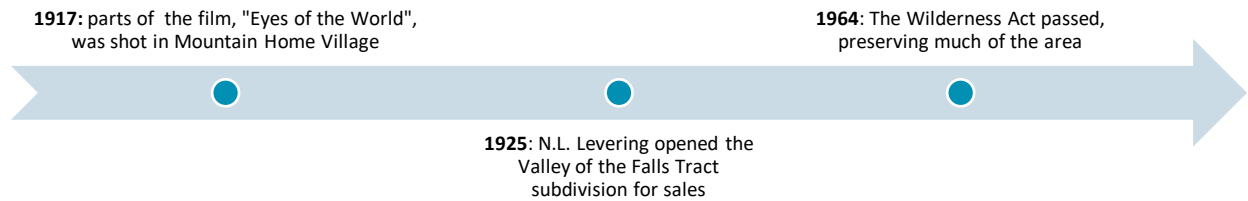


## Overview

The community profile is a summary of the social, cultural, economic and historic dimensions of the community. The profile presents data collected through secondary sources, together with information gathered from residents during online survey, highlights essential facets and “tells the story” of the Forest Falls and Mountain Home Village communities.

## History

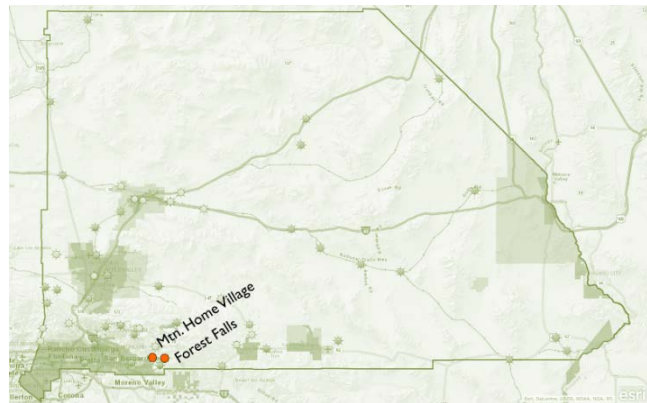


Native Americans were the earliest visitors of the area. Later settlers visited the area. In 1914 the book, “Eyes of the World” by Harold Bell Wright was published, bringing attraction and publicity to the area. A few years later the film based on book was made and parts of it were shot in Mountain Home Village. Soon after, N.L. Levering, a Redlands banker, purchased 640 acres in the area from the Southern Pacific Railroad. He subdivided the land calling it the Valley of the Falls Tract and opened it for sale in 1925. The first fully paved road to Forest Falls opened in 1926 making access easier and opening the area up for further tourism. In 1929 the post office in Forest Falls opened, rebranding the area as Fallsvale. While the Great Depression slowed growth, the area was still active with visitors. Shortly after the United States California Conservation Corps (CCC) was founded in 1933; the CCC built trails, a campground, and even helped build the Fallsvale School in 1935. Early visitors envisioned the area as scenic and rural in character and fought to preserve it as such. In 1964 the Wilderness Act was passed, establishing a nationwide preservation system for wilderness areas. This act preserved much of the area which visitors and community members still use and enjoy today.

Source(s): <http://www.vfcci.org>;  
<http://www.forestfalls.com/history.html>;  
<https://www.wilderness.net/nwps/legisact>

## Location & Geography

Forest Falls and Mountain Home Village are located in the southern portion of San Bernardino County. Both communities are within the San Bernardino National Forest area and northeast of the cities of Redlands and Yucaipa. Mountain Home Village is located along Highway 38 and just west of Forest Falls. Both communities are located at the base of the mountains.



Source: ESRI

### Community Structure (Physical Characteristics)

**Residential:** Residences primarily consist of single family residential dwellings that are one story homes set close to the street and are nestled in the forest landscape.

**Commercial:** The few commercial uses are concentrated along Valley of the Falls Drive near the entrance to Forest Falls. This area consists of a mixture of different businesses with parking in front.

**Transportation:** The main thoroughfare in Mountain Home Village is Highway 38 (SR 38) which is also used to access Valley of the Falls Drive, the main road in Forest Falls. Highway 38 is a paved two lane highway with one travel lane in each direction. It has a narrow shoulder with few turnouts. There are no pedestrian or bicycle facilities associated with Highway 38 between Mountain Home Village and Forest Falls. Local roads are paved and lack pedestrian and bicycle facilities. No public transit serves the plan area. The WalkScore for Mountain Home Village and Forest Falls indicates that all errands need to be completed by car.

Sources: Google Earth, County of San Bernardino, WalkScore.com

### Community Amenities

**Parks and Trails:** There are no local parks in Mountain Home Village or Forest Falls, however there is a United States Forest Service park and trail to the falls and other of hiking trails in the surrounding National Forest area.

**Hospitals:** There are no hospitals located within the plan area.

**Schools:** The community is served by the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District and the Redlands Unified School District.

**Fire Protection:** Mountain Home Village and Forest Falls are primarily served by the San Bernardino County Fire Station 99 (PCF #99). The communities

are also served by the Angelus Oaks Fire Station (PCF #98) and the Mentone Fire Station (Station #9).

**Police Protection:** Mountain Home Village and Forest Falls are served by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office out of the Yucaipa Police Station. The station employs 33 safety staff members and 10 professional staff members.

Source: County of San Bernardino Fire and Sheriff Departments, Bear Valley Unified School District, Redlands Unified School District, Wikipedia

### Community Organizations

- Mountain C.A.R.E (Mountain Citizens Acting to Restore Earth)

Source: mtncare.com

### Community Events

- Annual Chili Cookoff
- Annual Firefighters Breakfast
- Annual "Big Falls Day"
- Breakfast with Santa
- Canyon Clean-up
- Search and Rescue Pancake Breakfast

Source: forestfalls.com; vfcci.org; mtncare.com