• • • 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: New School-Tobacco

Community Wildfire Action Plan: 2026-2028

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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

Date Completed: 11/14/25

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

Our community is located within the wildland urban intermix in the Sierra Nevada Mountain range at the rim of the Middle Yuba River canyon. This action plan was developed with information from our 2025 Assessment and input from community members. The goal of the Plan is to develop a strategy to make our community safer through better preparation for evacuations, good defensible space, and hardened homes. Because our parcel sizes are large, we also aim to work to make the broader community landscape more wildfire ready and resilient to wildfire.

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Community Wildfire Action Plan: 2026-2028

Action Plan Year 1

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Hold a least two meetings/gatherings a year to develop community wildfire awareness and neighborhood cooperative atmosphere. Emphasize Zone 0.
2. Continue to maintain and update the community mailing and phone list, to use for outreach and emergency information sharing. Create a facebook group for the FWC.
3. Encourage residents to participate in Greater San Juan Ridge FWC group, and Wildfire Ready Coalition of Nevada County educational events.
4. Develop a sign at the entrance to the community where information on work parties, events or other key items can be posted for all to see.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Encourage residents to keep their roofs and gutters debris free.
2. Provide residents with information on and encourage them to take basic, low cost home hardening improvements such as upgrading vents, enclosing attachments, and making sure that siding, gutters and roofs are well maintained.
3. Plan a home tour to see examples of home hardening features.
4. Get one or more residents to get training to conduct Wildfire Ready Home Assessment site visits on improving defensible space and home hardening (based on IBHS Wildfire Prepared Home and CAL FIRE systems).

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Action Plan Year 1

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Work with residents to improve and better maintain their immediate defensible space. Emphasize thinning shrubs and trees to increase spacing.
2. Provide community members with information and training on best practices to remove and reduce highly flammable, invasive plants, especially scotch broom, star thistle, tree of heaven and barbed goatgrass.
3. Plan a neighborhood tour to look at extended defensible space on larger parcels and discuss the importance to overall community safety. Provide landowners with extensive undeveloped areas with heavy fuels to apply for EQIP and CFIP grants.
4. Remove combustible items from Zone 0.
5. Work with Nevada County OES to get a green waste dumpster.

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

1. Plan several work parties a year to continue to reduce scotch broom and other ladder fuels along our shared evacuation route, New School Road.
2. Make sure all residents are signed up on Code Red, know our evacuation zone (328), have evacuation go-bags, and online resources at ReadyNevadaCounty.gov and wildfirereadync.org
3. Survey new neighbors to ensure they have evacuation plans and assess their need for assistance.
4. Work with PG&E to do more clearance along power lines, especially along roads where most of them are.
5. Apply for a Nevada County OES microgrant to do roadside clearing.

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Action Plan Year 2

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Hold a least two meetings a year to develop community wildfire awareness and neighborhood cooperative atmosphere. Emphasize importance of removing ladder fuels and maintenance needs.
2. Increase outreach to residents that are not actively engaged to offer free defensible space advisory visits.
3. Continue to maintain and update the community mailing and phone list, to use for outreach and emergency information sharing. Improve and maintain the facebook group.
4. Participate in and help plan the Greater San Juan Ridge FWC group annual wildfire preparedness event. Participate in Wildfire Ready Coalition of Nevada County educational events.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Encourage residents to improve hardening of their outbuildings.
2. Help one elderly resident needing assistance with basic, low cost home hardening (such as vent retrofit, clearing off roof and enclosing decks).
3. Conduct at least 3 Wildfire Ready Home Advisory Assessments.

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Action Plan Year 2

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Work with residents to keep Zone 0 free of combustible materials and vegetation.
2. Encourage residents to improve and maintain their defensible space, emphasizing limbing up trees, pruning dead branches.
3. Work with the Nevada County Prescribed Burn Association and RCD to hold a Prescribed Burn Workshop.
4. Plan a work party to help one elderly community member needing assistance in improving their defensible space.

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

1. Plan several work parties a year to continue to reduce scotch broom and other ladder fuels along New School and Tobacco Roads. Prioritize areas near the intersection with Oak Tree Road.
2. Encourage residents to drive key evacuation route options at night.
3. Provide residents with information on red flag weather watches and warning and the steps they can take to be prepared for immediate evacuation (i.e. go bag in car).
4. Continue to work with PG&E to improve and maintain clearance along and under power lines. Make sure that all cut tree boles are removed.

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Action Plan Year 3

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Hold a least two meetings a year to develop community wildfire awareness and neighborhood cooperative atmosphere. Emphasize the importance of keeping roads evacuation ready and know all potential routes out.
2. Continue to maintain and update the community mailing and phone list, to use for outreach and emergency information sharing. Improve and maintain the facebook group.
3. Participate in and help plan the Greater San Juan Ridge FWC group annual wildfire preparedness event. Participate in Wildfire Ready Coalition of Nevada County educational events.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Keep roofs and gutters debris free.
2. Encourage residents to maintain their siding and trim to keep them more ignition resistant. Help at least one elderly neighbor needing assistance.
2. Encourage residents to enclose their eaves and install soffit vents.
3. Conduct at least 3 Wildfire Ready Home Advisory Assessments.

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Action Plan Year 3

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Work with residents to improve and maintain combustion free Zone 0 zones.
2. Work with residents to improve and maintain their defensible space, emphasizing surface fuel reduction, and removing dead vegetation and down debris.
3. Work with the Nevada County Prescribed Burn Association to plan a neighborhood maintenance prescribed burn on undeveloped areas across adjoining properties that have been prepared with ladder fuel removal.

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

1. Provide residents with information on what they need to have in their car to be prepared for a situation where they are driving through an actively burning area.
2. Ensure that all residents are signed up for Code Red and have information on the county Ready Set Go webpage.
3. Hold an evacuation drill with residents.
4. Continue to work with PG&E to improve, extend and maintain clearance along power lines, especially along roads.

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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.