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2012 Firewise Living Award Winners (SNC Grantee) Feb. 15, 2012



Firewise tour home.

(Grass Valley) The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County has announced the 2012 Firewise Living award winners. The concept of Firewise Living represents living in harmony with nature, including wildfire. Home sites were nominated for evaluation based on access, defensible space and a structure equipped to withstand firebrands. Additional considerations were given to land stewardship beyond 100 feet, wildlife habitat, soil and water conservation and the aesthetics of framing the home.

Over a dozen homes were nominated for consideration and award recognition. Eight homes will be featured on the free self-guided tour for the public to learn more about effective defensible space and the additional measures that may be taken to protect your home from wildfire. The tour takes place Saturday, February 18th from noon to 4pm. Depending on how long you visit each home, the tour should take between two and three hours.

The grand prize winner is located in the Banner Mountain Homeowner's Association Firewise Community on Banner Mountain Trail. Council Executive Director, Joanne Drummond, said "We're proud to showcase such prime examples of Firewise living in Nevada County. The Fire Safe Council assists communities in attaining the national recognition as part of our mission."

The second prize winner is located in the Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association which is currently undergoing the Firewise certification process on Bodie Ridge Road. The third prize winner is located on Deer Creek Park Drive. A cash award of \$500 is given to the grand prize winner, with the others receiving \$250 and \$100 respectively.

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