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Firewise USA® Process

1.) Complete a Community Wildfire Risk Assessment (RDS Update Due with 2027 Renewal)

- Assessment should be a community-wide view that identifies areas of successful wildfire risk reduction and areas where improvements could be made. Emphasis should be on the general conditions of homes and related home ignition zones. The assessment is a living document and needs to be updated at a minimum every 5 years.

2.) Complete Three Year Action Plan (RDS Update Due with 2026 Renewal)

- Use the risk assessment to create a three-year action plan, broken down by year, that identifies and prioritizes actions to reduce ignition risk to homes. These can include community-wide investments along with suggested homeowner actions and education activities that participants will strive to complete annually, or over a period of multiple years. This document is required to be updated at least every 3 years.

3.) Do It & Report Investment Hours/Dollars – Due Annually

- Each year, neighbors complete educational and risk reduction actions identified in the plan. These go towards your site's annual reporting efforts.

RDS Firewise USA® Status

- Renewal Application for 2026 Due No Later Than Friday, Nov 21, 2025
- Application Requires New 3-Year Action Plan for 2026 - 2028
- Met Minimum Resident Investment Requirement
 - Total Investment \$164,844.40 (as of 10-28-25)
 - *2025 Investment Total Only 80 % of Last Year's 2024 Total of \$205,829.78*
 - *Does Not Reflect Increased Engagement & Participation*
 - *Only 28 of 136 Residents (20.5 %) Submitted Investment Data*

**Can Make Additional Investment Entries on RDSFSC Website
or Submit Paper Form to Any RDSFSC Member Until 11-10-25**

Enter Data at Bottom of RDFSC Webpage:

<https://www.rdsliving.com/rdsfiresafe>



CLICK HERE: Record your time and/or money spent to make your property ready for wildfire. Submitting this information will assist our community in meeting the requirements to keep our Firewise® designation each year. Thank you for your participation.

Submissions are per calendar year. You can make multiple submissions per year if needed.

Or Pick-up a Paper Form on Handout Table
and Get It To Any FSC Member



FIREWISE USA
MEMBERS RECEIVE 40% OFF

Volunteer Hourly Work Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____

Community Name: _____

Preferred Method of Contact: _____

Hours Worked

Dwelling Unit/Name
Examples include: Removing pine needles and leaf litter from roof and gutters, replaced vinyl gutters with metal gutters, ignition resistant window improvements, installing screening on vents, flammable items removed from under decks and porches, inspect roof and replace missing shingles, etc.

Landscaping (0-100 ft from base of dwelling unit)
Examples include: Installation of hardscaping, replacing combustible mulches with stone/gravel options, tree and shrub removal, caking and removal of pine needles, leaves, ground litter/debris, tree trimming/limbing, moving firewood, lawn and native grass maintenance, etc.

Common Area
(HOA or other Homeowner jointly owned property within the site boundary) Activities include: Tree trimming, mastication and brush removal, grass maintenance, fire break construction, etc.

Miscellaneous
Meetings, presentations, program administration, home site visits, etc.

Money Spent

\$	Chipper Costs: Purchase/Rental, fuel & oil, disposal fees, etc.
\$	Other Equipment Costs: Chain saw/purchase/rental, power equip. purchase/rental, hand tools, protective equipment, etc.
\$	Contractor Costs: Advisors, landscapers, professional forestry services, debris removal, etc.
\$	Home Improvement Costs: Rafters, decks, windows, vent screening, etc.
\$	Landscaping/DEM
\$	Miscellaneous
	Vehicle mileage

Additional Notes: _____

2025 Firewise USA® Accomplishments for 2026 Renewal Application

- Education & Outreach Goals
 - Community Bulletin Board in Mailroom, Email Blasts, Red Flag Warnings, RDSFSC Website, EDCFSC Banners, New Resident Welcome Meetings
 - Ten EDCFSC Meetings, Six RDSFSC Meetings (Four Monthly Meetings & Two Quarterly Meetings), Camino National Night Out Event, Placerville Fire Safety Event, Monthly NRW & CERA Board Meetings, RDS Board Meetings, Weekly NRW Nets
 - Won CA FSC Education & Training Grant (Federal Funding Pending)

2025 Firewise USA® Accomplishments for 2026 Renewal Application

- Home Hardening Goals
 - Resident Investments
 - Defensible Space & Home Hardening Assessments
- Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals
 - Resident Investments and Defensible Space & Home Hardening Assessments
 - November 2024 and May 2025 Community Green Waste Events – eight 20-yard dumpsters filled
 - Submitted Grant Application to Sierra Nevada for 222 Acre RDS Project

2025 Firewise USA® Accomplishments for 2026 Renewal Application

- Evacuation Planning & Wildfire Preparedness Goals
 - 7/22/25 Evacuation Meeting with OES Guest Speaker
 - Assessment & Clearing of Emergency Exits
 - Lock Removal on All Emergency Exits
 - Published Emergency Exit Photos on RDSFSC Website
- Met Minimum Resident Investment Requirement for 2025
 - Total Investment \$164,844.40 (as of 10-28-25)
- Other Accomplishments
 - Actively Supported EDC CWPP and Placerville Wildfire Resiliency Strategy
 - Achieved RDS Recognition in Both Documents
 - 18 Residents Participated in EDCFSC Programs (10 Chipping, 3 Defensible Space, 5 Hazardous Tree)

2026 Firewise USA® Three-Year Action Plan for 2026 - 2028

- Plan Must Be Organized Into Four Sections for Each Year
 - Education & Outreach Goals
 - Home Hardening Goals
 - Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals
 - Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness Goals
- Plan Requirements
 - Have 3-5 Obtainable and Measurable Goals per Year
 - Goals Are Progressive, Building Upon Those Completed in Previous Years
 - Plan Addresses 'Recommendations' Found on Page 9 of the 2022 RDS Firewise USA Risk Assessment Document

Draft Three Year Action Plan Elements

2026 Education & Outreach Goals

- 1.) Continue Current Education & Outreach Activities including Community Bulletin Board, Email Blasts, Red Flag Warnings, EDCFSC Banners, Website Updates, and New Resident Welcome Meetings
- 2.) Perform Defensible Space/Home Hardening Assessments and Emphasize Issues Identified in Risk Assessment Recommendations
- 3.) Acquire CA FSC Education & Training Grant funding and Develop/Execute Grant Utilization Plan
- 4.) Engage All Residents to Complete New Risk Assessment Required for 2027 Renewal

2026 Home Hardening Goals

- 1.) Emphasize Priority Home Hardening Projects During Home Assessments with Residents
- 2.) Hold 2nd Quarter Resident Meeting Focused on Home Hardening with Expert Guest Speaker(s) and Product Examples
- 3.) Encourage Increased Investments on Home Hardening by Residents Over 2025

Draft Three Year Action Plan Elements

2026 Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

- 1.) Educate Residents on Upcoming Zone 0 Legislation
- 2.) Obtain Sierra Nevada Fuel Reduction Grant
- 3.) Hold Spring Community Green Waste Event
- 4.) Hold 1st Quarter Resident Meeting Focused on Defensible Space with Expert Guest Speaker(s)
- 5.) Improve Overall Community Involvement & Participation

2026 Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness Goals

- 1.) Complete Annual Spring Emergency Exit Assessment and Clearing as Needed
- 2.) Hold 3rd Quarter Resident Meeting Focused on Evacuation Readiness with Expert Guest Speaker(s)
- 3.) Improve Roadside Clearance to Support Ingress/Egress of Residents and First Responders
- 4.) Add Vita Grande as an Additional Emergency Exit

Draft Three Year Action Plan Elements for Out-year (2027/2028) Goals

- 1.) Continue Majority of 2026 Actions with Emphasis on Increasing Resident Participation
- 2.) Address Evolving Zone 0 Requirements as they Become Part of Defensible Space Law
- 3.) 2027: Execute Sierra Nevada Conservancy Fuel Reduction Grant for 222 Acres
- 4.) 2028: Seek and Apply for New Grant Opportunities to Continue Fuels Reduction and Maintenance Activities

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Green Waste Options for Fall 2025

- No Title III Funding Available for RSCFSC Sponsored Fall Event
- El Dorado Disposal Dropoff & Dumpster Rental Rates :

El Dorado County Area A: Placerville, Shingle Springs, Rescue, Diamond Springs, El Dorado, Pollock Pines

Mixed Organics (Greenwaste, Foodwaste, Livestock Manure)	Yard	One cubic yard is 3' x 3' x 3'	\$24.66
6 Yard Green Waste allots 1 ton of debris overage			\$142.75 per ton
10 Yard Debris allots 2.5 tons of debris overage			\$202.67
20 Yard Green Waste allots 3.5 tons of debris overage			\$400.65
			\$445.35

All rates include: Delivery, Removal & 7 full days with bin. If you exceed 7 full days with bin a charge of **\$6.69** per day will apply. Rates subject to change in July.



6 Yard Bin/Debris Box

 60 large bags

 **Dimensions:**

Approx. 71" H x 82" W x 77" D



10 Yard Debris Box

 **Holds:** 4 pickup loads

 **Dimensions:**

Varies

20 Yard Debris Box

 **Holds:** 8 pickup loads

 **Dimensions:**

Approx. 5' H x 7' W x 18' L

LEARN BEFORE YOU BURN

With burn season approaching, the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (AQMD) introduces:



EIDoradoBurnPermit.org

Your go-to for safe and legal outdoor burning.

Get informed about the **What, Why, Where,** and **How** of open burning and keep your community safe.

What Can You Burn?

- **Dry vegetation** from your property only
- **Add wood to pine needles or leaves** to ensure the fire burns properly
- **Cover piles** if it's going to rain, but don't burn the cover
- **You cannot burn trash or lumber**

When Can You Burn?

- **Only on designated Permissive Burn Days -call the Burn Line first!**
 - West Slope - (530) 621-5897
 - South Lake Tahoe - (530) 621-5842
- **With a valid AQMD Burn Permit** for piles larger than 4 feet x 4 feet
- **Get your AQMD Burn Permit** at: EIDoradoBurnPermit.org
- **A burn permit** from your local fire protection district or CalFire may be required (the Burn Line will notify you if one is required)

Where Can You Burn?

- **On your property**, away from combustibles, with water and emergency access available.

Be Smoke Aware: Excessive smoke can cause complaints. While burning is allowed under certain conditions, you should avoid creating a nuisance for your neighbors.

The AQMD processes over 2,000 burn permits each year, with a significant portion handled in large batches during the fall. Please submit your burn permit at least 2 weeks before you plan to burn.



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EDCFSC Assistance Programs



Chipping Program

The EDCFSC has received grant funds to provide a FREE chipping services for neighborhoods and individual homeowners on the **Western Slope of El Dorado...**



Defensible Space Program

The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) has been awarded funding to help create defensible space around the **primary** homes of seniors, veterans...

[READ MORE »](#)



Hazardous Tree Removal Program

The EDCFSC has received State grant funds to provide hazardous tree removal for individual homeowners on the West Slope of El Dorado County who wish...

EDCFSC Assistance Program Statistics - Year to Date – October 2025

2025 YEAR TO DATE REPORT

CHIPPING PROGRAM

Jobs Completed: 714

Acres Cleared: 1,209

Cubic Yards Chipped: 118,511

Total Cost: \$342,213.01

DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Parcels Evaluated: 492

Parcels Cleared: 467

Average Cost: \$1,306.00

Total Cost: \$656,847.03

RESIDENTS:

Veterans: 113

Seniors: 424

Low-Income: 114

Disabled: 128

HAZARDOUS TREE

Parcels Completed: 141

Trees Identified: 641

Trees Cut: 491

Average Tree Cost: \$372.64

Average Job Cost: \$1,945.36

Total Cost: \$285,481.50

**2025 RDS Participation:
\$19,434.83**

**TOTAL EDC Investment:
\$1,284,541.54**

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RDSFSC Defensible Space & Home Hardening Assessments

Five RDSFSC members completed Cal Fire/EDCFSC Training Program

Completed 23 RDS Assessments & 2 External Assessments

3 RDS Assessments Pending

Email RDSFIRESAFE@gmail.com to Request an Assessment



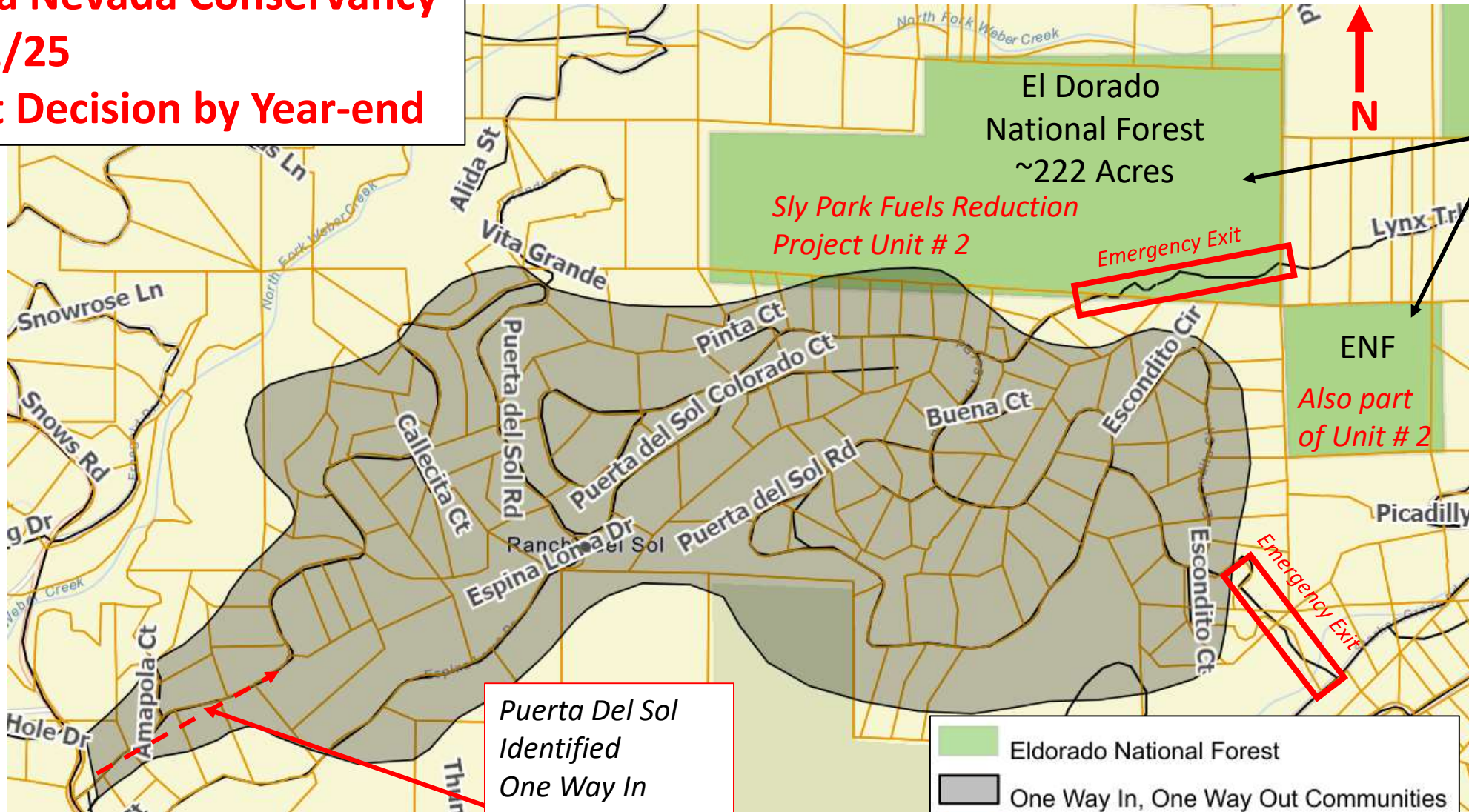
1ST PRIORITY		
A	Roof	Install a Class A-rated roof such as asphalt fiberglass shingles or metal panels. \$\$\$
B	Roof and yard debris	Clear leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and areas around fences. DIY
C	Buffer zone	Clear vegetation and other combustible materials to create a 5-foot buffer zone around the home. \$\$
D	Vents	Install flame- and ember-resistant vents. \$
E	Deck	Remove vegetation, firewood, and other combustible materials from on top and under decks. DIY
2ND PRIORITY		
F	Fencing	Replace wood or plastic fences attached to the home with noncombustible metal fencing. \$\$
G	Enclose decks	Enclose low decks and areas under bay windows with mesh screening or ventilated noncombustible material. \$
H	Trees	Remove branches that overhang the roof and gutters. \$
3RD PRIORITY		
I	Siding	Replace at least the lower foot of wood or vinyl siding with fiber cement, stucco, brick, or stone siding. \$\$
J	Eaves	Enclose open eaves with noncombustible soffit material. \$\$
K	Windows	Use dual-paned, tempered glass in windows and doors. \$\$\$
L	Deck surface	Replace wooden decking with fire-rated composite material, metal, or lightweight concrete. \$\$\$

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**Grant Application Submitted
To Sierra Nevada Conservancy
on 8/21/25
- Expect Decision by Year-end**

Rancho Del Sol Community



**Grant
focus
areas**

*Puerta Del Sol
Identified
One Way In
One Way Out
Access to
RDS*

- Eldorado National Forest
- One Way In, One Way Out Communities
- Parcels
- EDC Roads

Other Grant Activity

- California FSC Education & Training Grant (\$4,000) Awarded - Federal Funding Pending
- Title III Funds Available for 2026 for \$2500/Year for Green Waste Events and Education Events
 - Enough to Fund Spring Green Waste Event for RDS

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Financials

Beginning Balance 7/22/25	\$117
DS Assessment Stipends	\$300
Contributions	<u>\$ 0</u>
Current Balance	\$417

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