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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** October 23, 2018  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Management  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Forest Reserve (Title III) spending plans for Forest Reserve Funding in fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Designate Firewise Communities Program as the sole spending plan (excluding the cost of public notice) for FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20. Direct staff to file notice of a 45-day public comment period and schedule a public hearing on December 11, 2018 for approval of the spending plan.

**FUNDING:** FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 Forest Reserve Title III funds. Total funding available is \$23,500 in FY 2018-19 and \$23,500 in FY 2019-20. This item is budgeted and there is no impact on the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS Act), was enacted to provide five years of transitional assistance to rural counties affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvests on federal lands. SRS funding continued to be extended in subsequent years currently funding through FY 2019-20 but at diminishing levels with significant restrictions. Current funds are from federal FY 2017 and FY 2018, with payments corresponding to the County FY 2018-19 and 2019-20. Funds are limited to carrying out the Firewise Communities program and, related to National Forest Lands, reimburse County Search and Rescue efforts including training and equipment costs, and develop and carry out community wildfire protection plans.

To date, the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County has helped 22 communities attain and maintain certification as Firewise Communities and an additional 24 communities are expected to achieve certification in 2019. Four other communities have expressed interest in the Firewise Communities program. The projects proposed by the Fire Safe Council meet the Federal requirements of the Act.

In order to appropriate these funds, the Act requires that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approve a spending plan and hold a 45-day public comment period. Should the Board approve the spending plan proposed, staff will publish the required 45-day public comment notice, and return to the Board on December 11, 2018 for final approval. Subsequent to your approval, staff will prepare a contract with the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

**Item Initiated by:** John Gulserian  
**Approved by:** Steve Monaghan