

Lake Almanor Pines Firewise Action Plan 2018

Our first Firewise Day will be held on June 9, 2018. We have several property owners signed on to help with our project of treating the road right-of-ways to remove fuels (pine needles, branches accumulating over the winter), trim and/or remove trees to break up the continuity of fuels between the road and private properties.

A one time offer is extended to all lot owners for tree trimming and cutting of small trees contributing to ladder fuel, structure vulnerability, and improved access for fire suppression efforts. All property owners have been contacted either by personal visit, email, US Mail, and phone. We will use our Firewise Day not only to perform work but to also further distribute information about the Firewise program. Those efforts will also be made through out the summer season when absentee owners visit the area. Absentee ownership is an obstacle to collaboration.

A lot by lot inventory is offered to note what elements of the Firewise philosophy can be utilized at each location.

Orders for address signs will be taken to be filled by the Peninsulas Fire Department. "They can't help you if they can't find you;" fire or no fire.

Lot clean up is a continuous process in our forested area. Most residences perform clean up. We will assist absentee owners by offering local information to aid their efforts. <https://almanorpines.com/local-information/lot-cleanup-and-hauling/>
<https://www.peninsulafire.net/cleanup.pdf>

An adjacent forested land owner of 275 acres has been contacted by the Lake Almanor Country Club Firewise Committee and Lake Almanor Pines to explore options for collaboration. We have plans of contacting PG&E and other utilities as well. And the Plumas County Road Department is supportive of our ideas.

It may take a couple of seasons to fully treat our neighborhood for fuels with annual maintenance required. We hope this summer with our Firewise Day and ongoing efforts throughout the summer season to bring more people on board and we can make a difference.

Additionally we have been given permission to demonstrate removal of ladder fuels on a vacant land lot and at an absentee owned residence to demonstrate defensible space around structures. We have for our use a 13 foot extendable power pole saw. One lot has already been treated for several years' accumulation of debris.

We will share with our larger community the opportunities to work cooperatively through local agencies and local media.

<https://almanorpines.com/association-business/firewise/>