

# Living with Fire



**Saturday, July 8 • 8 am–5pm**  
**Vermilion Community College (Classroom 104)**

Attend this **FREE** one-day informational workshop designed for seasonal and permanent residents and visitors to our area. Understand why we should care about wildfire and what steps we can take to live safely in a fire dependent environment.

Includes fire ecology and behavior, history of fire in Ely area, how to make your home more resilient to wildfire, evacuation planning and ways to create a more healthy forest environment. Workshops given by USFS wildfire personnel, MN DNR Firewise specialist, County Emergency managers, local firefighting professionals and the Lakes States project coordinator from the Forest Stewards Guild. Afternoon breakout demonstration tours. Lunch provided with kids activities. **Register for a Free Prize given away at the end of the day!**

8:00–8:30	<b>Registration for tours and Free Prize!</b> Coffee and morning snacks	12:30–1:15	<b>Lunch:</b> Provided with donation as a fundraiser for local youth
8:30–9:15	<b>Fire Ecology and Behavior</b> Gus Smith, USFS Kawishiwi District Ranger		<b>Vendor Exhibits! Activities for the Kids! Meet Smokey Bear! Fire Trucks, Wood Chipper And More!</b>
	<b>History of Fire Ely Area</b> Timo Rovo, USFS West Zone FMO	1:30–3:30	<b>Choose one Breakout Tour</b> (Bring water bottle, weather appropriate gear and sturdy walking shoes/boots)
9:30–10:15	<b>Fuels Reduction Basics and Strategies</b> Jeffery Jackson, DNR NE Firewise Specialist		1) <b>Firewise Best Practices Demonstration</b> around home structure and beyond
10:30–11:15	<b>Living in a Fire Environment</b> Directors of Emergency Management— BJ Kohlstedt, Lake County Dewey Johnson, St. Louis County Fire Chief: Ted Krueger Morse/Fall Lake Townships; Engine Captain USFS Wildland Fire Suppression: Tom Roach		2) <b>Incident Command Scenario of the Hwy 1 Fire</b>
	<b>Evacuation Planning— Personal &amp; Neighborhood wide</b> Fire Chief: Larry McCray Eagle's Nest Township	4:00–4:45	3) <b>Tours of Fuel Reduction Sites:</b> Hand thinning, machine thinning and prescribed burn site
11:30–12:15	<b>Forest Stewards Guild:</b> Lakes States Project Coordinator— Michael Lynch		4) <b>Sim Table (<a href="http://www.simtable.com">www.simtable.com</a>) Wildfire Scenario</b>
			<b>Wrap up Panel Discussion. Drawing for Free Prize!!!!</b>

**For more information and to register visit <https://tinyurl.com/elylivingwithfire> or contact Gloria Erickson at [gjerickson@frontiernet.net](mailto:gjerickson@frontiernet.net) or 218-365-0878**

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