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FBM is a non-profit
501(c)(3) organization
with an all-volunteer Board.



Information Meeting
Tuesday, March 31 5pm at
the Madelyn Helling Library.
Discuss dissolution process
and how to create a
neighborhood Firewise
community.

Volunteers Needed!
A healthy community thrives
with the assistance of
volunteers. Please consider
becoming a Firewise Leader
in your neighborhood.

Dear Friends of Banner Mountain Members and Volunteers,

The Friends of Banner Mountain (FBM) has dedicated itself to protecting the natural and cultural resources of Banner Mountain for the benefit of residents, visitors, and future generations. Over the past decade, FBM has evolved as an organization, placing greater emphasis on reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire as the most effective way to accomplish our mission and safeguard the residents of Banner Mountain.

Like many local non-profit organizations, FBM has found it challenging to recruit sufficient volunteers to serve on the board and lead the projects necessary to fully achieve our goals of energizing and educating the Banner Mountain community. As a result, FBM has made the difficult decision to dissolve as a local nonprofit organization by the end of 2026. Remaining FBM funds will transfer to another 501(c)(3) organization: the Wildfire-Ready Coalition of Nevada County (Coalition). The Coalition was selected as it is positioned to assist with continuing the critical task of protecting Banner Mountain and its residents from the threat of wildfire. You may learn more about them by visiting wildfirereadync.org/.

As a result of this dissolution, the Banner Mountain Firewise Community, which has always been supported by FBM, will be impacted. The current size of the Banner Mountain Firewise Community, which encompasses approximately 1,500 parcels, has proven to be too large for effective coordination and meaningful volunteer wildfire mitigation efforts. During its final year of service, FBM will work collaboratively with the Coalition, and neighborhood volunteers, to develop smaller, more manageable Firewise Communities on Banner Mountain.

In accordance with 501(c)(3) guidelines, the transfer of FBM's funds will be accompanied by a Memorandum of Agreement. This agreement will specify that transferred FBM funds will be used to support the creation of multiple smaller neighborhood Firewise Communities on Banner Mountain, ensuring that our mission continues through this new organization. You are welcome to join us at our next community meeting at 5:00 PM on March 31, 2026, in the Gene Albaugh Community Room (Madelyn Helling Library, 980 Helling Way, Nevada City) to learn more about the dissolution process and how to inspire your neighborhood to create its own Firewise Community. We hope to see you there.

Please be assured that during the remainder of 2026, FBM will continue to operate its community communications services through its Friends of Banner Mountain website, Facebook page, and email subscriber service. We will use these services to inform, connect, and support our members and volunteers as they create their own neighborhood Firewise Communities.

Finally, an expression of sincere gratitude. Thank you for being a member and supporting the work of the FBM. Thank you for helping us as we supported our Banner Mountain Community. Thank you for showing up. You are appreciated more than you know.

Sincerely,
George Olive
George Olive, Vice President