'Firewise' meeting to be held at Oconee State Park

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MOUNTAIN REST — The South Carolina Forestry Commission will host a "Firewise" meeting Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Oconee State Park to help the community learn about protecting their homes from wildfire and how controlled burns can help.

Firefighting professionals will lead the program, discussing how to prepare structures and landscapes to resist wildfire, the 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, a collaboration between several land-management organizations that are planning controlled burns this winter in the Upstate, 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.

Oconee State Park is located at 624 State Park Road in Mountain Rest. For more information, call (864) 638-5353.