'Firewise' meeting to be held at Devils Fork State Park

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SALEM — Friends of Jocassee, a nonprofit group, will host a "Firewise" meeting at 2 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Holcombe Room at Devils Fork State Park to help community members learn to protect their homes from wildfires.

Firefighter professionals from the South Carolina Forestry Commission will lead the program, discussing topics ranging from how to prepare structures and landscapes to resist wildfire, to best ways to evacuate when threatened by wildfire and how controlled burns conducted by public land management agencies decrease the risk of wildfire.

The session is part of a long-range plan of the Fire Learning Network, which is a collaborative effort between several land-management organizations, including the South Carolina Forestry Commission, the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Forest Service.

The network is planning controlled burns this winter and spring, including a 40-acre burn at Devils Fork State Park.

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