

To: Pine Mountain POA Members  
From: PM Firewise Committee  
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The PM Firewise Committee is proud to report that Pine Mountain POA has received our certificate of recognition for having successfully completed the Firewise USA program's annual requirements for 2025 and is a participating site in good standing throughout the 2026 calendar year.

Pine Mountain's vegetation removal activity for 2025 was **890 cubic yards of debris** that our community collected and that was removed by Burke County during their debris collection this past year due to Hurricane Helene. This was a **tremendous effort** on the part of our community members who volunteered countless hours to clean up our dwelling units and common areas from the downed trees and vegetation damage we suffered from the hurricane. We owe a debt of gratitude to all those who participated in this effort both at their homes and in Pine Mountain's common areas. Thank you!!

Pine Mountain's risk reduction investment for 2025 as reported by PM residents via their Volunteer Hourly Work Sheets that were provided to the Firewise Committee for our data entry are as follows:

\$29,811.07 of \$3,349 required from the Pine Mountain POA  
\$298.11 per dwelling unit of the \$33.49 required per dwelling unit

Totals from hours worked per dwelling unit, common areas, landscaping and miscellaneous categories came to \$25,904.52 worth of time invested (i.e. sweat equity).

Money reported spent on chipper costs, other equipment costs, contractors, home improvement, vehicle mileage, leaf blowing, DIY landscaping and miscellaneous expenses totaled \$3,906.55

PLEASE NOTE: If the Firewise Committee had received a Volunteer Hourly Work Sheet from every PM household for home ignition zone risk reduction work done at their dwelling units throughout the year, we could have reported significantly more hours worked per household than we were able to report from the work sheets we actually received! We hope every PM household will report your efforts to improve your home ignition zone for 2026! Please visit our new PM Firewise website for information on how to improve the safety of your home from wildfires! You owe it to yourselves and to your neighbors to reduce your home's risk!! It may even help reduce your homeowner's insurance cost.

For those of you who did take the time to document and turn in those Work Sheets for our data entry efforts for 2025, we thank you!

Please use our recently launched [PMFirewise.com](https://PMFirewise.com) as your one-stop shop for all things Firewise as it pertains to Pine Mountain!