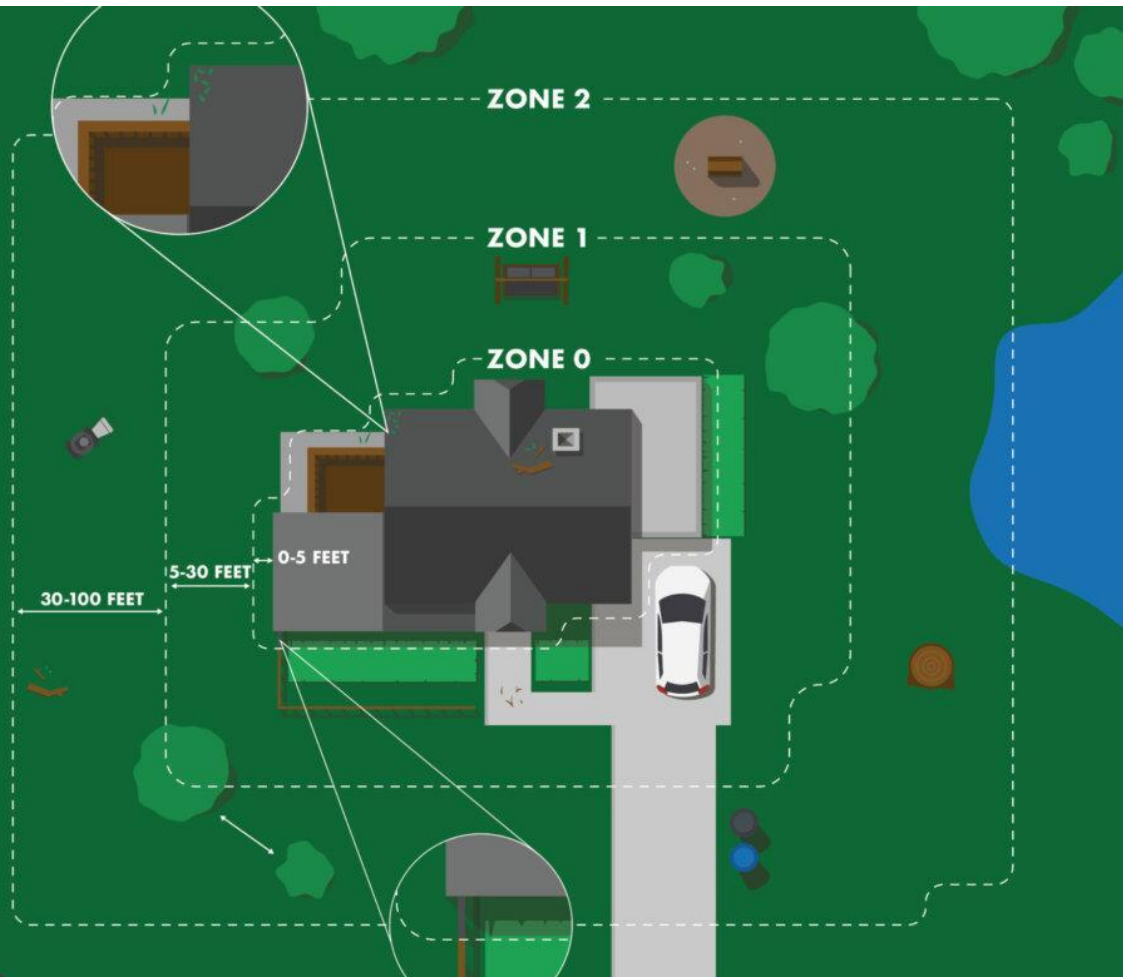
Defensible Space



Critical for Home Wildfire Safety:

- Buffer Zone between your home and wildland area
- Key to slowing or stopping wildfire spread
- Protects your home from embers, flame, heat
- Gives firefighters a safer area to defend your property

Defensible Space Zones



Zone 0 = 0 to 5 feet:
Ember Resistant Zone

Zone 1 = 5 to 30 feet:
Lean, Clean & Green

Zone 2 = 30 to 100ft:
Fuel Reduction Zone

Zone 0: Ember Resistant



Gravel vs. Mulch



Debris from Gutter



Keep branches 10' from Chimneys and Stovepipes



Move firewood to zone 2



Move trash and recycling out of zone 0



Minimize items on decks & patios



Fire-resistant gates and fence where attached to house



Boats, RVs and Cars out of zone 0



Remove debris next to house



Nothing combustible under decks or stairs

Zone 1: Lean, Clean, and Green



Clear all dead grass & plants



Trim overhanging branches and keep away from chimneys



Clear flammable plants and items from under decks, stairs and balconies



Maintain space between trees, shrubs and patio furniture



Remove leaves and pine needles



Prune flammable plants away from windows



Propane tanks at least 10' from structures with no vegetation around

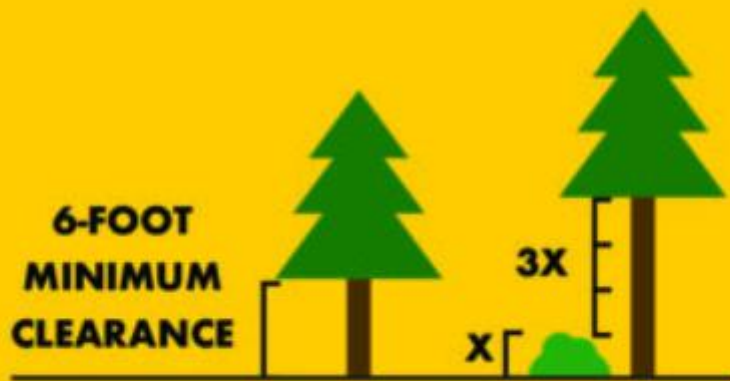


All firewood in zone 2 away from house

Plant Spacing: Vertical

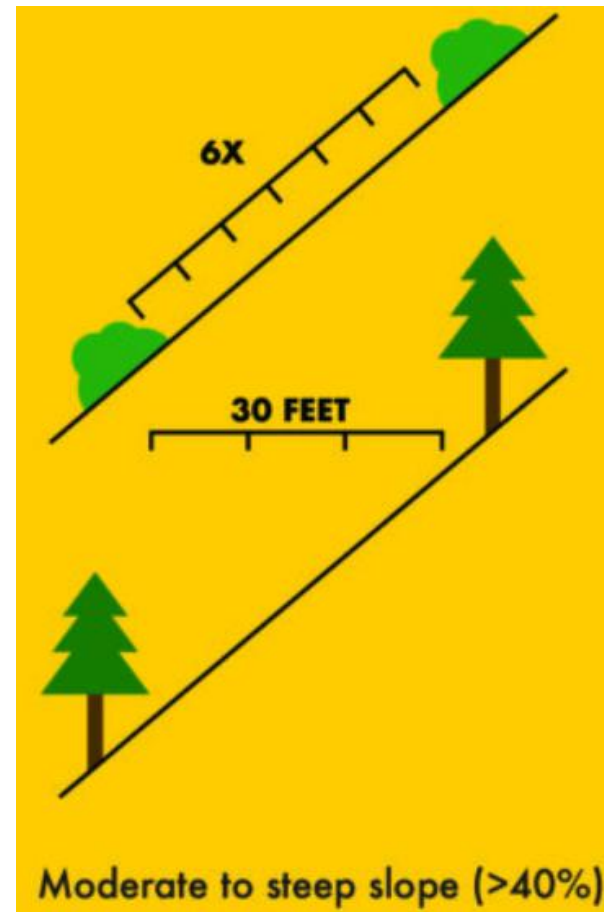
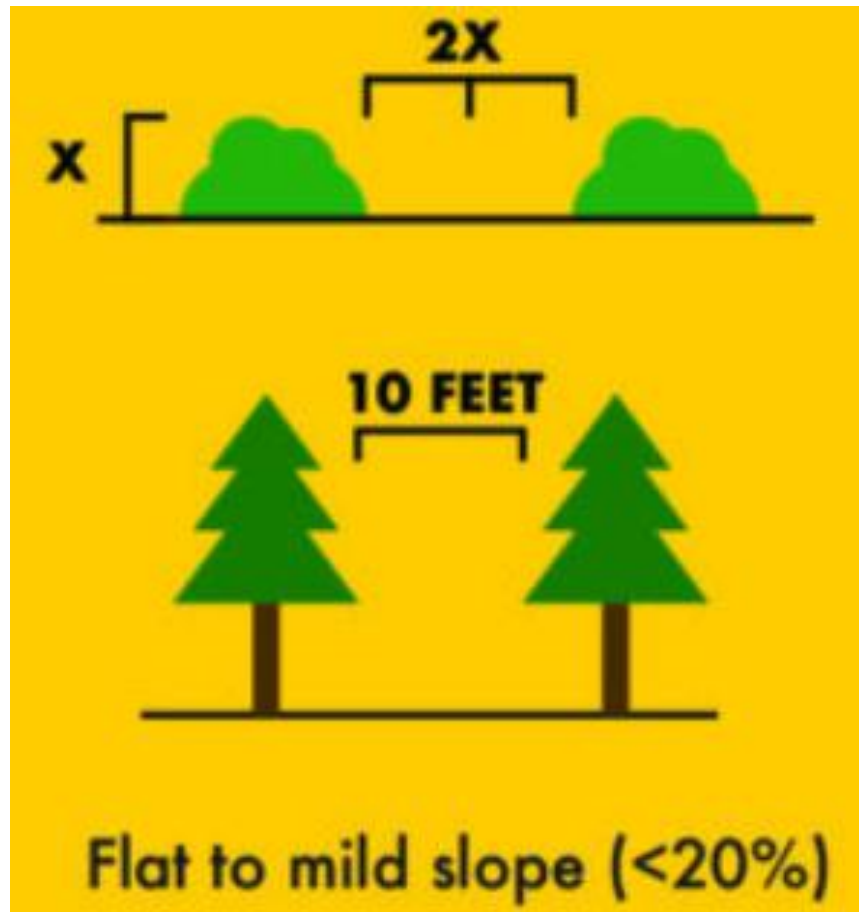


Proper spacing is key in slowing wildfire spread:



- Trim tree branches up to at least 6 feet from ground
- Increase vertical space between shrubs and trees
- Multiply shrub height by 3 for clearance (Ex: 5 foot shrub needs 15 feet min clearance above it)

Plant Spacing: Horizontal



Proper horizontal spacing depends on the slope of the land and the height of the shrubs or trees.

Zone 2: Fuel Reduction Zone



Trim annual grass to 4" or less



Vertical space between grass, shrubs and trees



Remove small branches and leaves but can leave 3" or less



Keep exposed woodpiles 10' from surroundings with bare earth around



Space out trees and shrubs horizontally



Propane tanks at least 10' of clear space to bare soil and no flammable vegetation around

Home Hardening



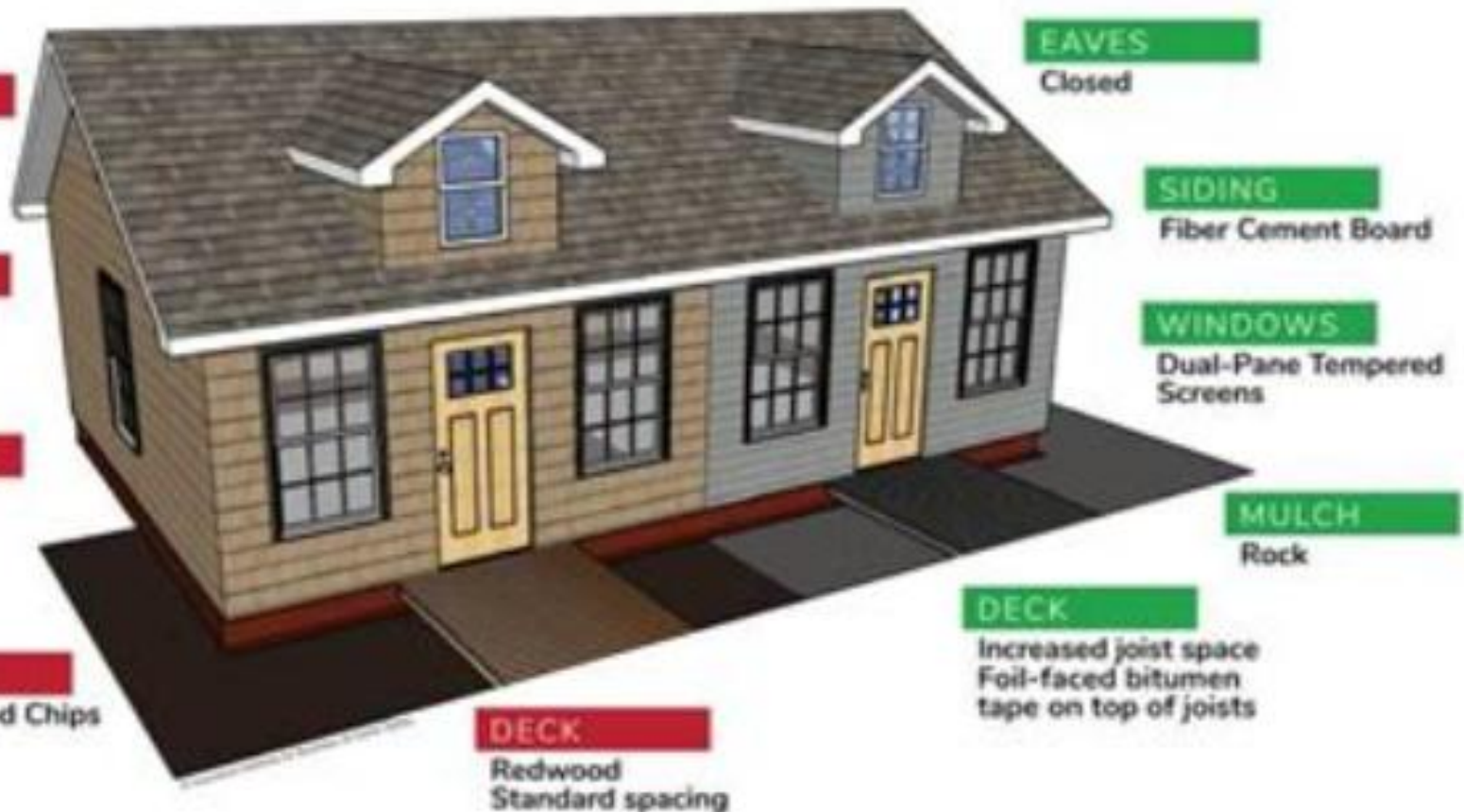
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Home Hardening

What does it mean?



Wildfire-Resistance: Make the “RIGHT” Choices



Home Hardening against threats



Types of fire threats:

- Direct Flames
- Radiant Heat
- Flying Embers

Home Hardening focus areas



Areas in home to retrofit against fire threats:

- Roofs and chimneys
- Vents and windows
- Walls, eaves, soffits
- Decks, fences, garage
- Rain gutters and water supply
- Grants and resources

Hardening: Roof and Chimneys



Areas in home to retrofit against fire threats:

- Roof is most vulnerable part of home
- Roof: composite, metal, clay or tile
- Roof: close off gaps under tiles/shingles
- Roof: Install metal drip edge
- Chimney: Cover outlets with non-flammable screens 3/8" to 1/2"
- Chimney: Close flue during fire season

Hardening: Vents and Windows



Areas in home to retrofit against fire threats:

- Vents: Metal mesh non-combustible 1/16" to 1/8"
- Vents: Install flame/ember resistant
- Vents: Be careful of proper ventilation
- Windows: Dual-pane w/ 1 tempered glass layer
- Windows: Limit those facing vegetation
- Windows: Add screens for embers/heat

Hardening: Walls, Eaves & Soffits



Areas in home to retrofit against fire threats:

- Walls: Stucco, Fiber cement or specially treated wood
- Walls: Seal gaps where embers can be drawn inside
- Eaves/Soffits: Box in eaves using ignition resistant or non-combustible materials
- Eaves: Consider Vulcan vents or similar product as replacement



Hardening: Decks/Fences/Garage



Areas in home to retrofit against fire threats:

- Decks: Fire-resistant materials/composite
- Decks: Remove flammable material under
- Fence: Use non-combustible materials for portions that attach to house
- Garage: Apply weather stripping around and under door to prevent embers



Hardening: Rain Gutters & Water



Areas in home to retrofit against fire threats:

- Gutters: metal or non-combustible guards to keep out debris
- Water: Install long garden hoses that can reach all areas including roofs and decks
- Water: consider installing pumps for pools, wells or other water storage



Fire Resistant Landscaping



<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/>

Fire-Smart Landscaping



Things to consider:

- About 'fire-safe' plants – must be watered
- Selecting fire-smart plants – non-resin
- Placement, spacing & maintaining
- Avoid direct contact with home
- Shade trees – cooling & tree health

About Fire-Smart Plants



Things to consider:

- Environment affects flammability
- Watering: drip system
- Stress from drought or poor condition
- Growth rates and age
- Thatch (underlayer of dead material)



Selecting Fire-Smart Plants

Things to consider:

- Moisture content
- Waxes and oil content
- Growth structure (open vs. dense)
- Growth speed
- Height potential
- Shedding



Placement, Spacing & Maintaining



Things to consider:

- Place high-resin plants away from home
- Avoid those that can trap embers
- Avoid direct contact with other plants, home, structures, deck, fencing, etc.
- Water and fertilize wisely
- Pruning and clean-up on and under



Shade Trees



Things to consider:

- Provide cooling from solar radiation
- Tree health – remove those in decline
- Overhanging branches can drop flammable debris or can spread fire to structures
- Place at least 5 feet from structures

Insurance - Firewise USA



FIREWISE USA®

Residents reducing wildfire risks

Home Insurance

Topics:

- Berryessa Highlands - Firewise USA Certificate
- Insurance resources

Firewise USA Certificate



FIREWISE USA®
Residents reducing wildfire risks

2025

NATIONAL FIREWISE USA® PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE

OF RECOGNITION

The National Fire Protection Association acknowledges that

Berryessa Highlands

located in Napa, CA

has successfully completed the Firewise USA® program's annual requirements for 2025
and is a participating site in good standing throughout the 2026 calendar year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jim Pauley".

James T. Pauley, President, NFPA



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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

December 1, 2025

Date Issued

Home Insurance Resources

Top 10 Tips for Finding Residential Insurance

Residential Insurance Company Contact List

Home Insurance Finder

Compare Premiums

List of Carriers Offering DIC Policies

Companies Offering EQ Coverage

Consumer Complaint Study

Insurance Company Profiles

Residential Informational Guides

Homeowners Coverage Comparison Tool

<https://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/105-type/5-residential/index.cfm>

Home Insurance Resources – Top 10

1. Nonrenewal Notice = act fast and ask what you can do to retain insurance
2. Other companies can add you within a certain time
3. Mitigate fire risk to improve chances of insurability
4. Use state insurance company contact listing
5. Use agent / broker resource tool
6. Find brokers that represent different insurance companies
7. Use comparison tools to compare premiums and coverage
8. California Fair Plan option
9. Source from the “non-admitted/surplus line market”
10. File a complaint with state insurance office – 800-927-4357

**Thank you for
coming!**

Now Lunch!



Zone 0: Ember Resistant



Zone 0 (0 to 5 feet from structure) guidelines:

- Use gravel, pavers, or concrete instead of mulch
- Clear dead weeds, grass and debris including on roof and gutters
- Branches trimmed 10 feet away from chimneys and stovepipes
- Minimize combustible items like furniture and planters on decks
- Move firewood and lumber to Zone 2 for safety
- Replace combustible fencing and gates with fire-resistant materials
- Shift garbage and recycle containers outside this zone
- Relocate boats, RVs, and vehicles away from this zone to reduce fire risk

Zone 1: Lean, Clean, and Green



Zone 1 (30 feet from buildings/structures) guidelines:

- Clear all dead plants, grass, and weeds
- Remove dead leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and gutters
- Trim overhanging branches and keep them 10 feet from your chimney
- Regularly trim trees to maintain a 10-foot gap from other trees
- Move wood piles and firewood to Zone 2
- Prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows
- Clear flammable vegetation and items from under decks, balconies & stairs
- Maintain space between trees, shrubs, and flammable items like patio furniture and woodpiles
- Ensure outbuildings and LPG (Liquid Propane Gas) tanks have 10 feet of clear space to bare soil and no flammable vegetation within an additional 10 feet around them

Zone 2: Fuel Reduction Zone



Zone 2 (30 to 100 feet from buildings/structures) guidelines:

- Trim annual grass to a maximum height of 4 inches or less
- Space out shrubs and trees horizontally
- Ensure vertical spacing between grass, shrubs, and trees
- Remove fallen leaves, needles, and small branches, but can leave up to 3 inches
- Keep exposed wood piles at least 10 feet from surroundings, down to the soil
- Ensure outbuildings and LPG (Liquid Propane Gas) tanks have 10 feet of clear space to bare soil and no flammable vegetation within an additional 10 feet around them