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Consideration for "Fire Wise" communities should not be subjected to insurance cost increases or insurance abandonment. For example: Whereas Auburn Lake Trails (ALT) has a strict application of Fire Wise rules and regulations, and as a result has had no major fires in the 50 years of its existence. As a prime example, a few years back, a spreading fire initially out of control. The fire started south of highway 193 and rapidly move north, across the highway and approached Alt near ALT's third gate. The fire reached he ALT boundary and was halted by the Fire Wise dictates of area management, removal of ground fuel and appropriate pruning of trees.. There was essentially nothing to burn. ALT manages fire wise inspections diligently every year and residents are required to adhere to these rules. If a resident does not comply by the time of annual inspection (usually May), they are given 30 days from the inspection date to comply. If they still fail following the second inspection, the maintenance department or an outside company is instigated and the property is brought to Fire Wise standards and the owner is charged.

It is fine for the insurance companies to do general fly overs to decide the rates, or to determine to no longer insure a vast area, but colossally unfair to those who annually labor to maintain Fire Wise requirements.

Respectfully,

Captain Steven L. Miller, U.S. Navy-ret (a resident of ALT for 35+ years and in the direct path of the above fire)

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