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### **Division of Forestry Hosts Wildfire Community Preparedness Day this Saturday** *Get information on how to make your home "Firewise"*

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (April 28, 2014) – The Kentucky Division of Forestry is hosting a Wildfire Community Preparedness Day event in Jackson, Kentucky from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 3, the parking lot in front of the IGA. The goal for this event is to raise awareness about wildfire while informing people about the steps they can take as a community, or even as a homeowner, to make themselves safer from wildfires.

Kentucky's wildfire mitigation and prevention specialist will be on hand to give out information and answer any questions you may have regarding making your home "Firewise."

Firewise is a nationwide program developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) that promotes making homes and neighborhoods safer from wildfire by promoting mitigation and prevention efforts through the awarding of grant monies to fire departments and other eligible recipients, and the use of their national recognition program Firewise Communities/USA. All of the Firewise Communities/USA are highlighted by the program and listed on their website [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) in an interactive map.

Currently, the Breathitt County Soil Conservation Board is undergoing efforts to bring this recognition status to the area. Through their efforts and the efforts of the fire departments and local homeowners, hopefully Firewise will be able to find a home in Breathitt County.

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