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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

**MEETING DATE:** December 11, 2018  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Management  
**SUBJECT:** Public hearing to approve the Forest Reserve Title III spending plan in the amount of \$23,500 for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and \$23,500 for Fiscal Year 2019-20, designating the Firewise Communities Program as the sole spending plan

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution

**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. 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 reimbursement of County Search and Rescue efforts on National Forest lands.

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.

On October 23, 2018, the Board of Supervisors tentatively approved the following projects to be funded with the FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 Forest Reserve Title III Funds, pending public comment:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>FY/Amount</u>
Fire Safe Council	Firewise Communities Expansion	FY 2018-19 \$23,500
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The Clerk of the Board filed notices of public hearing on the proposed spending plan on October 25, 2018 in The Union and on October 26, 2018 in the Sierra Sun per the requirements of Public Law 106-393 and 110-343. The 45 day public comment period has passed. Staff recommends

that the Board adopt the attached Resolution, which approves the projects listed above for the total amount of \$ 47,000.00, which represents available funds after the hearing notice expenses.

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