



Welcome to the February 2019 Pulse Newsletter. The Network is excited to announce that registration for the 2019 Annual Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities Conference is still open. Be sure to reserve your ticket before they run out!

2019 Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities Conference Registration Open Until April 12th

Registration for the 2019 Nevada Network for Fire Adapted Communities is still open. The conference will be held on April 22nd at the Atlantis Resort in Reno. The tentative agenda for the conference can be found [here](#).

We have a great group of presenters for this years conference. Key speakers include Chief David Hawks of the CAL FIRE Butte Unit. He will be sharing his thoughts on the 2018 Camp Fire and how to prepare your community for evacuation in a catastrophic wildland fire. Yana Valachovic, Forest Advisor and County Director for UCANR Humboldt-DeI Norte office, will speak about the science behind home ignition during a wildfire. Lastly, Chief Doug Cupp of the Greater Eagle Fire District will join us to talk about techniques you can use to inspire your community to become more fire adapted.

Space is limited and the registration deadline is April 12th, 2019. You can register at: [NNFAC2019.eventbrite.com](https://nnfac2019.eventbrite.com). Unfortunately we are unable to reimbursement attendees for travels costs this year.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities 5th Annual Conference April 22, 2019



April 22, 2019 • 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
3800 S. Virginia Street
Reno, NV 89502

You are invited to attend this year's Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities Annual Conference. Registration is **FREE** and includes conference materials, breakfast, refreshments and lunch! Attend to learn more about evacuation planning for your community, how homes ignite in a wildfire and hear from the Nevada State Forester and Butte County Fire Chief.

Space is limited - Registration deadline is April 12, 2019
To register, visit: NNFAC2019.eventbrite.com

We've secured a 15% discount off hotel rooms at the Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa. To obtain this discount and book a room, call 1-800-723-6500 or 775-825-4700 and use the code SOCIAL RATE. Please note that there is no room block; therefore, book as soon as possible.



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Pine Nut / Bird Bird Chapter Holds First Annual Fire Adapted Community Event



Chief Carlini welcomed the attendees to the Pine Nut/ Blue Bird Chapter Event

The Pine Nut/ Blue Bird Chapter held their 1st annual fire adapted community event on March 30th at the Fish Springs Volunteer Fire Station in Douglas County. Terri Clark, leader of the Pine Nut/ Blue Bird chapter organized the event. 57 residents within the area attended to listen to presentations by Chief Tod Carlini, East Fork Fire Protection District, Jamie Roice-Gomes, Manager of Living With Fire Program, and Michael Beaudoin, Coordinator of the Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities.

Chief Carlini's presentation focused on how to prepare for an evacuation and how East Fork Fire personnel manage fire evacuations. Residents should make sure they make a list of their important 5 Ps; People, Pets, Pills, Photos, and Papers, and keep them handy in case of an evacuation. Residents should also prepare a 72-hour kit that includes water and food essentials in case of an evacuation.

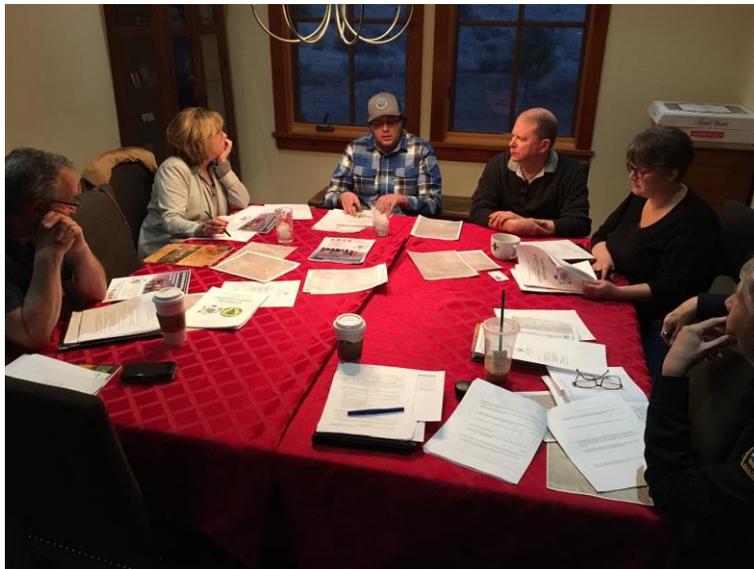


Jamie Roice-Gomes, Living With Fire Program Manager, provided a presentation on the Home Ignition Zone and Ember Aware

Jamie Roice-Gomes spoke about structure ignition during a wildfire and the importance of being ember-aware. Fire brands or embers cause 90% of home ignitions during a wildfire. As you prepare for this year's wildfires be sure to remove potential fuel beds for embers by; clearing your gutters of flammable debris, moving firewood away from your home, or installing a 5 foot non-combustible zone around your house.

Michael Beaudoin talked about the Nevada Network and some of the great progress achieved within the Douglas County FAC working group. Defensible space management is a critical step towards ensuring your home's survivability in a wildfire. Mr. Beaudoin's presentation can be found [here](#).

Verdi-Mogul Chapter Begins Work Towards Wildfire Preparedness



The Verdi-Mogul Chapter held their first meeting on March 20th to discuss fire adapted community concepts to pursue throughout 2019. Coordinator Beaudoin attended and provided the chapter with information on the resources NDF can provide the chapter and how to organize annual FAC community events.

Deputy Chief Lisa Beaver and PIO Adam Mayberry of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District attended to assist the

chapter in planning wildfire risk reduction activities within the chapter. The chapter has established a beneficial working relationship with Truckee Meadows FPD and plans to work with Truckee Meadows FPD, the Nevada Division of Forestry, and the Network to plan fuel reduction projects within their chapter. Verdi and Mogul are in high hazard wildfire areas and the chapter will focus on organizing community work days to address defensible space management, fuels reduction, and wildfire prevention education. Expect more updates from the Verdi-Mogul chapter in future editions of the Network Pulse.

Home Hardening/ Built Zone Tips: Decks



Decks are a highly vulnerable part of your home during wildfires.

A burning deck can ignite siding or break the glass in doors or windows, allowing fire to gain entry into the house. Consequently, making decks less vulnerable to wildfire also makes your house less vulnerable. Reducing the deck's vulnerability requires an approach that focuses on the materials and design features used to build the deck, and creating a noncombustible zone around and under the deck.

Walking surfaces of decks are either solid surface or constructed using deck boards (with between board gaps). Solid surface decks are commonly light weight concrete or tile. Combustible deck board types include: solid wood and wood-plastic composites (these products are more widely used than noncombustible deck boards). Noncombustible deck board types include: metal and fiber cement.



Spaces between deck planks can be landing spots for flammable embers

Recent testing at the IBHS Research Center showed embers mostly lodge between deck board gaps and where deck boards rest on joists. Embers can accumulate and potentially ignite decking and combustible joists. Embers can also fall through board gaps and land on materials stored beneath the deck. It's critical to remove all combustible materials from the under-deck area to minimize the opportunity for ignitions; where resulting flames would impinge on the decking (some wood-plastic decking

products are vulnerable to flaming exposures).

Recommendations for your deck include:

- Combustible materials should not be stored beneath decks. This will effectively create a noncombustible zone under the entire footprint of the deck
- Routinely remove debris that accumulates in between deck board gaps and debris that can accumulate at the intersection between the deck and house.
- If the deck is a non-fire-retardant treated softwood deck, consider removing and replacing deck boards within a few feet of the house. Be careful to match the deck board thickness



Storing flammable material under your deck, like wood, increases the likelihood an ember will ignite your home during a wildfire.

Article adapted from NFPA's FireWise Communities USA informational fact sheets. For more resources from NFPA please visit <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/By-topic/Wildfire/Wildfire-safety-tips> .

More information on preparing your Nevada home for wildfire can be found at the Living With Fire website: <http://www.livingwithfire.info/learning-center>

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