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Walker/Potato Patch earns national recognition for wildfire preparedness

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The community of Walker/Potato Patch has earned **Firewise** Communities/USA® recognition from the National **Firewise** Communities Program because of its efforts to reduce the vulnerability of homes and landscapes to wildfire.

Mona Feige, a resident of Walker and task force member, reports the community of Walker/Potato Patch proposed to join **Firewise** Communities/USA® program in an effort to promote responsible management of this forested community. Following a community assessment, the residents/property owners demonstrated commitment and a wildfire safety action plan was written.

Walker Community Action Alliance (WCAA) worked with Gary Roysdon of Prescott Area Wildland Urban Interface Commission (PAWUIC) to conduct a wildfire hazard assessment and develop a plan to address safety concerns. Residents then worked together to implement the plan.

Walker/Potato Patch is one of 12, and the most recent, community in the Prescott Area to be recognized as **Firewise** Communities/USA®.

For more information, visit www.firewise.org.

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