Arizona State Forestry Division
Firewise USA™ Action Plan
Outline and Application Checklist

Plan Outline

- ☐ **Title/Cover page** (1 Page)
    - o Community Name and Title
    - o Plan Date (Month, Year)
    - o Community Photo (optional)
- ☐ **Introduction** (1-2 paragraphs)
    - o Community name
    - o Brief history and community description
    - o Goals and objectives of Firewise Action Plan
    - o Firewise committee representative(s) (Name, Email and Phone of Chair)
- ☐ **Community Location** (1 paragraph)
    - o Best access to the community from nearest major town or city
    - o Approximate Latitude and Longitude
- ☐ **Ownership** (1 paragraph)
    - o How may parcels?
    - o How many structures/Dwelling Units?
    - o How many residents?
    - o Who owns the land adjacent to your community (e.g., Forest Service, State Trust Land, another community, etc.)
- ☐ **Topography** (1-2 paragraphs)
    - o Include a brief description of the prominent land features within the community (e.g., major drainages, steep terrain, canyons, etc.)
- ☐ **Vegetation** (1-2 paragraphs)
    - o Include a description of the type of vegetation and the density (how thick or overgrown) the dominant vegetation is in the community
    - o Include any other information about the vegetation characteristics (e.g., volatility, continuity, fire behavior, fuel loading, etc.) *NOTE: This is information that can be obtained from your local fire department/district (and/or Arizona Dept. Forestry & Fire contact) *
- ☐ **Climate** (1-2 paragraphs)
    - o Include a brief description about the average climate that is experienced throughout the year.
    - o Include when the community experiences its driest months, wettest months and or significant weather (dry lightning, monsoons, winter storms, etc.)
- ☐ **Wildlife** (1 paragraph)
    - o Include a brief description on any wildlife concerns, special species/habitat found in or around the community that needs to be taken into consideration.

- □ **Fire Regime and History** (2-3 paragraphs)
  - o Include a description of the historical fire characteristics found in the dominant vegetation type (e.g. frequency, intensity, etc.)
  - o Include a history of large fire that have occurred around your community in past years
    *NOTE: This is information that can be obtained from your local fire department/district and/or Arizona Dept. Forestry & Fire contact.
- □ **Community Infrastructure** (2-3 paragraphs)
  - o Average street and cul-de-sac width
  - o Number of hydrants or nearby water sources
  - o First responding fire department/district, ISO Rating and fire protection capabilities
    *NOTE: This is information that can be obtained from your local fire department/district.
- □ **Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) / Other Hazard Ratings** (1-2 paragraphs)
  - o If a related fire protection plan or hazard rating exists that includes your community, include a brief description of its relationship to your community
  - o Community Wildfire Hazard Assessment (UofA form AZ 1302): Include narrative, a brief paragraph about the community assessment, findings and recommendations.
    *NOTE: This is information that can be obtained from your local fire department/district (and/or Arizona Dept. Forestry & Fire contact)
- □ **Community Accomplishments** (~ paragraphs)
  - o Past hazardous fuel treatments
  - o Community clean up days
  - o Individual property assessments
- □ **Community Project Goals** (~ paragraphs)
  - o Future fuel/vegetation treatments
  - o Future Firewise event plans
  - o Future Firewise education or notification plans (e.g., newsletters, presentations, door hangers, etc.)
- □ **Community Investment** (1-2 paragraphs)
  - o Annual community's minimum investment documentation; (number of dwelling unit's x current national volunteer rate = annual minimum community investment)
  - o Plans to achieve minimum investment
- □ **Community Firewise Day** (1 paragraph)
  - o When, where and what was done for your annual Firewise Day
  - o Future plans for community Firewise Day events
- □ **Maps and Community Photos**

Checklist for Final Firewise Application package

- □ Firewise USA Application Submitted on Firewise Portal
- □ Community Firewise Action Plan
- □ Community Map & shape File
- □ Community Assessment (UofA form AZ 1302)