‘Shelter in place’ houses spared

On the same day the Witch Creek fire destroyed 365 homes in Rancho Bernardo, five neighborhoods in the fire’s path to the west lost none. They were built with a fire-protection strategy called “shelter in place,” which utilizes strict development and landscaping standards.

“Shelter in place” communities in bold.

SOURCES: Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District; SanGIS; Cal Fire; WebEOC; ESR; USGS: Toio Atlas

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