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## COMMUNITY OF PINE LAKE TAKES INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THREAT OF WILDFIRES

**Pine Lake, AZ (4/20/21)** – Pine Lake, Arizona, may be a small community in Mohave County, but its wildfire risk remains one of the biggest in the state.

Currently, and according to the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management's At-Risk list, Pine Lake and the community of Pinion Pines are the top two vulnerable communities for wildfires in that area.

Recently, Pine Lake residents took the first steps to protect their community and started the voluntary, National Fire Protection Agency's Firewise USA training process. The program provides training opportunities and gives direction to residents on how to build defensible space and ultimately, better protect their homes and neighborhood from wildfires.

"The overall intent is to create a safer community for our residents and guests of the Hualapai Mountain-area. Firewise USA is that educational piece that will help our residents prepare their homes and property to be 'stand-alone' and require minimal assistance from fire suppression units responding to a wildfire in the area. Our new Firewise USA team looks forward to collaborating with the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management and our federal, Bureau of Land Management partners to build a stronger community that will be more resilient to wildfires," Pine Lake Fire Chief Chris Shaffer.

DFFM and the Pine Lake Fire District provided the training and hosted a community meeting to explain the process and the current threat level Pine Lake residents face. Over the next few weeks, DFFM will hold additional community meetings and trainings for others in the Pine Lake-area who also want to participate.

DFFM Assistant Fire Management Officer Mike Laing appreciates the fact residents understand the severity of their situation and are working together to develop a solution. "The key to a successful Firewise program is the voluntary participation from the members of the community itself. The enthusiasm from those residents that attended our first meeting was remarkable. I am looking forward to more outreach and involvement with homeowners in the Hualapai Mountain-area in the months and years to come."

"The collective actions from residents of the Hualapai Mountains will be the driving force for change and I am always happy when a dedicated group of people is ready to take action. I plan to be there to support their efforts every step of the way," said DFFM Fire Prevention Officer Aaron Casem.



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Data used to determine at Arizona's at risk communities is gathered from a culmination of sources, including the state's Wildfire Assessment Risk (AZWRAP) platform and area factors like, the amount of fuels, the topography, and resource availability.

AZWRAP - <https://dffm.az.gov/fire/prevention/az-wrap>

Firewise USA - <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>

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