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## **Pending:** The Upper Tule Firewise Community

The expected establishment of Tulare County's second Firewise community marks a shift in region-wide, community driven wildfire awareness across the county.

The County of Tulare is proud to announce that the communities of Camp Nelson, Pierpoint, Doyle Springs, Cedar Slope, Coy Flat, Rogers Camp and Ponderosa have joined together under the Firewise USA® banner to reduce their community wildfire risk.

Their Firewise application was submitted to CalFire on February 19, 2024, and is currently under review prior to formal submission to

the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) portal.

The community's efforts to become Firewise began in January 2024, when the Upper Tule residents contacted Firewise Regional Coordinator Doreen Alvez for information about becoming Firewise.

In May 2024, the community carried out a Firewise risk assessment to evaluate the vulnerability of homes and structures in their area and to prioritize risk reduction strategies. A few months later, the Upper Tule Firewise Safety Committee drafted a three-year plan to address the hazards identified by the risk assessment. Their time commitment represents the community's dedication to wildfire safety and awareness.

Following submission to the NFPA portal, the document review process is expected to take four to six weeks. If no additional edits are required, Upper Tule Firewise recognition is set for Spring 2025.

We would like to extend our congratulations to all of the hardworking citizens of the Upper Tule Firewise Safety Committee for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments to becoming Firewise!



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