'Living With Fire' singled out as an excellent project

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's "Living With Fire" program was named an Exemplary Project by the Association of Public Land-grant Universities.

"Living With Fire" is an interagency effort initiated, coordinated and implemented by Cooperative Extension. It teaches Nevadans how to live more safely in high fire hazard environments. The program stresses that the key to reducing the wildfire threat to homes and communities is implementing pre-fire activities such as replacing wood roofs, screening vents and managing vegetation.

To promote widespread adoption of pre-fire activities in Nevada's high fire-hazard communities, a partnership was formed between UNCE and Nevada's local, state and federal firefighting and emergency organizations. Partners meet routinely to plan events and provide input into projects.

Former Cooperative Extension Dean and Director Karen Hinton noted that the "Living With Fire" program, launched in 1997, has helped thousands of homeowners and communities prepare for Nevada's extreme wildfire dangers.