¢KŜ 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: *Redbud FWC*

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Date Completed: 09/29/25

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

The Redbud Firewise community occurs within Nevada City. It is on the outskirts and is comprised of condensed co-housing covering approximately 1/3 of the area, with the remaining as common area. It is in the Sierra Nevada in a very high fire hazard zone (as mapped by CAL FIRE). The undeveloped areas include old hydraulic mine diggings with dissected topography and continuous cover of ponderosa pine-black oak and patches of tall old manzanita. The action plan is based upon the assessment of the community developed in the fall of 2025. The intent is to improve the wildfire readiness of the community.

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Action Plan Year 1

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Host a community-wide educational meeting focused on focused on zone zero.
2. Plan a walk around of the community defensible space with Wildfire Ready Coalition and Nevada City OES to look at how to improve defensible space and the threats that closely spaced vegetation poses.
3. Add a section to the community newsletter and emails that addresses various wildfire readiness topics including: home hardening, zone zero, defensible space and evacuation readiness.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Get 2 members trained in the Wildfire Ready Home Checklist/Defensible Space Advisory Assessment (based on IBHS and CALFIRE assessments) program by the Wildfire Ready Coalition.
2. Encourage residents to inspect and clean roof/gutters before fire season.
3. Upgrade all vents to be ember resistant, such as 1/8 inch mesh screens.

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Action Plan Year 1

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Work with the residents and community to remove combustible materials within zone 0, starting with at least bark and mulch and plants below windows.
2. Increase spacing and reduce height of shrubs and plants in the immediate defensible space zone.
3. Prune up, thin trees and shrubs in the drainages between homes, especially willow trees and other shrubs. Work to break up continuity of canopy both horizontally and vertically.

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

1. Distribute information on evacuation readiness materials from Nevada City and Nevada County OES.
2. Hold a mock evacuation.
3. Encourage residents to prepare Go Bags and evacuation plans.

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Action Plan Year 2

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Hold an annual wildfire readiness community wide meeting that highlights key recommendations from the Risk Assessment, especially regarding defensible space and home hardening.
2. Participate in Wildfire Ready Coalition of Nevada County educational events, such as the quarterly meetings.
3. Invite CAL FIRE and Nevada City OES to do a walking tour with residents to discuss the importance of defensible space and point out areas needing improvement.
4. Conduct at least 5 Wildfire Ready Home/Defensible Space Advisory Assessment visits.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Work with residents to enclose around the bases of attached porches.
2. Develop a checklist aligned with Risk Assessment criteria for residents to assess and improve home resilience.
3. Work with residents to ensure that roofs and gutters are debris free.

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Action Plan Year 2

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Continue to improve and maintain defensible space, with an emphasis on reducing the number and increasing spacing of plants.
2. Continue to work on reducing ladder fuels and increasing shrub and tree spacing in the common areas.
3. Organize a neighborhood “Zone Zero” cleanup day.

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

1. Distribute stickers and patches with the evacuation zone printed on them, so that residents have them readily accessible.
2. Make sure that all new residents have Nevada City OES and Nevada County OES on evacuation planning.
3. Hold a go bag "show down", where residents bring go bags and participants vote on who had the best contents for evacuation readiness.

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Action Plan Year 3

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Host a community-wide event showcasing completed mitigation projects.
2. Continue to participate in Wildfire Ready Coalition of Nevada County educational events, including the quarterly meetings and annual Wildfire Ready event in May.
3. Survey residents to identify priority areas for future education opportunities. Use survey results to inform updates to the Risk Assessment and future outreach strategies.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Share information from CAL FIRE and IBHS on home hardening and ember resistance, and do a walk around to look at examples of successes and needs improvement.
2. Check for gaps in door, window and garage doors. Replace weather stripping and fill any gaps.
3. Conduct at least 5 Wildfire Ready Home/Defensible Space Advisory Assessments. Provide individualized recommendations to improve home hardening.

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Action Plan Year 3

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Host a “Defensible Space Day” to help clear vegetation for elderly or disabled residents.
2. Continue to improve and maintain defensible space. Emphasize transplanting or increasing spacing among plants that are close to buildings and continuous.
3. Hold a work party day to prune and thin ladder fuels, trees and shrubs in common areas. Dispose of material with composting, green waste and biochar.
4. Hold a biochar kiln workshop.

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

1. Ensure that all residents are registered for CodeRED Emergency Alerts.
2. Hold an evacuation drill at night.
3. Hold a work party to clear along Redbud way. Work with Nevada City OES to allow for a small demonstration control burn to reduce pine litter surface fuels that are very vulnerable to ember ignited fires.

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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.