



April 18, 2016

Dear Homeowner,

This is special invitation for you to attend our FIREWISE Awareness Field Day to be held at Cary City Hall on May 10, 2016. This field day is part of a new initiative led in our state by the Mississippi Forestry Commission to achieve fire safe planning and development in the wildland / urban interface ... that fringe area of our communities where homes are frequently damaged or destroyed by wildland fire. Evaluations for similar field days in other states indicated that the participants found the information and exercises very beneficial.

As our Mississippi public continues to build homes in areas that have traditionally been forests or wildlands, disastrous wildfires occur more and more frequently. We will likely continue to experience damaging wildfires in the wildland/urban interface until people begin to work together to solve basic community planning issues at the local level.

The Firewise Awareness Field Day is a one-day event, bringing together citizens, business and community leaders involved in planning, financing, building, sustaining and protecting communities in the wildland/urban interface. This will be a learning experience utilizing small groups. Participants will learn about why homes burn, various wildland fuel reduction techniques and how to assess the fire danger of their own home.

This event will be held at Cary City Hall, Hwy 61, Cary, MS. Please complete the pre-registration form and return by fax to 662-873-6679 by May 06, 2016. We believe that this field day may have a significant impact on wildland protection in your area. If you cannot personally attend, please designate someone to represent you. There is no charge for your participation in the FIREWISE Awareness field Day and dinner will be provided. Pre-registration is a must for the meal head count. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. The program will begin promptly at 6:30 a.m. and end at approximately 9:00 p.m.

We value your participation in the program and look forward to seeing you on May 10, 2016. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Robert Seaton at 662-873-6679.

Registered Foresters attending the field day will be eligible for 3.0 CFE Hours Category 2, Loggers will receive 2 hours in Category I and 1 hour in Category II and Realtors will receive 3.0 hrs of elective Real Estate Course (10182). Professional credits are not available for teachers and professional disciplines.

Sincerely,

Cary Volunteer Fire Department