¢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: *Alta Hill FWC*

Community Wildfire Action Plan: 2026-2028

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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

Alta Hill Firewise Community is located in the wildland urban intermix within Grass Valley's long-term sphere of influence. The community consists primarily of older single-family homes, many of which actively manage grasses and low-growing vegetation within 30 feet of structures. While roofing materials are largely ignition-resistant, vulnerabilities remain in the Immediate Zone (0–5 feet), home hardening features, and evacuation infrastructure. The community is bisected by Ridge Road, a major evacuation route, but steeper areas rely on non-county-maintained roads that require improvement. Adjacent lands managed by Bear Yuba Land Trust, BLM, and PG&E present opportunities for coordinated fuel reduction.

Community Name: *Alta Hill FWC*

Community Wildfire Action Plan: 2026-2028

Action Plan Year 1

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Host a community meeting focused on focused on Immediate Zone vulnerabilities identified in the Risk Assessment regarding defensible space and additional home hardening strategies.
2. Participate in Wildfire-Ready Coalition programs and fire prevention education events for Firewise Communities.
3. Recruit 5 new residents to participate in Firewise activities.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Share simple, inexpensive vent screen upgrade instructions with residents.
2. Encourage residents to inspect and clean roof/gutters before fire season.
3. Organize a volunteer workday to assist vulnerable residents with roof debris removal.

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Community Wildfire Action Plan: 2026-2028

Action Plan Year 1

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Encourage residents to maintain previously treated defensible space zones.
2. Organize one blackberry/vine removal event in a common area.
3. Coordinate with Bear Yuba Land Trust and BLM on management plans and work with them to reduce fuels along our shared boundary

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

1. Inventory evacuation routes and signage based on Risk Assessment evacuation concerns.
2. Identify locations lacking visible address signage.
3. Encourage residents to prepare Go Bags and evacuation plans , and sign up for Nevada County Alerts.

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Action Plan Year 2

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Host a community meeting focused on focused on Immediate Zone vulnerabilities identified in the Risk Assessment, such as vent screens and roof debris.
2. Get at least 1 resident trained to do defensible space advisory visits.
3. Participate in Wildfire-Ready Coalition programs and fire prevention education events for Firewise Communities.

Home Hardening Goals

1. Share cost-share or rebate programs that target home hardening upgrades.
2. Develop a checklist aligned with Risk Assessment criteria for residents to assess and improve home resilience.
3. Host a "Demonstration Tour" highlighting neighborhood upgrades.

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Action Plan Year 2

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Monitor regrowth in previously cleared areas and encourage residents to retreat and maintain them.
2. Apply for a microgrant to cover costs of prescribed grazing in steep densely vegetated areas and/or work with the City of Grass Valley Fire Prevention to mechanically accomplish this mitigation.
3. Encourage residents to improve their defensible space by thinning or removing shrubs to increase spacing between them, and pruning dead branches.

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

1. Improve signage and add reflective markers where needed.
2. Share maps of evacuation routes identified by Grass Valley and Nevada County OES.
3. Coordinate with PG&E to prune vegetation under distribution lines that run along shared evacuation routes Sierra.

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Action Plan Year 3

Education and Outreach Goals

1. Host a community meeting showcasing completed mitigation projects.
2. Participate in Wildfire-Ready Coalition programs and fire prevention education events for Firewise Communities.
3. Survey residents on their knowledge of wildfire prevention and 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 updated retrofit guidance from CAL FIRE and NFPA on low cost ways to improve home hardening..
2. Encourage installation of multi-paned windows in older homes.
3. Work with residents maintain debris free roofs and porches.

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Action Plan Year 3

Defensible Space / Fuel Reduction Goals

1. Encourage residents to continue to improve and maintain defensible space by limbing up trees and increasing spacing between trees, in addition to routine maintenance.
2. Work with Nevada Irrigation District to make sure that they are maintaining low fuel levels along ditches within and adjacent to the community.
3. Inventory and create a map of areas most in need of improved defensible space in the community. Plan a work party to draw attention to and improve defensible space in these areas.

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

1. Ensure that all residents have information on our evacuation zone, notification procedures and designated evacuation routes.
2. Monitor evacuation readiness of shared evacuation routes and plan maintenance workdays.
3. Work with Nevada County OES and the City of Grass Valley to explore ways to get help improving road surface conditions, such as their microgrant program. Prioritize road improvements based on evacuation infrastructure weaknesses noted in the Risk Assessment.

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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.