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## **San Elijo Hills North and Old Creek Ranch Earn National Firewise USA Recognition**

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The San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council is proud to announce that San Elijo Hills-North and Old Creek Ranch have officially been recognized as Firewise USA® communities by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

"Becoming a Firewise USA community is not just a title-it's a shared commitment to protecting our homes, our families, and our future," said Lindsey Smith, President of the San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council.

The Firewise USA® program provides a framework for neighborhoods to organize and take responsibility for preparing their homes and landscapes against the threat of wildfire. The Firewise designation also opens the door to potential homeowners insurance discounts, creating a powerful incentive for ongoing risk reduction and community-wide resilience.

Next steps will include:

- Continued community education efforts and fuels reduction reporting
- Annual Firewise renewal and reporting
  - Visit our website to learn more and use our homeowner [reporting tools](#)
- Guidance on how homeowners can claim their insurance benefits
  - Ask about "Community Level Discount" for Firewise USA communities

Residents are encouraged to follow the San Elijo Hills Fire Safe Council on social media and visit our website to stay updated on wildfire workshops, grant programs, and safety initiatives.

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