



*Site Action Plan*

*for*

*Pine Mountain POA*

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## **Community Organizational & Administrative Processes**

Pine Mountain Property Owners Association, Inc (Pine Mountain) is a community of 100 residences established in 1973 under NC non-profit statutes that includes a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors created a Firewise Committee in 2017, following the 2016 Chestnut Ridge Fire in the South Mountains State Park. David Stitt, a resident, chairs the Firewise Committee tasked with those inherent responsibilities concerning the identification and mitigation of risks of property damage or destruction by wildfire since the community is located directly within what is defined as a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) environment.

Pine Mountain became a recognized Firewise community in February 2018. Firewise Committee activities, events, information and reporting materials, as well as mitigation tools are made available to Pine Mountain Members in the office and at [pinemountainpoa.org](http://pinemountainpoa.org).

## **Mitigation Goals & Objectives**

Pine Mountain, as a community, is aware of the dangers associated with its location in a defined Wildland Urban Interface environment and the risks of catastrophic damage or destruction of real and/or personal property by wildfire. We intend to mitigate the community's wildfire hazards by:

- Improving our infrastructure to provide for fast/efficient wildfire response within the community and enhanced interface with our emergency response agencies.
- Providing a continued communications/educational vehicle to maintain a high level of awareness about the risks of wildfire, the importance of creating and maintaining a clean Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) and means of mitigating the potential effects of wildfire.
- Generating strategic prioritized action items within the community aimed at minimizing the risks of injury or damage should a wildfire occur. The results of these actions will be reported to the POA from the Firewise Committee.

## **Mitigation Action Items**

Pine Mountain intends to complete or continue to accomplish the attached action items (our strategic plan).

Action Item 1:	Improve Community Infrastructure						
Action(s)	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Responsibilities	Date Planned	Date Accomplished	Benefits
<b>Immediate:</b>	Install adequate road name signs, exit, and dead end signs.	\$200	POA	Employees, County 911	Fall 2018	Fall 2018, Ongoing	Direct access for firefighting
	Maintain direct trail routes.	Volunteer time	Members	Volunteer Trail Caretakers	Ongoing	Ongoing	Firebreaks and ease of moving people
	Clear vegetation and encumbrances around fire hydrants, repaint, and mark for better visibility.	Minimal	POA	Employees, SMF&R	Spring 2022	Spring 2022, Ongoing	Quicker water point recognition
<b>Short Term:</b>	Provide defensible space around community-owned structures by clearing vegetation.	Minimal	POA	Employees	Fall 2019	Fall 2019 Ongoing	Emergency resources can focus suppression efforts elsewhere

<b>Long Term:</b>	Clear vegetation from community-owned roads, bridges and culverts.	Minimal	POA	Employees	Spring 2021	Ongoing	Emergency resources can focus suppression efforts elsewhere Improving Emergency Vehicle Access
	Improve/grade/gravel connecting unpaved Pine Ridge Drive between two ridges.		State	State Park Subcontractor	Fall 2021	Winter 2020, Ongoing	Improving Emergency Vehicle Access
	Improve/grade/gravel unpaved Pine Ridge Drive at Mt. Gilead Church Road.		POA	Employees	Fall 2024	Spring 2024, Ongoing	
<b>Maintenance/ Follow up:</b>	Routine Maintenance for items listed as Ongoing.						
<b>Notes:</b>	Projects and expenditures receive final approval from the Pine Mountain Board of Directors						

Action Item 2:	Improve Individual Home Survival						
Action(s)	Description	Cost	Funding Source	Responsibilities	Date Planned	Date Accomplished	Benefits
<b>Immediate:</b>	Recommend/require property owners to mark properties with highly visible numbers or install reflective 911 address markers.	Minimal	Private	Property Owners	Winter 2018	Ongoing	Quicker emergency response
<b>Short Term:</b>	Establish individual property owner assessment program to provide free Firewise assessment at owners' request. Private, confidential, comprehensive feedback.	Minimal	POA	Firewise Committee	Spring 2019	Ongoing	Improve individual home survival
	Establish Environmental Control Guidelines and new construction instructions to ensure compatibility with Firewise objectives.	Minimal	POA	Environmental Control and Firewise Committees	Summer 2025		Improve new/re-construction survival
<b>Long Term:</b>	Encourage property owners to modify landscaping and mitigate direct fence/trellis contact with homes.	Variable	Members	Property Owners	Fall 2021	Ongoing	Reduce home ignition sources
<b>Maintenance / Follow up:</b>	Reminders of goals within the action plan, assessment and timesheet submissions to the Committee, and the encouragement of participating on the Firewise Committee are made available in a newsletter at least once a year, at the Community Day Event, the Annual Meeting, and pinmountainnews.com.						
<b>Notes:</b>	Long term item: Fire resistant landscaping will benefit all structures in the community. Given the aesthetic implications and potential mixed feelings of property owners this will be voluntary and encouraged by the POA and Environmental Control Committee, rather than mandated.						

<b>Action Item 3:</b>	<b>Increase Awareness, Education, and Support</b>						
<b>Action(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>	<b>Date Planned</b>	<b>Date Accomplished</b>	<b>Benefits</b>
<b>Immediate:</b>	Establish frequent communication with property owners about Firewise Committee's efforts.	Minimal	POA	Firewise Committee	2018	2018-Ongoing	Increase awareness, education, and support
	Create a Disaster Plan and Emergency Exit plan.	Minimal	POA	Firewise Committee	2017	2017-Ongoing	
<b>Short Term:</b>	Include the volunteer South Mountains Fire & Rescue in events to expand Firewise awareness into the greater community.	Minimal	POA	Firewise Committee, SMF&R	2018	2018-Ongoing	Increase awareness, education, and support
	Host Firewise Demonstration event to aide Senior Members of the Community.	Minimal	POA	Firewise Committee	Spring 2022	Spring 2022	
<b>Long Term:</b>	Host Forestry Service Personnel and the Nature Conservancy to reduce the risks in a home ignition zone of two residences as examples of Firewise practices.	Minimal	POA, Nature Conservancy, Forestry Employees	Firewise Committee, Volunteers, NC Forestry Service	Fall 2019	November 2019	Increase awareness, education, and support
	Create welcome kits for guests that include Firewise literature, fire safety information, & emergency contacts.	Minimal	POA	Firewise Committee, Office personnel	2018	2018 Ongoing	

<b>Maintenance /Follow up:</b>	Community education events hosted by the POA on Community Day, information provided about ongoing activities and events during monthly Board Meetings, picnics.
<b>Notes:</b>	Materials made available, as well as explanations given on to what keeps Pine Mountain a Firewise recognized community to all new residents. Ongoing efforts ensure information and materials are updated.

**Attachment**

- 1) Pine Mountain Disaster Preparedness Plan