



2025 Annual Member Meeting

The Presentation Begins at 5:00pm

Please Take This Time to Meet a New Neighbor!



**Friends of
Banner Mountain**



Agenda

4:30pm - 5:00pm	Socializing with Neighbors - Meet Someone New!	
5:00pm - 5:10pm	Welcome Message & Year In Review	George Olive
5:10pm - 5:25pm	Sheriff's Office/EOC Coordinator	Andrew Liller
5:25pm - 5:45pm	Office of Emergency Services Evacuation Planning	Alex Keeble-Toll
5:45pm - 6:00pm	Neighborhood "Go Plan" and Emergency Radios	Steve Baker
6:00pm - 6:10pm	Banner Mountain Firewise Leader Update	Jeff Peach
6:10pm - 6:15pm	Thank you and Meeting Closure	George Olive
6:15pm - 6:30pm	Socializing and Visit our Information Tables	



Friends of Banner Mountain



George Olive
Vice President

Welcome! Your participation is critical to our success.

Mission

The mission of the Friends of Banner Mountain is to protect Banner Mountain and its natural and cultural resources for the benefit of residents, visitors, and future generations.

Introduction of Our Board Members:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Membership

Communications

Firewise Community Leader

Technology

Vacant - Recruiting

George Olive

Chip Wilder

Susan Sanders

Vacant - Recruiting

Maureen "Mo" Graber (term ends 12/25)

Jeff Peach

Jeff Peach/Andrew Wilkinson



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2025 Reports available on our web page at www.bannermountain.org.

Highlights:

- Recruited 15 new Neighborhood Contacts.
- Established a volunteer emergency radio support network.
- Submitted a feedback letter to the county highlighting the need for wildfire prevention and safe evacuation route requirements for the RVs as Alternative Housing draft ordinance.
- Sent out 37 Subscriber Education emails, thus far, on timely topics impacting members.
- Hosted educational Community Meetings on January 28, July 29, and October 29.
- Hosted a FREE Banner Mountain Green Waste Event on April 12 & April 13 that removed over 9 TONS of debris from our mountain.
- Met with county officials to discuss roadside vegetation management and grant opportunities.

2025 Banner Mountain Community Meeting

October 29, 2025



Sheriff's Office/EOC Coordinator



EVACUATION

Be Ready!



GO-BAG CHECKLIST

Assemble a Go-Bag for You and Your Family



What Do I Need in My Go-Bag?

☐ 3-day supply of food	☐ Eye protection
☐ 3 gallons of water per person	☐ N95 mask
☐ Map with evacuation routes	☐ Spare keys for your house & car
☐ Assistive and medical devices	☐ Credit cards, cash, or checks
☐ Batteries and chargers	☐ Flashlight or headlamp
☐ Battery powered or hand-crank radio	☐ Sanitation supplies & personal hygiene products
☐ Change of clothing	☐ First aid kit
☐ Closed toe shoes	☐ Copies of important documents
☐ Prescription glasses/contacts	☐ Photos of family members




LEARN MORE AT:
ReadyNevadaCounty.org/GoBags








GO-BAG CHECKLIST

Assemble a Go-Bag for Pets and Animals



What Do My Pets Need in Their Go-Bag?

☐ Identification information	☐ Proof of ownership
☐ Veterinary contact information	☐ Prescriptions & medications
☐ Pet carrier for each pet	☐ Two-week supply of food & water
☐ Non-spill food & water bowls	☐ Pet first aid kit
☐ Litter box and litter	☐ Plastic waste bags
☐ Disinfectants	☐ Leashes, collars, and harnesses
☐ Current photo	☐ Copies of vaccinations & medical records
☐ Care & feeding instructions	☐ Blankets, toys, and treats




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Understand Weather Conditions

Red Flag Weather Matrix		Sustained Winds				
		<6 mph	6--11 mph	12-20 mph	21-29 mph	30+ mph
Humidity	Daytime Min <29-42% and/or Night Max 60-80%					RFW
	Daytime Min <19-28% and/or Night Max 46-60%				RFW	RFW
	Daytime Min <9-18% and/or Night Max 31-45%			RFW	RFW	RFW
	Daytime Min <9% and/or Night Max <31%		RFW	RFW	RFW	PDS RFW
PDS=Particularly Dangerous Situation						
		Low	Medium	High	Very High	Extreme



Route Planning - Considerations

- Gates
- Road Conditions
- Traffic Conditions
- Emergency Vehicles



Route Planning – Drive the Options

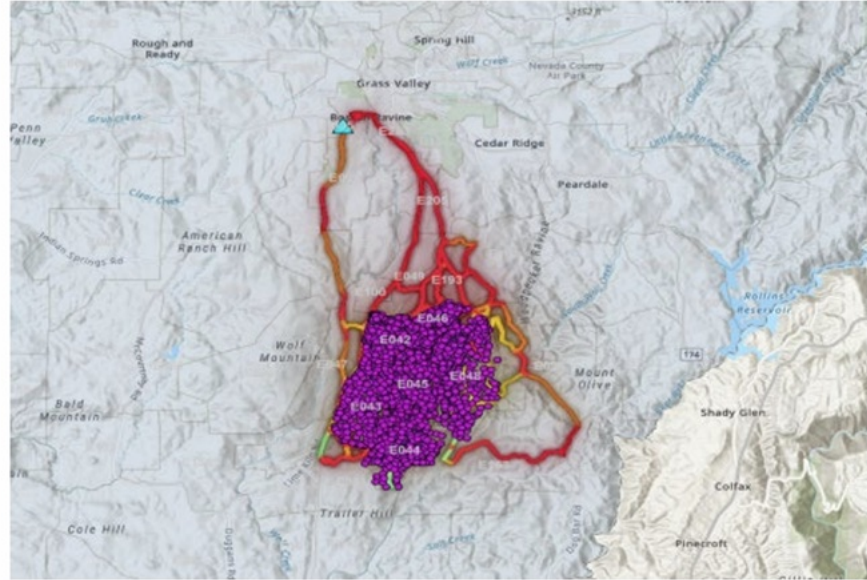
- Look for potential choke points due to traffic
- Can the road handle heavy traffic or large vehicles?
- Are there gates or other barriers blocking the road?



Route Planning – Last Steps

- Know your route
- Drive your route
- Print your route
- Print your zone map
- Let others know your route/plan
- Prepare your Go-Bag

LEAVE EARLY!!!

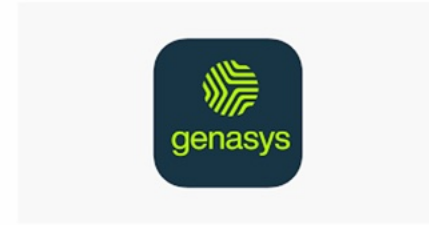
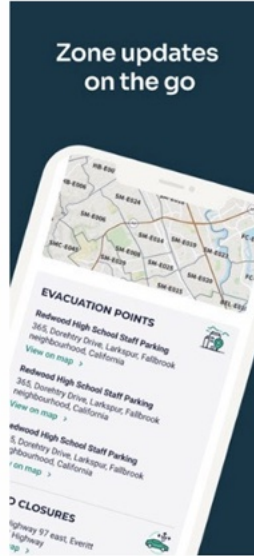
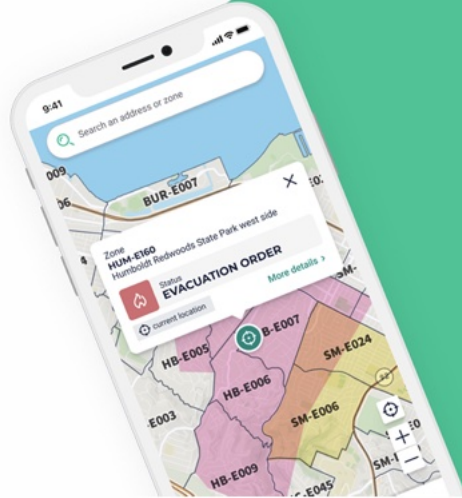


Alert and Warning

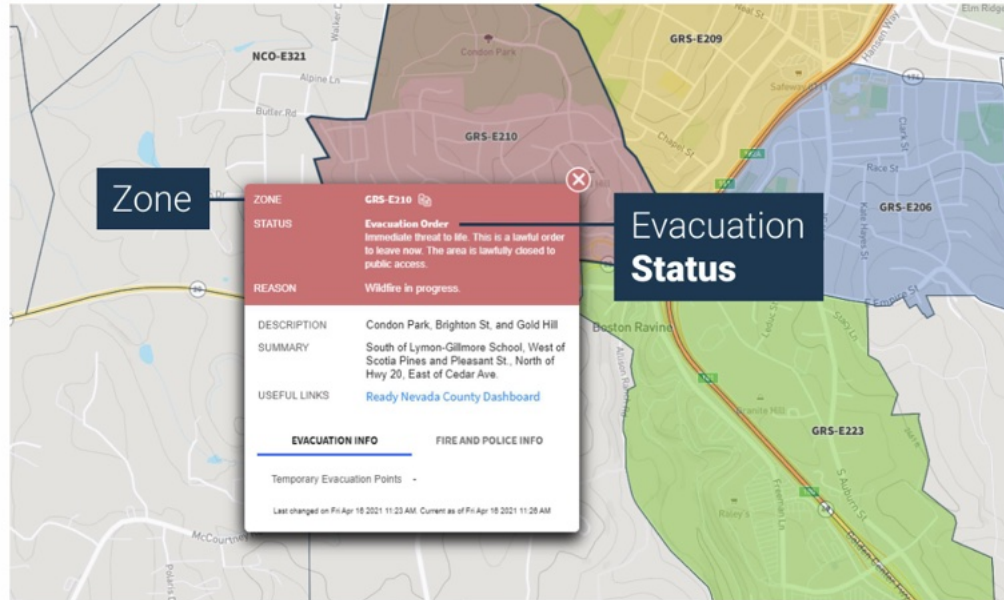
- Address based alerting system
- Receive alerts via text, email, and phone call on landline, cell or both
- Sign-ups at the readynevadacounty.org/dashboard
- Call 211 for assistance if you are having trouble
- Multiple addresses and phones
- Business accounts available



Genasys Protect/Zonehaven



protect.genasys.com



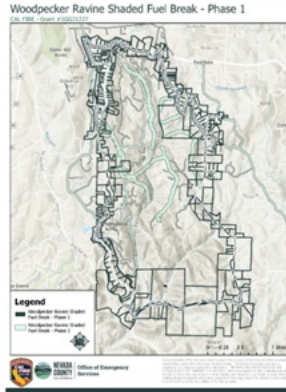
Office of Emergency Services (OES)



What we do...



Planning &
Preparedness



Mitigation



Response

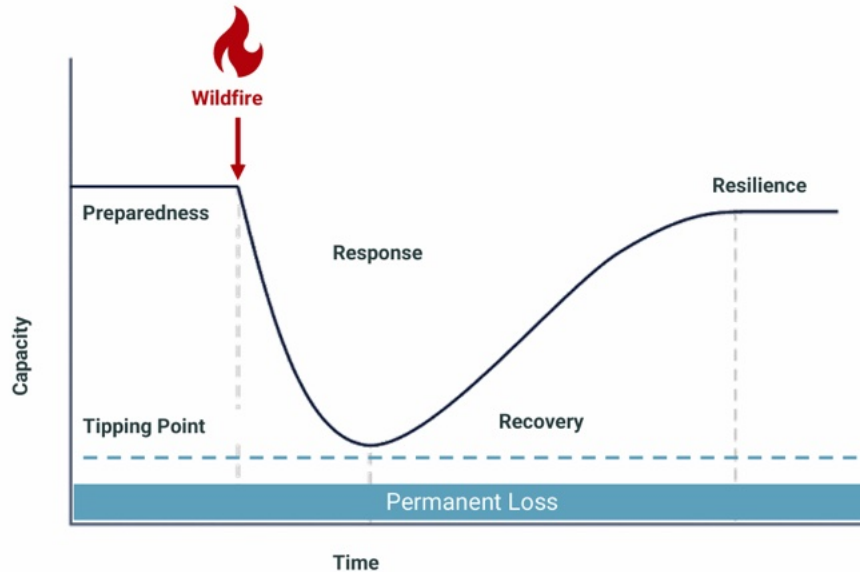


Recovery

ALL HAZARDS, COUNTY-WIDE



Resilience is the Goal



Capacity to withstand and recover from disaster(s)

Disaster does not have to be a "tipping point"

Investing in planning, mitigation, prevention, preparedness, and recovery

Protecting what we value in our community

Planning & Preparedness

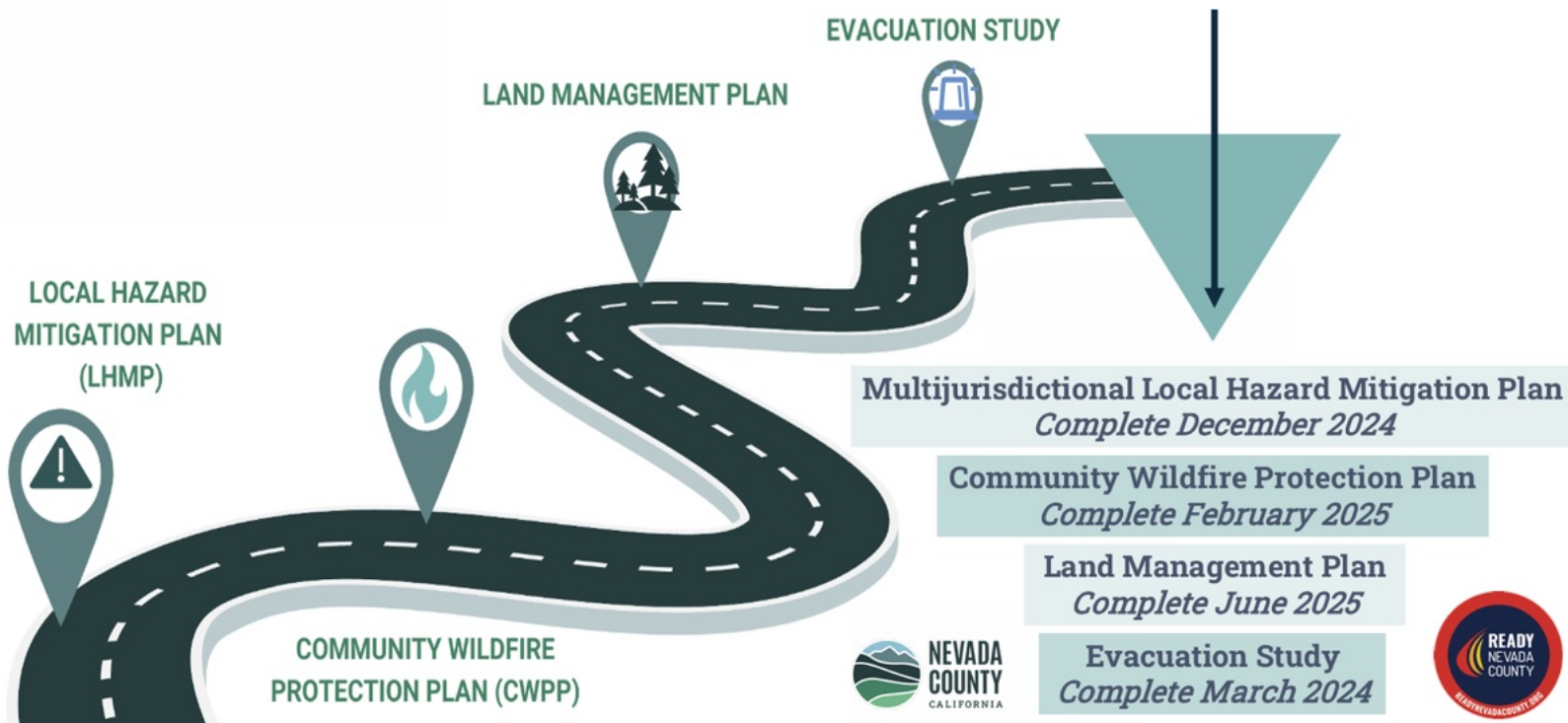
Key Initiatives

Roadmap to Resilience
Ready, Set, Go!
Ready, Set, Snow!



Planning

ROADMAP TO RESILIENCE



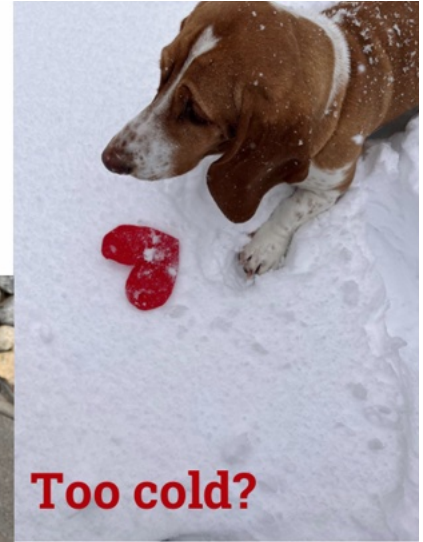
Planning

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Heat and Cold Emergency Plans

Mass Care & Sheltering Planning

Disaster Engagement Strategy



Preparedness is Year Round

Disaster Recovery Cycle Winter Storms and Wildfire



Preparedness

READY, SET, SNOW



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READY, SET, GO



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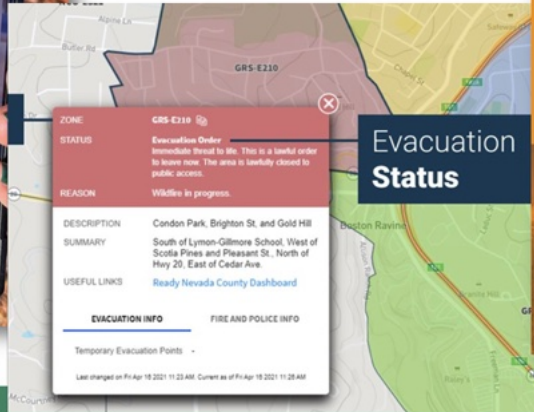


Preparedness: Be Ready

Sign-Up for
CodeRED



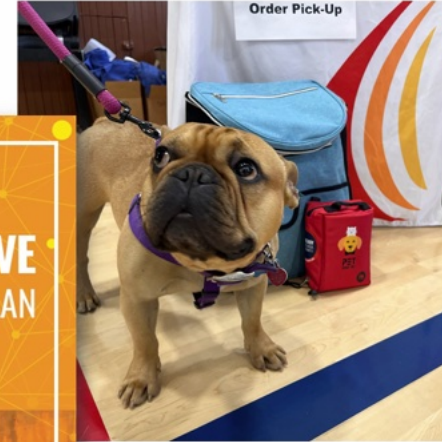
Know Your
Zone



Find Your
Five



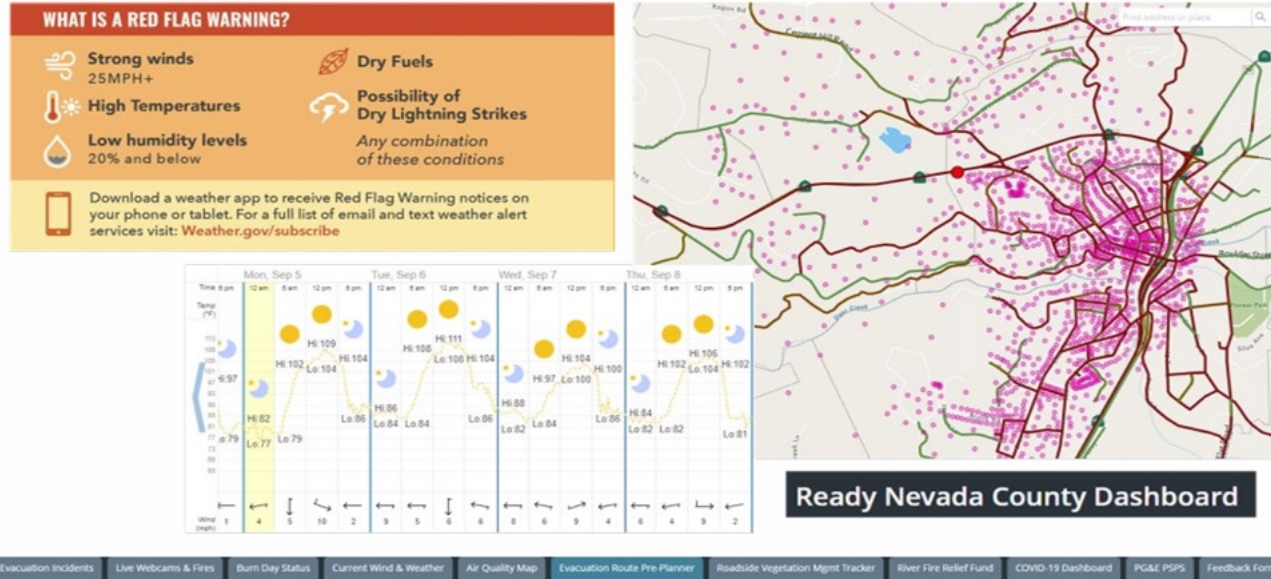
Pack Your
Go-Bag



Preparedness: Understand Alert and Warning

 UNDERSTANDING EMERGENCY ALERTS		
TYPE OF EMERGENCY ALERT	DESCRIPTION	HOW TO GET IT
CodeRED Emergency Alert	 Landline and cell calls, emails, texts for emergencies impacting your home address.	Registration required. Register online at ReadyNevadaCounty.org/EmergencyAlerts or call 2-1-1 or 1-833-DIAL211.
CodeRED Mobile Alert App	 Push notifications to your smartphone for emergencies within 25 miles of your current location.	Download required. Visit your app store and search for CodeRED Mobile Alert.
Wireless Emergency Alert	 Notification to your cellphone based on location.	No registration required. This alert is issued by local government as part of the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System.
Emergency Alert System	 Alerts radio listeners and TV viewers.	No registration required. This alert is issued by local government as part of the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System.
Hi-Lo Siren	 Alerts neighborhoods of an Evacuation Order using a European-style, two-tone siren.	Law enforcement will go door to door when Evacuation Orders have been issued.

Preparedness: Maintain Situational Awareness



Mitigation

**Every \$1 spent on mitigation SAVES
\$6 on future recovery**



Mitigation Priorities

Alignment of Wildfire Hazard and High-Value Resources and Assets at Risk (HVRAs)

Wildfire Hazard

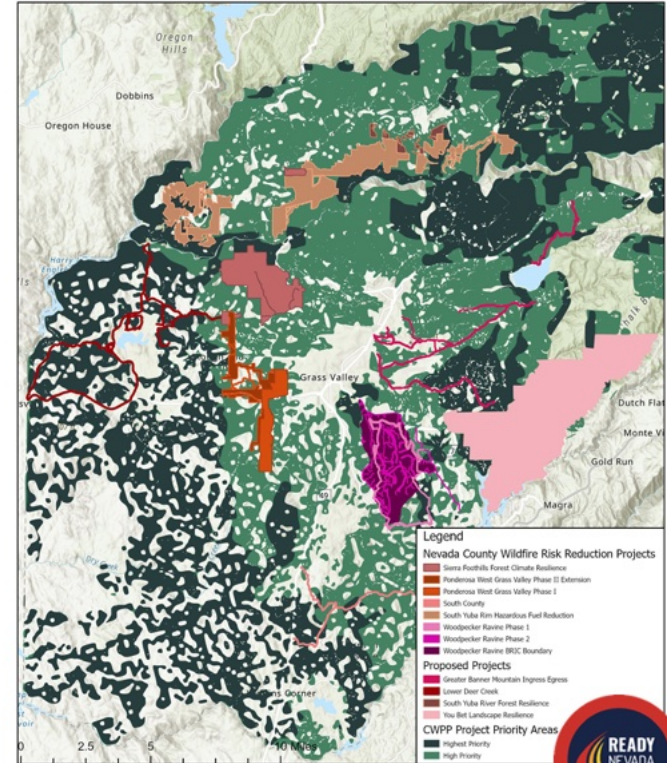
- Weather
- Topography
- Fuel

HVRAs

- Community Lifelines
- Community Health
- Natural Resources



Nevada County Wildfire Risk Reduction Projects



Office of Emergency Services



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CWPP Recommended Actions



**Reduce Structural
Ignitability**



**Vegetation
Management & Fuel
Reduction**



Evacuation



Funding



Defensible Space



**Community Outreach
& Education**



**Emergency
Communication**



Post-Fire Recovery



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COUNTY**
CALIFORNIA

**Office of Emergency
Services**
READY NEVADA COUNTY



Mitigation Approach



Implementation of the Roadmap to Resilience

- *Incubating New Priority Projects*

Resources for Individual Residents

- *Meeting People Where They Are At*

Communities as Partners

- *Supporting Neighborhood Know-How*

Landscape Level Mitigation

- *Diversified Funding and Collaboration*

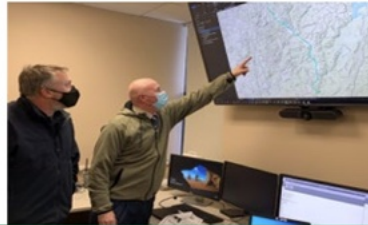
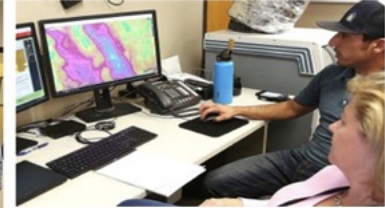


Response



Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- **Not First Responders**
- **Coordination of Resources**
- **Address Unmet Needs**
- **Provide Reliable/Accurate Information to the Community**



Recovery

- COVID Pandemic
- 2021 River Fire
- 2021 Winter Storm
- 2022 Jones Fire
- 2023 Winter Storms



FEMA



Cal OES
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

LOCAL ASSISTANCE
CENTER

Opening Friday, August 13 for
River Fire Survivors
in Placer and Nevada Counties



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Steve Baker
Steering Committee Member

Neighborhood Get Out (GO) Plan

Steve Baker originally developed his GO Plan for use by his neighborhood. The GO Plan is now being shared as an optional template for use within your own neighborhood. The plan can be applied to most western US rural residential areas.

This GO Plan template is provided for informational purposes only. If you choose to establish a similar plan within your own neighborhood please feel free to customize it to best meet your neighborhood's needs.

As evacuation information is constantly being improved over time in Nevada County, please always consider information posted by [Ready Nevada County](#), the [Nevada County Sheriff's Office](#), and [CALFIRE](#) as the current best practices when developing and/or updating your neighborhood plan.



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Neighborhood Get Out (GO) Plan

The GO Plan is posted to the Operation Unite website [HERE](#).

A Neighborhood GO Plan is strongest when a core neighborhood group is organized and working together. The key elements of a strong GO Plan are:

- Prepare;
- Create good communications for monitoring wildfire conditions; and,
- Evacuate early and safely.

The goal of a GO Plan is to ensure that ***EVERYONE REACHES A SAFE PLACE!***



Steve Baker
Steering Committee Member

Neighborhood Get Out (GO) Plan - PREPARE

- Organize Your Neighborhood Group;
- Build the Neighborhood Group Membership;
- Develop Situational Awareness;
- Practice Communication Inside and Outside the Neighborhood;
- Know Your Risk Tolerance and Develop Personal Responsibility;
- Develop Responsibility to each of Your Neighbors; and,
- Preparations Before a Wildfire and GO Bag Checklists.



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Steering Committee Member

Neighborhood Get Out (GO) Plan - GOOD COMMUNICATIONS

- Code Red;
- Genasys Project (formerly ZoneHaven);
- Yuba Net, KNCO, KMVR;
- Shared neighborhood group messaging application like Signal or WhatsApp;
- General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) hand held radio;
- Word of mouth;
- Annual Neighborhood Meeting; and,
- Developing Surrounding Neighborhood Network.

Practice, practice, practice your chosen communication method!



Steve Baker
Steering Committee Member

Neighborhood Get Out (GO) Plan - EVACUATE EARLY

- Prompt, thoughtful, evacuation;
- Go EARLY! This saves lives. Nothing lost if evacuation wasn't necessary;
- Have Go Bag ready and car fueled up during Red Flag Days;
- Leave your trailer at home, please. Reduces road congestion;
- Post your Evacuation Tag;
- Use group GMRS/SignalApp channel to alert neighbors you have left;
- Transmit/Text evacuation road conditions during your evacuation out of the neighborhood; and,
- ***Practice, practice, practice your optional evacuation routes!***

Thank you for taking steps to ensure the safety of YOURSELF and NEIGHBORS!



Jeff Peach
Firewise Leader

Distinctions

Banner Mountain **Firewise Community**:

- Evolved into a significant and ongoing activity under the **Friends of Banner Mountain** “umbrella.”
- Dependent upon Friends of Banner Mountain for its **funding and communications** via email subscriber list, facebook account and webpage.
- The Friends of Banner Mountain has “**no borders**”, while the **Banner Mountain FWC has a distinct border.**



Jeff Peach
Firewise Leader

Distinctions

Banner Mountain **Firewise Community**:

- Benefits the community by providing:
 - **EDUCATE AND ENERGIZE THE COMMUNITY**
 - The Firewise Community certificate for homeowners insurance discounts
 - Access to **state and federal grants** and grant programs
 - Provides a “**seat at the table**” with OES
- Requires a significant amount of effort to remain certified:
 - **Annual reporting of Time and Expenses for Defensible Space/Home Hardening**
 - 3-Year Goals and Implementation Plan
 - 5-year Community-wide Risk Assessment Report



Jeff Peach
Firewise Leader

Introductions

Banner Mountain Firewise Community Steering Committee:

Leader: Jeff Peach

Steering Committee Members:

Steve Baker

Ric Cameron (*certified Defensible Space Advisor*)

Arnold Forman

Maureen "Mo" Graber

Bob Hanna (*certified Defensible Space Advisor*)

Gale Peach



Neighborhood Work Party and Free Green Waste Event





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Firewise Leader

Maintaining Our Firewise Community Certification

Each year, in order to maintain our Firewise Certification from the [NFPA](#) the Banner Mountain Firewise Community is required to report the time and money spent by homeowners/renters on improvements that impact the fire safety around their home. This is an honor system and no receipts are required. *You can report multiple times throughout the year.* The final submission happens in the middle of November each year. Reportable efforts include:

- I. Hours Spent: Home Hardening, Clearing Ladder Fuels, Trimming/Removing Trees, Hardscaping, Attending Meetings, etc.
- II. Money Spent: Equipment Costs, Upgrading Home Exterior, Hiring Contractors, Mileage, Equipment Fuel, etc.



Jeff Peach
Firewise Leader

Getting Involved

- I. It takes a community of neighbors. That is, you!
- II. **Firewise Neighborhood Contact Vacancies**
- III. Grant Opportunities and Special Projects Participants Needed
- IV. Approximately 1500 Parcels and we get 6 volunteers?***
- V. **FBM/Firewise Community - Public Input Meeting on the path forward -
Wednesday, JANUARY 14, 2026 - 5:00pm - Gene Albaugh Room**



George Olive
Vice President

Thank you for attending!

Please continue to stay plugged in by:

- Becoming a Friends of Banner Mountain member
- Becoming a Firewise Community Neighborhood Contact
- Becoming a Friends of Banner Mountain email subscriber
- Visiting our webpage <https://www.bannermountain.org/>
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Gene Albaugh Room - The path forward for FBM and the Banner
Mountain Firewise Community

