• • • California Required 3-Year Action Plan

Thank you for your efforts in protecting your community against wildfires. Whenever possible, seek guidance from your local fire official or your Firewise USA Regional Coordinator when completing this document. This collaboration can provide peace of mind, knowing that experienced recommendations are guiding your community's time and efforts.

Important Reminders:

- The goals for this plan **must** include the 'Recommendations' found on page 9 of the Firewise USA Risk Assessment document.
- As part of the annual renewal process, communities are required to host one outreach event per year and collaborate with neighbors to address items within the action plan, as mandated by NFPA Firewise USA.
- Defensible space is a legal requirement for all buildings and structures within California's State Responsibility Area, as mandated by Public Resource Code 4291, and for Local Governments located in designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, as outlined in Government Code 51182. For communities outside these classifications, please consult your local fire authority to determine applicable defensible space regulations.

Completion Process:

1. **Document Header:** Enter the name of your Firewise Community.
2. **Document Header:** Select the appropriate 3-year span for this action plan. For new applications, the 3-Year Action Plan starts the year after recognition, as current year actions are part of your application.
3. **Community Description:** Enter a brief description of your community. An example has been provided, but please replace it with your own community description. Please only use the space provided.
4. **Goals:** Review the example goals provided on page 1. In the spaces provided, please list 3-5 goals per section. Goals should be obtainable, measurable, and build from the previous year.
5. **Completion Checklist:** Please be sure to complete the completion checklist on page 8.
6. **Submission:** Once the document is completed it can be uploaded and submitted through the NFPA Firewise USA Portal.

Helpful Links:

NFPA Firewise USA, "Find examples of activities that count towards your investment"
CAL FIRE Defensible Space
Ready for Wildfire
California Department of Insurance, Safer from Wildfire Information.

Community Name:

Community Wildfire Action Plan:

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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Date Completed:

Action Plan Goals

Education and Outreach Goals:

- Goals should empower residents with wildfire preparedness knowledge and resources through educational campaigns, brochures, and community events. These efforts will foster shared responsibility and collaboration to safeguard properties from wildfires.

Goal: Organize a community outreach event to engage residents and provide learning experiences related to wildfire.

Home Hardening Goals:

- Goals should encourage residents to adopt wildfire-resistant home measures, such as using fire-resistant materials, replacing vent screens with smaller openings, and adding non-combustible fences and double-paned windows.

Goal: Encourage residents to use fire resistant materials and provide low-cost alternatives.

Defensible Space | Fuel Reduction Goals:

- Goals should create and maintain defensible space to reduce wildfire risks by clearing combustible vegetation, maintaining a well-watered landscape, and regularly cleaning roofs and gutters. Community events like chipper days encourage yard waste disposal, while fuel treatment and educating about Zone Zero enhance fire prevention and proactive property protection.

Goal: Work on fuel treatment and maintenance efforts to strategically reduce hazardous fuels from the community.

Evacuation Planning and Wildfire Preparedness Goals:

- The goal is to enhance community-wide strategies for safety during wildfire emergencies by creating accessible evacuation maps, conducting evacuation drills with local agencies, and encouraging residents to join communication plans and sign up for emergency alerts. These efforts will familiarize residents with evacuation routes, reduce confusion, and improve efficiency during emergencies.

Goal: Partner with local stakeholders to conduct yearly community-wide evacuation drills to ensure familiarization.

Acknowledgement

☐ I fully understand the instructions outlined on the "How to utilize the California Required 3-Year Action Plan" Page.

Start Your Action Plan Here

Please enter a brief description of your community. Review and replace the example shown below

Example: " Our local community is located within the wildland urban interface and intermix in the Sierra Nevada Mountain range. This proposed Firewise USA™ Site Community Wildfire Action Plan was developed through input received during the Summer 2020 Firewise Assessment and an after-action review of the Fire that affected the community. The goal of the Plan is to develop a strategy to incrementally outreach, educate, and implement efforts to make our neighborhood and the surrounding area more fire resilient. "

Community Name:

Community Wildfire Action Plan:

Action Plan Year 1

Education and Outreach Goals

1.
2.
3.

Home Hardening Goals

1.
2.
3.

Community Name:

Community Wildfire Action Plan:

Action Plan Year 1

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1.
2.
3.

Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

1.
2.
3.

Community Name:

Community Wildfire Action Plan:

Action Plan Year 2

Education and Outreach Goals

1.
2.
3.

Home Hardening Goals

1.
2.
3.

Community Name:

Community Wildfire Action Plan:

Action Plan Year 2

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1.
2.
3.

Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

1.
2.
3.

Community Name:

Community Wildfire Action Plan:

Action Plan Year 3

Education and Outreach Goals

1.
2.
3.

Home Hardening Goals

1.
2.
3.

Community Name:

Community Wildfire Action Plan:

Action Plan Year 3

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1.
2.
3.

Evacuation Planning (Ex. Preparedness & Routing) and Wildfire Preparedness

1.
2.
3.

Community Name:

Community Wildfire Action Plan:

Action Plan Completion Check List

- ☐ Has this plan been completed according to the instructions outlined in the introduction page.
- ☐ Has the Community Name in the document header been updated?
- ☐ Has the appropriate year span been selected in the document header?
- ☐ Has the "Date Completed" been filled out in the document header?
- ☐ Has the Community Description, on page one(1), been updated?
- ☐ For each section, have 3-5 obtainable and measurable goals been identified?
- ☐ Are the goals progressive, building upon those completed in previous years?
- ☐ Has a phased approach to Defensible Space been avoided to maintain compliance?
- ☐ Does this plan include 'Recommendations' found on page 9 of the Firewise USA Risk Assessment document.